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Chair Nathanson and committee members, I support 1.25% for Wildlife because I know that Oregon's wildlife and habitats are the main reason why people come to visit. It is the main reason why I was happy to move to Oregon 7 months ago. I love visiting the old-growth groves, the coastal forests and mountains, the lakes and rivers, and the wetlands. If there is no funding for our most vulnerable habitats and wildlife, then not only will our ecosystems suffer but the Oregon's economy and it's tourism industry as well. I am 100% willing to pay 1.25% more when booking a hotel or Airbnb knowing that I am helping fund conservation. I am also sure that tourists would be happy knowing that they are supporting the conservation by simply staying here, given we would still have the lowest state lodging tax rate in the U.S. This is a rare bipartisan bill that would be foolish not to pass.