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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2977

To Oregon Legislature,

I support HB 2977 for a 1% hotel and lodging tax to be used for wildlife in Oregon. This will help mitigate the impacts additional people have on wildlife habitat while visiting. Increased outdoor recreation use can disturb range of habitat for nesting sites, food and water sources for animals and increase stress levels that affects their populations. It would be great to see funds from this tax used in a variety of ways including addition habitat land purchases, habitat restoration, and outdoor display signage in needed areas that can educate the public on species and habitat in specific areas. Areas that need additional wildlife protection and recovery or to prevent sensitive areas from degrading.

Please pass HB 2977 to maintain and improve Oregon's wildlife diversity.  
Thank you