

Submitter:

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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB4134

To:

Chair Nathanson and members of the House Committee on Revenue:

I am writing with emphatic support for HB 4134 with the -1 amendment to increase the state lodging tax by 1.25% in order to help recover Oregon's most vulnerable birds, fish, wildlife, and habitats.

Oregon's Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) is in dire need of support that it may engage proactively to help conserve our state's most imperiled native birds, fish, and wildlife and the habitats that support them.

Conservation and wildlife watching has a higher economic value in Oregon than hunting and fishing combined –and so it makes good economic sense to invest in wildlife. The addition of \$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 bill in the current legislative session.

Sincerely,

Eric Heline

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