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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB4134

I am writing in strong support for HB 4134 - a bill that would add a tax of 1.25% to lodging bills in Oregon. I have lived in Oregon for 30 years on both the eastside and westside of the State. The wildlife in Oregon is a major tourist attraction. HB 4134 will help keep the tourist pipeline strong and help not only non-game wildlife but game species as well. All species need functioning ecosystems to survive and game species need strong protected wildlife corridors to migrate through. Oregon has an opportunity to be a national leader in wildlife conservation by passing this bill.

Oregon has one of the lowest tax rates on lodging in the country. People do not choose to visit because of our low lodging taxes - they come to see our beauty of landscapes and the wildlife that call these landscapes home. Please let this bill move forward in this session and pass it for the benefit of all Oregonians. Vote yes. Thank you.