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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

Chair Broadman, Vice Chair McLane, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Laura Etherton and I live in southeast Portland. I am writing in strong support of HB 4134 with the -1 amendment. This bill would increase the state lodging tax by 1.25% and help recover Oregon's most vulnerable fish, wildlife, and habitats.

I've lived in Oregon for over thirty years. My heart is home is here, in Oregon's mountains, high desert, rivers, and coast. I bet your favorite places are here too.

We have a responsibility to take care of these places, and the fish and wildlife that call them home too. This bill provides long-term, dedicated funding for conservation. It secures sustainable funding to recover Oregon's most at-risk species and habitats, including sagebrush ecosystems, connected wildlife corridors, and resilient landscapes.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony. I urge you to pass this bill.