

February 26, 2026

Oregon State Legislature
900 Court St. NE
Salem Oregon 97301

Honorable Senators:

As a citizen of Oregon, and a grateful beneficiary of the rich diversity of wildlife in our region, I wish to express my gratitude for your consideration of House Bill 4134 relating to an increase of the Transient Lodging Tax 1.25% for Wildlife. This Bill passed the House of Representatives, and I now strongly urge Senate support of this initiative.

Oregon's 2025 State Wildlife Action Plan identifies more than 300 at-risk species and 11 native habitats in need of urgent conservation action to avoid further decline and possible extinction. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife does not currently have the resources to implement needed recovery strategies. HB4134 will help to effectively and reliably fill this funding gap, helping to ensure sustainable wildlife populations and healthy ecosystems, and protect the outdoor way of life and local economies that depend on thriving natural lands and species. Thank you for your favorable consideration of HB4134!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kevin P. Tanski".

Kevin P. Tanski