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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB4134

My name is Priscilla Coe. I am a 50-year resident of La Grande, Oregon and I am writing in support of measure HB 4134 and a 1.25% lodging tax to provide funding for Oregon's most vulnerable fish and wildlife species and their habitats. You know how diverse our state is and so rich in different habitats and wildlife and fish species. As a lifelong Oregonian and retired state wildlife researcher I also know that funding for non-game species has been on the need list for many years. Now, more than ever, our state needs to step up and provide for this need. Healthy and abundant fish and wildlife means a healthy ecology - the root word is eco- as in economy. Oregon is known nationally for our beautiful scenery and diverse geography - from our high desert, northeast mountains, Columbia River gorge, productive Willamette Valley, southern mountains, our coast mountains and beaches, and of course the Cascades. All these areas have special habitats and needs for wildlife and habitat restoration.

I studied elk and deer habitat for 32 years in northeast Oregon for ODFW. I and my husband spend most of my free recreational time in our mountains, deserts, and coasts. Biodiversity is why I stay in Oregon. Let's get this to-do item done! Support HB 4134! Thanks for all you do to make our state a great place to live.