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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

Chair Nathanson and members of the House Committee on Revenue,

My name is Dianne Ensign 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. I am a lifelong Oregonian and I care deeply about protecting Oregon's wildlife, particularly the over 300 species and 11 habitats that are at risk in Oregon.

Wildlife play a crucial, irreplaceable role in sustaining our environment. The relationship between animals and their ecosystems is what keeps the planet healthy for all of us. But it's a fragile balance. We cannot have a thriving tourism economy without healthy and abundant fish, wildlife, and the habitats that support them. This legislation would ensure we have both. At a time when the federal government is slashing funds and dismantling policies that protect our vulnerable fish and wildlife and their habitats, Oregon has a chance to set an example and protect our natural heritage. Doing so would make Oregon a national leader.

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

Dianne Ensign

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