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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

I am writing in strong support of HB 4134 with the -1 amendment to increase the state lodging tax by 1.25% and help recover Oregon's most vulnerable fish, wildlife, and habitats. Oregon's State Wildlife Action Plan now identifies more than 300 species of greatest conservation need, 100 of which are found in Oregon's high desert. Without stable funding, we risk continued decline of the very landscapes and wildlife that define this place and inspire so many of us. As federal funding and protections for wildlife and habitats are reduced, Oregon has an opportunity—and a responsibility—to step forward and invest in its natural legacy. I want to keep Oregon wildlife and their habitats protected so that current and future generations of Oregonians and tourists to Oregon alike can enjoy their wonder.