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House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB4134

I strongly support HB4134 with the -1 amendment, which will help protect endangered species and habitats and which benefits animals and humans alike. Before moving permanently to Oregon three years ago, I often visited as a tourist, primarily in the state's rural areas. I spent a lot of time in "transient lodging" from the Wallowas to Malheur to the Dallas to the Coast to Ashland ... and I would have been happy to pay this small tax in support of the natural world that I came to see and enjoy. Now that I am a resident, I understand even more clearly how important Oregon's biodiversity is to the human population and economy. We need a permanent, consistent source of funding for wildlife conservation, job preservation in rural areas, and resilience in the face of climate disruption and federal defunding. Please support HB4134 —it is a small price to pay for what we love!