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HB4134

Last year, we came within a hair's breadth of passing a historic, bipartisan wildlife funding proposal. This legislation would have catapulted Oregon to the forefront of the fight against the extinction crisis, providing much-needed resources to people on the front lines recovering our most imperiled wildlife, species from frogs and salamanders, all the way up to whales.

The Oregon legislature is back for the 2026 short session, and so is our wildlife funding proposal. In addition to funding the conservation of species on the state's list of "greatest conservation need," this bill would support the Invasive Species Council, help with wildlife connectivity and co-existence work, and fuel jobs in conservation and habitat restoration. Funding would come from an additional 1.25% fee on hotel and lodging stays. For most visitors, this will be less than a vending machine bag of chips.