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To: Chair Nathanson and members of the House Committee on Revenue

My name is Matthew Brandabur and I live in Portland, Oregon.

I am submitting this testimony in strong support of HB 4134 with the -1 amendment to increase the state lodging tax by 1.25% and help recover Oregon's most vulnerable fish, wildlife, and habitats.

My wife and I moved with our two children to Portland from the Bay Area 9 years ago. Since then, we've benefitted immeasurably from Oregon's incredibly rich and varied outdoor spaces. My family is full of hikers, campers, fishers, and hunters. We all benefit from the vibrant and abundant wildlife throughout the state's many natural areas. This funding will help protect the species that are threatened by human activities.

Dedicated funding to support wildlife and habitats protection has my strong support. A majority of Oregonians from all sides of the political and geographic spectrum support this. That makes sense, since tourism is a major factor in employment throughout the state.

Please support "1.25% for Wildlife" by passing HB 4134 today.

Sincerely,

Matthew Brandabur  
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