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Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

HB 4134 offers a critical opportunity for Oregon to protect its iconic fish, wildlife, and the habitats they depend on, as many native species face decline from habitat loss, climate change, and development. The bill would raise the statewide transient lodging tax by 1.25%—a small increase primarily paid by out-of-state visitors—to generate millions in dedicated funding for conservation. By investing a few extra dollars per visitor stay, HB 4134 would help secure Oregon’s natural legacy for future generations while strengthening communities and the tourism economy.