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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

My name is Aubrey Raney-Avers. I am asking for your support of HB 4134 because our natural areas and wildlife not only add to our lives as residents, they also bring people here from other states and countries. The taxes being added are small, and even if passed we stay the 3rd lowest state in regards to lodging taxes. Tourists will not avoid Oregon because of \$1.25 per \$100 on their hotel bill; as a tourist of the state myself, I certainly wouldn't avoid lodging with that tiny increase. The 1% addition provides additional funding to state programs already in place and established, while the other .25% goes toward things like invasive species control and combatting poaching. Passage of this bill provides support for species and habitats on land and in the water. As stewards of Oregon's resources, we need to keep the things that we enjoy as residents, and that fuel our economy, protected. Thank you for your time.