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Chair Nathanson and committee members, I strongly support 1.25% for wildlife. I moved to Oregon nearly a decade ago and the abundant wildlife and natural places are why I love calling Oregon home. Every winter, I travel several times to the Oregon Coast to stay at my favorite inn and whale watch, visit local shops, and enjoy the wonderful seafood and other wonderful restaurants on the coast. I also hope to take my little niece to see Oregon's incredible wildlife and wild places when she comes to visit me. Her favorite show, "Puffin Rock," follows the coastal adventures of a puffin and seal, and I'm so excited to see real life puffins and our beautiful coastline. It's necessary and so worth it to invest in these species and their habitats so we can all continue to enjoy them well into the future. 1.25% for Wildlife would provide dedicated, long-term funding to protect Oregon's most vulnerable species and habitats, funded by a small 1.25% increase in the state's lodging tax. I would gladly pay this fee to support wildlife and habitat. Please support HB 4134, 1.25% for Wildlife.