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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

My name is Phoebe Stein, I am a resident of Portland Oregon. I am testifying in strong support of house bill 4134, with the -1 amendment to increase the state lodging tax by 1.25% and help recover Oregon's most vulnerable fish, wildlife, and habitats.

I am a proud Oregonian, and part of that identity means recognizing the importance of biodiversity and the protection of native wildlife.

I have spent my life surrounded by the natural world, watching as legislation such as this one has the potential to change everything - either through the necessary protection of our precious natural surroundings, or through state actions that are implicitly opposing the protection of the surrounding environment, and the native species that rely on it.

I urge you to pass the HB 4134 and prove that the house is doing everything possible to recognize the importance of protecting our Oregon home.