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Dear legislators,

To Chair Nathanson, Vice chairs Reschke and Walters and the Committee, this is testimony in support of house bill 4134-1. Hello, my name is Theo. I am a student at Sunnyside Environmental School in Portland, Oregon and as an Oregonian, I spent a lot of time in nature. I am so glad that I am able to have such ready access to all of this beauty of the natural world in Oregon and I love to go for hike or go camping at state parks and I have so many incredible memories of camping at Oxbow with my dad, or gathering at a beautiful park with my entire family or even just feeling the refreshing warmth of the sun on a warm summer day. But as I'm sure you know our wildlife and their habitats are in danger and they are not going to get better without anyone taking action, I believe that house bill 4134-1 will help. The bill will help generate some much needed revenue for this state's endangered wildlife while having little negative effects on tourism and businesses which are some of the most common misconceptions about the bill, however Oregon data suggests that the bill will not, in fact, deter tourists because we will remain the third lowest taxed state in the country even after this bill and past surveys show that tourists did not respond to an increased tax in the past ten years in Oregon or in other states such as Vermont. In conclusion Oregon is a beautiful state that benefits a lot from all of the natural wonders and I believe that the 1.25% tax on hotels and lodging will continue to help protect our environment, thank you and I hope you will consider passing house bill 4134-1.

From Theo, a Sunnyside Environmental School student
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