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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB4134

Request for Your Support for HB 4134 with the -1 Amendment

Chair Nathanson and members of the House Committee on Revenue:

This is a request to have a small percentage: 1.25%, added to hotel and motel charges in support of native birds, fish, and other animals, that are in need of protection and that are currently NOT being specifically helped, such as orcas, tufted puffins, and others. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) does not currently receive any funds specifically for them and I would appreciate it, if you would support this bill and this funding.

I have the good fortune to live in Oregon and am near many quiet places, including the coast, to get fresh air, move around, enjoy myself. I am grateful for such opportunities and know people travel here for the same.

1.25% is a very small addition to any lodging charges: \$100.00 becomes \$101.25, which is easily affordable.

Many visitors come to Oregon specifically to enjoy the “wilder” areas, where they can enjoy the beautiful surroundings and any creatures they might have the luck to see. As I understand it, such visitors bring more economic value to Oregon than do hunters and fisher-people together.

Please support this bill and the animals it will help protect.