

Submitter: Kari Lunn  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

Dear Chair Broadman and members of the Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue,

My name is Kari Lunn and I live in Corvallis, Oregon. I am submitting this testimony in support of HB 4134 to increase the state lodging tax by 1.25% and help recover Oregon's most vulnerable wildlife and habitats. Protect Oregon's Marine Environment with 1.25% for Wildlife!

This legislation adds 1.25% to the state transient lodging tax (TLT) to fund essential conservation for over 63 coastal and marine species identified as at-risk species in the State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP). The funds support habitat restoration, species recovery, wildfire prevention, and climate resilience — helping keep Oregon's coastal habitats healthy and vibrant for generations to come.

Tourists swarm to our beautiful coast every year & made a big difference for coastal economies. Tourism also brings increasing pressures on our natural resources. Even with this increase, Oregon would still have the 3rd lowest statewide tourism tax in the country.

1.25% for Wildlife would allow reinvestment in supporting coastal communities dependent on healthy and vibrant habitats.

Securing long-term dedicated funding to recover vulnerable fish, wildlife, and habitats is strongly supported by a majority of Oregonians and is critical for our state's tourism economy. Oregon's outdoor tourism sector supports 192,000 jobs and brings in \$16 billion in consumer spending. Investing in these resources now will both sustain and grow economic opportunity for communities across our state.

This is a once-in-a generation opportunity to safeguard our natural legacy and the rich biodiversity that make Oregon so special. Please vote YES on HB 4134!

Sincerely,  
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