

Submitter:

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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB4134

Dear Chair Nathanson and House Committee on Revenue members:

I support of HB 4134 with the -1 amendment to increase the state lodging tax by 1.25%.

This landmark bill would, I believe, provide long-term funding to recover Oregon's most vulnerable fish, wildlife and habitats. Protecting wildlife is critical for Oregon's tourism economy, which supports many jobs and brings in \$16 billion in consumer spending.

As the federal government is dismantling the policies that protect our vulnerable fish and wildlife and their habitats and slashing funding sources, Oregon can set a better example and protect our natural heritage.

This bill is your once-in-a-generation opportunity to protect the rich biodiversity that makes Oregon an incredible place to live and to visit.

Please pass HB 4134 -1 this legislative session. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Walter Duffy, Ph.D.