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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

Dear Chair Nathanson and House Comr,

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.

In Oregon, our identity is closely tied to the natural wonders of our state and our rich array of wildlife, from whales and sea stars on the coast, to rivers rich with salmon and steelhead, to alpine valleys that are home to bears, marmots and marten, to high desert shrub steppe where sage-grouse, mule deer and antelope live.

Oregonians' love for the outdoors is well known statewide and nationwide and securing long-term funding to recover our most vulnerable fish, wildlife and habitats is strongly supported by a majority of Oregonians.

As the federal government is dismantling the policies that protect our vulnerable fish and wildlife, their habitats and slashing funding sources, Oregon can set a better example and protect our natural heritage.

This bill is your once-in-a-generation opportunity to protect the rich biodiversity that makes Oregon an incredible place to live and to visit.

Please pass HB-4134 -1 this legislative session. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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