

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

Dear Legislators,

I am a mom, a small scale organic vegetable and flower farmer, a landowner in Timber, Oregon and also an Airbnb host for 11 years. Farming is not a lucrative job on a small-scale, so most of my income is from my Portland Airbnb. My income will be DIRECTLY affected by this 1.25% tax. But I completely SUPPORT it.

Most of my clients come here to enjoy the outdoors for at least part of their visit. Our verdant rainforest is healthy BECAUSE of wildlife- insects, birds, mammals, reptiles, fish etc- they work together to help keep our soils, trees and rivers healthy, to distribute seeds, to digest refuse, to cull the sick, to eat forest pests, and to be part of a complex forest ecosystem food chain which in turn helps clean our air and water, create rain, and even sequester carbon.

As a farmer I know very well without coyotes, raptors, snakes and cougars our crops would all be devoured by rodents. Without songbirds, beneficial insects and amphibians we would lose so many more crops and orchards to pests.

Science confirms that our precious rainforests help significantly to draw down carbon and also actually help create rain through their retention and respiration of water.

Everything which makes our great NW the jewel we all love and enjoy is in very large part due to wildlife and the ecosystem they need to survive. Please vote YES to 1.25% - a very small fee for so much we need and love.

Best,  
Jen Davis  
Scout Bee Farm  
And Airbnb owner