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HB 4134 - 1.25% for Wildlife

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Good afternoon, Chair Nathanson and members of the committee. For the record, I'm Representative Lamar Wise from SE Portland and North Clackamas. I'm proud to support HB 4134 as a meaningful move to preserve and invest in the beautiful state we all call home.

HB 4134 proposes a 1.25% increase to Oregon's statewide tourism tax to fund essential wildlife and natural resource conservation efforts, including but not limited to:

- Anti-poaching efforts
- Invasive species response
- Oregon Conservation Corps
- Wolf depredation compensation and financial assistance
- Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund
- Wildfire risk reduction, rural community resiliency, and more

This broad range of programming reflects both the volume and diversity of all those who support and enjoy the benefits of Oregon's natural wonders. Farmers, hunters, wildlife advocates, the business community, and everyday enjoyers of the outdoors from all corners of the state have banded together in overwhelming support of this bill.

The call is loud and clear: much of our wildlife and many of the habitats they rely on are in peril and in desperate need of additional investment. HB 4134 provides a much-needed opportunity for Oregon to proactively preserve the natural landscape that is paramount to our quality of life. Now more than ever, as federal actions infringe upon our public lands and weaken preservation programs that have already been stretched thin, it's imperative that we meet the moment and step up to protect our most vulnerable species, habitats and communities.

Some concerns have been raised about potential deterrents to tourism. However, it's important to recognize that wildlife and nature tourism are a beacon for so many of those who choose to visit our state. We cannot ignore the direct link between the health of our natural landscapes and the vitality of our tourism economy.

A healthy Oregon requires a healthy home: healthy habitats, waters, wildlife, and everything in between. Investing in our state's well-being is not only our responsibility, but a necessary step in making Oregon a more hospitable place for all – residents and visitors alike.

I urge your support for this bill; thank you for your consideration.