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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB4134

I support the passage of HB 4134, also known as 1.25% for Wildlife. This bill would create a long-overdue, dedicated funding source to help recover Oregon's most imperiled fish, wildlife, and habitats by modestly increasing the statewide lodging tax by 1.25%. Even with this increase, Oregon's lodging tax would remain among the lowest in the country!

Right now, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife receives no dedicated state funding to recover at-risk species and habitats. HB 4134 is a bold, proactive solution that would bolster rare species conservation.

Thank you