

Dear Senators,

I write in strong support of HB 4134, the 1% for Wildlife bill, and to urge you to move it through Senate Finance & Revenue with strength, sound reason, and speed.

This bill is practical and broadly supported. Hunters, anglers, birders, hikers, rural leaders, and ranchers back it — including cattlemen who value the bill's funding for wolf-related livestock loss and prevention. That rural support matters: this measure protects working lands and the livelihoods that depend on them.

I drive all over this state and up and down the Coast. People from across Oregon and from around the world come here to recreate, and they come for our landscapes and wildlife.

HB 4134 creates a stable, dedicated revenue stream to implement our State Wildlife Action Plan. A plan without funding is just a document. The bill is fair: even after passage Oregon's statewide hotel tax would be ****2.5%****, still low regionally. Asking visitors to contribute a small amount to protect the landscapes they come to enjoy is reasonable and responsible.

It's a small investment, which is critical to many industries and activities.

Travel Oregon supports investments that preserve and market every corner of our state. This funding helps protect the very product Travel Oregon sells — healthy landscapes and abundant wildlife — and gives the agency a tool to promote tourism statewide.

Most importantly, this bill funds prevention: habitat restoration, wildlife crossings, invasive species control, and monitoring that keeps common species common. It is far cheaper to prevent crises than to respond to them.

Please prioritize HB 4134 in committee, advance it without delay, and resist last-minute carve-outs, amendments that would undermine its purpose or lead to it not passing in this session.

We need concrete wins in this Session and this one fits the bill, across the State, across constituencies.

Thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,
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