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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2977

To: House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

RE: HB 2977 - SUPPORT

Dear Members of the Committee:

I am writing to urge you to pass HB 2977 and increase the state transient lodging tax.

Our state is revered for its beauty and its wildlife. That is a big driver for the billions of dollars that tourism brings to our state. Climate change and habitat loss threaten some of our most iconic and beloved species. And although the Oregon Conservation and Nearshore Strategy are wonderful tools for recovering Oregon's vulnerable species, those programs have been underfunded.

HB2977 would help remedy that. Increasing the state tourism tax by 1% would be a nearly imperceptible change to individual tourists, but on that will have an outsized impact on our wildlife.

Please say yes and support this bill.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Susan Mates