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Committee:	House Committee On Revenue
Measure, Appointment or Topic:	HB4134

Chair Nathanson and committee members,  
Please support 1.25% for Wildlife (HB 4134) in the upcoming legislative session. This small tax increase on our state lodging tax rate would fund a variety of critically necessary wildlife conservation strategies, helping keep Oregon a magical place worth visiting. Oregon currently has the third lowest state lodging tax rate out of all 50 states and raising the rate by 1.25 percentage points would not change that ranking. Even considering local lodging tax rates, Oregon's communities are still below, or significantly below, similarly situated out-of-state communities. Funding for these conservation efforts is even more necessary now due to the slashing of federal conservation budgets across the nation.

Thank you for your time,  
Emma Bartlett