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I strongly support this measure. Wildlife is essential the tourist appeal of Oregon. We have some of the most accessible wilderness in the country, which makes it perfect for people who want to see a lot of nature while enjoying the comforts of a largish city. We must do everything we can to preserve this asset. With the (limited) research I've done on this issue, it appears that our tourist taxes are way below those of most states. I do not think increasing them will be a deterrent to tourism. I have spent the last six years working on habitat restoration projects: preservation is much cheaper than restoration. I am not entirely privy to the difficult trade-offs that you, as our leaders, need to make to fit within current budget constraints, but, especially because we ARE Oregon, I would give this effort a high priority.

Respectfully,  
Denise Cline