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Please support this very important bill. There is no dependable funding for all wildlife. Hunting and fishing game is the only designated animals to have protection funding through licensing fees. Over 300 species are in major decline that we know of and it is very expensive to deal with endangered species. Hotels and travel industry depend on Oregon's wildlife and nature for tourist attraction. It is an investment into their business and so it makes sense to have tourists reinvest into what they come to Oregon for. This tax will not affect Oregonian living expenses.

We have a huge opportunity to set the stage for other states to take charge of their own local ecological crisis and not depend solely on federal funding—that is not dependable. This can be the change we need to help protect what we still have and improve what has been lost.

Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony,

Tanja