

Submitter: Esther Westbrook

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing in support of HB 4134. My husband and I own a vacation cabin near Mt. Hood that we use ourselves and also as a short-term rental. Although this bill would slightly increase costs for guests, the benefits greatly outweigh the costs. Many people travel to Oregon to immerse themselves in nature and enjoy our unique wildlife. Our wild places and the animals that live there are in peril, and cannot survive without additional assistance from ODFW, which is extremely under-resourced to manage non-game species. This additional investment is needed to protect wild animals and their habitats that are under threat and to help them recover. Investing in Oregon's wildlife will help tourism and our economy by ensuring our state is a place people want to visit.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Esther Westbrook