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HB4134

I AM IN SUPPORT of a 1.25% increase in a lodging tax to help fund Oregon's unique habitats and at risk species. The tax is small and affects travelers visiting our State to enjoy these natural wonders. It is only right that we protect, conserve, and recover our wild spaces that are increasingly destabilized and fragmented by the growing human population. I've lived my entire 6+ decades in Oregon and grew up hiking with my parents. Their love for mountain climbing and nature in general was passed down to me, and subsequently to my children. It is through these ecological balanced landscapes that my kids developed their love for the outdoors, writing, and biology, continuing on to get advanced college degrees in arts and natural sciences. It is imperative that our at risk habitats and species aren't overlooked. By inspiring our children to be curious and in awe of nature, they will grow to appreciate and save our Oregon treasures for future generations. We need the scientists and the researchers and the monies to keep Oregon so special. Oregon needs you to PASS HB 4134. so the circle of life is unbroken.

Thanks for reading my comments.