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I visit Oregon several times a year from the SF Bay Area. I love the open spaces, natural/protected areas and hope to live in Oregon within the next few years. Until then I will continue to visit and stay in commercial lodging.

I strongly support HB4134 including the state lodging tax to help support the environment. I wish more Californians had their identity as tied to our natural legacy as well as Oregonians. Like you I want to see it thrive.

HB 4134 will provide long-term, dedicated funding for conservation and secure sustainable funding to recover Oregon's most at-risk species and habitats, including sagebrush ecosystems, connected wildlife corridors, and resilient landscapes that support biodiversity statewide.

Healthy wildlife and habitats are essential to Oregon's economy. Oregon's outdoor recreation and tourism economy depends on healthy lands and waters. The outdoor economy contributes 2.6% of Oregon's GDP, supports 192,000 jobs, and generates \$16 billion in consumer spending.

State leadership is especially important right now. As federal funding and protections for wildlife and habitats are reduced, Oregon has an opportunity—and a responsibility—to step forward and invest in its natural legacy.

Thank you for considering my views.