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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

I am submitting this testimony in STRONG support of HB 4134 to increase the state lodging tax by 1.25% and help recover Oregon's most vulnerable fish, wildlife, and habitats.

Natural wonders of our state have a rich array of wildlife, from whales and sea stars on the coast, to rivers rich with various fishes, to alpine valleys that are home to bears, marmots, and marten, to high desert shrub steppe where sage-grouse dance, and all of this needs protection from greed and corruption, which is a constant threat only by humans.

This bill is our once-in-a-generation opportunity to protect the rich biodiversity that makes Oregon an incredible place to live and to visit.

I expect you to listen to the community, to me, and pass this important legislation this session. Wildlife need the help now.

Thank you,
Gwen Schneider,