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On Behalf Of:
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Chair Nathanson and members of the House Committee on Revenue

My name is Victoria Gordon and I live in Sisters, Oregon. I am submitting this testimony in strong support of HB 4134 with the -1 amendment to increase the state lodging tax by 1.25% and help recover Oregon's most vulnerable fish, wildlife, and habitats.

I've lived in Oregon nearly 50 years. I believe Oregon is a treasure for folks who love the outdoors . . . Our outdoor environment and all it offers from physical activities such as skiing to wildlife encounters, such as seeing sage grouse court makes Oregon a treasure for those who live here or visit here. I believe Oregon's identity is closely connected to our native fish, wildlife, and the habitats that support them. Oregonians like me are proud of our natural heritage and want to see it thrive for future generations. ?

I believe tourism is greatly enhanced by our healthy and abundant fish, wildlife, and the habitats that support them. This legislation would ensure we have both. At a time when the federal government is slashing funds and dismantling policies that protect our vulnerable fish and wildlife and their habitats, Oregon has a chance to set an example and protect our natural heritage. Doing so would make Oregon a national leader.

I urge you to pass HB 4134 -1 this legislative session.

Thank you,
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