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Oregon has 294 at-risk species that are considered 'species of greatest conservation need'. Without proactive action, Oregon stands to lose our treasured natural heritage. The Oregon Conservation Strategy and Nearshore Strategy needs adequate funding to maintain healthy fish and wildlife populations by maintaining and restoring functioning habitats.

HB 2977, "1% for Wildlife," proposes increasing the state transient lodging tax from 1.5% to 2.5%, to combat the biodiversity crisis. This would generate approximately \$30 million a year for proactive wildlife and habitat conservation.

Please support this cost-effective measure for protecting Oregon's wildlife.