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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

My name is Aaron Jenkins and I live in Bend, OR. I strongly endorse HB 4134 with the -1 amendment to increase the state lodging tax by 1.25% and help recover Oregon's most vulnerable fish, wildlife, and habitats. As an avid hiker and birder, I highly value our wildlife, whether on the coast, in the mountains or the high desert. And I know many other Oregonians feel the same.

Oregon's wildlife and the professionals that manage them need our support! In a time of a vacuum of federal leadership, I want to see Oregon step up and establish a higher standard as a national leader. By passing this bill, Oregon can set an example for how states can proactively protect biodiversity, reduce wildfire risk, support wildlife stewardship, and sustain healthy ecosystems.

This modest increase in lodging tax, which will be mostly paid by out of state visitors, can truly make a significant difference for the future of Oregon's wildlife. Vote YES on HB 4134!