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As Oregonians, we take pride in our beautiful landscapes and the diverse fish and wildlife species that call them home. It's what makes Oregon so special. However, to ensure we have abundant and thriving fish and wildlife (and habitat) for generations to come, we have to take action now.

? Things like habitat loss and degradation, climate change, invasive species, and other natural and human-made impacts are taking a toll on Oregon's birds, mammals, fish, amphibians, reptiles, butterflies, and bees.

? Nearly 1/3 of all fish and wildlife species in America are at elevated risk of extinction.

? Here in Oregon, there are 294 at-risk species that are considered 'species of greatest conservation need'. Without proactive action, Oregon stands to lose our treasured natural heritage.

? Oregon created a blueprint for recovering our most vulnerable and imperiled species known as the Oregon Conservation Strategy and Nearshore Strategy. The goals of the state wildlife action plans are to maintain healthy fish and wildlife populations by maintaining and restoring functioning habitats, preventing declines of at-risk species, and reversing declines in these resources where possible.

? For too long, the Conservation Strategy has lacked the necessary resources and funds to fully implement the recommended conservation actions.

? HB 2977,"1% for Wildlife" proposes increasing the state transient lodging tax from 1.5% to 2.5%, to combat the biodiversity crisis, by investing in the conservation and recovery of Oregon's most vulnerable wildlife and habitat. This would generate approximately $30 million a year for proactive wildlife and habitat conservation.

? This is a bold, yet cost-effective solution that would help recover our state's most vulnerable fish and wildlife.

? Please help Oregon recover our most at-risk species by supporting HB 2977 today!