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

Chair Broadman, Vice-Chair McLane, and members of the Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue,

My name is Victoria Cunanan, and I live in Beaverton, Oregon. I'm writing to express my strong support for HB 4134, which would increase the state lodging tax by 1.25% to help restore and protect Oregon's most vulnerable fish, wildlife, and habitats.

Oregon is truly a unique place, and so much of what makes it special comes from its natural landscapes and the wildlife that depend on them. Our connection to the outdoors is part of who we are as Oregonians. People like me care deeply about protecting these resources—not just for ourselves, but for future generations who deserve to experience the same beauty and opportunities we have today.

Creating stable, long-term funding to support conservation efforts has broad public support across the state. HB 4134 represents an important step toward ensuring we can recover at-risk species and safeguard the habitats they rely on. These natural resources are also essential to Oregon's tourism economy, which contributes significantly to our state's jobs and local businesses. Investing in conservation now means investing in Oregon's economic future as well.

A strong tourism economy depends on healthy ecosystems. We simply can't have one without the other. At a time when federal protections and funding are becoming less certain, Oregon has an opportunity to lead by example and demonstrate real commitment to protecting our natural heritage.

This is a rare opportunity to preserve the biodiversity and landscapes that define Oregon. I respectfully urge you to pass HB 4134 during this legislative session.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Victoria Cunanan