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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

HB 4134 strengthens our tourism and outdoor economy, without raising costs for residents.

Because HB 4134 is funded by an increase in the transient lodging tax, a majority of the funding will not come from Oregon residents. Outdoor recreation is a \$16 billion industry in Oregon. We can keep that industry growing and thriving by investing in the wildlife and natural spaces that attract visitors, all while still keeping Oregon's statewide lodging tax one of the lowest in the nation.

HB 4134 protects our fish, wildlife, and way of life.

Oregon has a list of over 300 vulnerable species that require intervention. HB 4134 invests in conserving and restoring the habitat these species rely upon, while also supporting Oregonians' livelihoods, outdoor recreation, and quality of life.

Communities in Oregon, especially our rural communities, rely on thriving, healthy environments that support our native wildlife.

It's just plain healthy for the community, the wildlife and the quality of life. Please protect what wilderness we still have.