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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

Chair Broadman and the Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue,

Hello, my name is Michael Hagedorn and I live in Milwaukie, Oregon. I submit this testimony in strong support of HB 4134. I think the increase in the state lodging tax by 1.25% is well worth the protection of our Oregon fish, wildlife, and habitats, and that those who visit our state seeking to experience them should be invested in protecting them.

This is a rare opportunity. The majority of Oregonians support funding for wildlife and habitats protection. And, we benefit. People benefit. Local communities and businesses rely on tourism. Hundreds of thousands of our jobs and tens of billions of dollars are supported by Oregon outdoor tourism. Birders, hikers, kayakers, hunters and sightseers all benefit from coming here, and we benefit when they do. This small tax would never prevent anyone from coming, but provides a huge advantage for the wildlife and wildlands they hope to see.

Oregon has a chance to set an example and protect our natural heritage. Doing so would make Oregon a national leader.

Please support "1.25% for Wildlife" by passing HB 4134 today.

Thank you for reading.
Michael Hagedorn