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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB4134

I urge you to support bill because it will create a dedicated, long-term funding source to protect and restore imperiled fish, wildlife, and habitats across the state by modestly increasing the state transient lodging tax. For the high desert, this could mean real, sustained investment in sagebrush-steppe restoration, wildlife connectivity, invasive species control, and wildfire resilience—work that is essential to keeping these ecosystems whole and thriving.

If you are getting pressure from the hospitality industry to reject this bill, think again! The reason people move to Oregon, and the reason people go to visit places like the high desert, our beautiful coast, to fish in our lakes and rivers, is because of the beauty, the healthy ecosystems, the wildlife, the accessible recreation areas. This bill will benefit ALL concerned! Restoration, preservation, and protection of wild places is the key to a thriving tourist and recreation economy.