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

Here's why I believe HB 4134-A Eng deserves your support.

Builds bridges. By funding last session's wolf compensation bill (SB 777), it demonstrates support for rural landowners and respect for the rural co-sponsors of this bill.

Supports Oregon's outdoor economy. Hunters, anglers, birders, hikers, campers, and wildlife watchers, 65% of whom are from out of state, come here because of Oregon's natural beauty and wildlife. They help generate billions in consumer spending and support thousands of jobs. Their **recreational spending is especially important in rural Oregon.** That's one reason so many outdoor recreation and lodging businesses support this bill.

Oregon will remain competitive. Oregon will continue to maintain one of the lowest total lodging tax rates in the nation even after taking account of local lodging taxes. The measure will cost visitors just \$3.13 per night for a \$250 per night room. It will appear on their bill as a Nature Conservation Fee. That's an incentive, not a deterrent.

Thank you.

Pete Sandrock