



On behalf of the Oregon Land and Water Alliance, I urge you to vote YES on HB4134, “1.25% for Wildlife.” In advocating for this bill we join numerous organizations of hunters, fishing enthusiasts, ranchers, businesses, and conservation organizations that have written in support, in addition to an amazing number of private citizens.

HB4134 proposes to increase the state lodging tax from 1.5% to 2.75%, a method of revenue raising that is easy to implement. The additional funds would create sustainable financial support to protect the wildlife, their habitat, and the land and water resources integral to their survival.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has identified more than 300 at-risk species and has plans to improve their situation, but the state currently lacks funds to take any action. Compounding this shortage, the federal government has been cutting back funds for habitat improvement. HB4134 can begin to build the funds needed to improve the situation.

This investment will not only be good for Oregon’s natural world but will also be good for our economy. Oregon’s economy includes a vital outdoor recreation industry that contributes significantly to our GDP, more than \$16 billion in consumer spending and 192,000 jobs.

Please vote YES on HB4134, for a reliable and practical way to support natural habitats and the benefits that they provide for species, recreation, and our economy.

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