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Chair Nathanson and committee members, HB 4134 would be a monumental win for Oregon's wildlife and wild lands. It would be an exceptionally minute cost for those lodging in Oregon. Whether from out of state or local, MOST of us would love to contribute to, and would take pride in, keeping Oregon's wildlife as vibrant and healthy as possible. I have raised my children in Oregon's forests, and these forests are where I feel the happiest and the safest. When development and construction remove forest land around our home and favorite wild places, I am devastated and know that wildlife suffers greatly also. This bill would provide support that is desperately needed for the wildlife that we are impacting negatively. Developers too often financially benefit with rarely a thought to what they are harming. I am unwilling to devastate this land further for the sake of needless economic 'growth' when our economy DOES already benefit from tourism. Tourists come to Oregon to see the wealth of wildlife and flora that we are all so proud of. With such bipartisan support from diverse backgrounds, this bill helps far more human beings across the board—many whose livelihoods depend on the wellness and proper management of wildlife and wild lands. The benefits remarkably outweigh the costs and I would be honored to participate in my duty to the wild with my in-state travels. Thank you and be well.
Jillian LaForet.