

Testimony in Favor of HB 4131
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My name is Jim Yuskavitch. I currently live in Sisters, have resided in Oregon since 1974, and attended Oregon State University, majoring in Forestry and Wildlife. Before retiring, I owned a small natural resources focused media company.

I am writing in support of HB 4131.

Oregon's fish and wildlife are among our most valuable, and vulnerable, publicly-owned natural resources. In addition to playing key roles in Oregon's natural ecosystems, they also provide many millions of dollars in revenue each year from hunting, fishing and wildlife viewing activities. They are an important part of what makes Oregon a great place to live.

I believe the small 1.25% lodging tax directed by HB 4134 will go a long way in protecting and securing Oregon's wildlife, fish and habitats well into the future. These are resources we all enjoy and benefit from, both residents and visitors alike — many of whom vacation in Oregon specifically for those amenities.

Thank you.