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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

As an Oregon resident, I urge you to vote YES on HB 4134 (1.25% for Wildlife). It's why I live in Oregon.

Oregon's wildlife and natural landscapes are deeply intertwined with our identity, economy, health, and quality of life. Visitors come here BECAUSE of our forests, wildlife, rivers, coastlines, and open spaces -- it's no coincidence that Travel Oregon's Seven Wonders of Oregon is a beautiful wild landscape story that rings true.

This bill provides stable, long-term funding for wildlife conservation, habitat restoration, anti-poaching enforcement, and practical coexistence solutions. It is an alignment and investment of Oregon values in the health of our landscapes, for all species to thrive here.

Most of the modest 1.25% lodging tax increase is paid by out-of-state visitors, and Oregon would remain among the lowest lodging tax states in the country.

Thank you for your support of HB 4134, especially for the many non-voting wildlife residents who call Oregon home and enrich our quality of human life everyday.