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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

Chair Broadman and members of the Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue

My name is David Whitaker and I live in Portland. I am submitting testimony in strong support of HB 4134 to increase the statewide transit and lodging tax (TLT) by 1.25% to help recover our states most vulnerable fish, wildlife and habitats.

Dedicating this funding to this purpose would help to fulfill the will of a majority of Oregonians who would like to see the protection of incredible non-game bird species such as Puffins and Avocets, animals such as pikas and beavers, amphibians such as the northern red-legged frog and fish species that support our aquatic habitats.

Passing of this legislation would not only help protect species such as these for generations to come, but would also help to protect and build our tourism industry. We cannot have a thriving tourism economy without healthy and abundant bird, fish and wildlife populations and the habitats that support them. This legislation will ensure we have both.

Please support "1.25% for wildlife" by passing HB 4134 today!

Thank you,  
David Whitaker