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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

Chair Broadman and Members of the Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue,

My name is Thomas Medina and I am a resident of Portland, Oregon. I strongly support HB 4134 to increase the state lodging tax by 1.25% to generate and direct revenue to help recover Oregon's most vulnerable fish, wildlife and habitats.

This bill is also supported by a diversity of Oregonians who understand that it will resolve a persistent funding gap for wildlife and habitats. These investments are critical for sustaining our precious environmental legacy. As well, they support the appeal of Oregon's natural resources which are a major draw for our \$8B tourism industry.

This legislation is presented now, at a time when the federal government is slashing funds that protect wildlife and habitat. Oregon has a chance to set an example, protect the vulnerable. Oregon has a chance to lead the nation.

Please support "1.25% for Wildlife" by passing HB 4134 today!