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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:

Please support of HB 4134 with the -1 amendment to increase the state lodging tax by 1.25% . This will provide critical help for recovering Oregon's most vulnerable birds, fish, wildlife, and habitats.

We moved to Oregon in large part because of the incredible wildlife, scenic rivers and protected seashores and forests. Birding, fishing and photography are activities we greatly enjoy year around. It is vital to our community and our family that Oregon's Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) can engage proactively to help conserve our state's most imperiled native birds, fish, and wildlife and the habitats that support them.

Protecting and enhancing our wildlife and their habitats makes sense economically as well. Many come from out of state as well as from all parts of Oregon to fish and hunt, as well as to enjoy fossil and agate hunting, beach combing and river floating. Adding just \$1.25 for a \$100 hotel room would provide a solid, sustainable investment in the very reason so many visitors travel to Oregon and would help ensure our cherished wildlife can survive into the future.

I urge you to please support this proactive bill in this legislative session!

Sincerely,
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