



To: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue
900 Court Street NE Salem, OR

Date: February 26th, 2026

Sub: Testimony in support of HB 4134

Chair Broadman, Vice-Chair McLane and members of the committee,

For the record, my name is Eliza Walton. I am the coalition director at OLCV. The Oregon Conservation Network (OCN) is coordinated through the Oregon League of Conservation Voters (OLCV). It is a network of not-for-profit organizations throughout Oregon, united to advocate for pro-conservation legislation and to fight policies that threaten our state's natural legacy.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 4134. This bill is a Priority for a Healthy Oregon for the Oregon Conservation Network. HB 4134 would increase the state transient lodging tax by 1.25% to fund critical conservation initiatives such as the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund, ODFW's Wildlife Connectivity Program, the Department of Justice and Oregon State Police Anti-Poaching Programs and Department of Agriculture's Invasive Species Program. HB 4134 would also sustainably invest in a Wildlife Stewardship Program, creating three wildlife coexistence positions throughout Oregon and establishing and investing in a Wildlife Rehabilitation Grant Program, which was a special focus of OLCV last session. This is a once in a decade opportunity to ensure that these critical programs are funded with ongoing funds that are not coming from a cost of living increase.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eliza Walton".

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