

Submitter: Dustin Galipeau
On Behalf Of: Dusty Auto Detailing
Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

Chair Broadman and Members of the Committee,

My name is Dustin Galipeau. I was born and raised in Bend, Oregon, and I now own Dusty Auto Detailing, Inc. I am writing in support of HB 4134.

I've watched Bend grow dramatically over my lifetime. Tourism has brought opportunity, but it has also brought real strain on our wildlife, open spaces, and roadways. I've seen more traffic, more wildlife collisions, more crowded trails, and more pressure on the landscapes that define our community. The natural resources that make Central Oregon special are not limitless.

As a volunteer with Think Wild, I've seen how increased visitation directly translates to more injured wildlife and greater demand for services — yet organizations responding to these impacts rely almost entirely on donations.

A modest 1.25% increase to the lodging tax is a reasonable way for visitors to reinvest in the wildlife and natural areas they come here to experience. Without investment, continued growth will only accelerate degradation.

If we want future generations to enjoy the Bend I grew up in, we need to act responsibly now. I respectfully urge your support of HB 4134.

Thank you for your consideration.

Dustin Galipeau
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