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ODFW is currently updating the State Wildlife Action Plan SWAP to lay out a clear plan to support wildlife conservation species of concern. The critical plants and animals that are the foundation of much of the tourist industry in Oregon. Visitor come to experience the beauty and diversity of Oregon wildlife and wild lands. This bill increases Oregon's Transient Lodging Tax from 1.5% to 2.5% (still one of the lowest in the country), which will assist with funding the implementation of Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP) to conserve and recover Oregon's most vulnerable wildlife and habitat. 100% of the funding from the 1% will go toward endangered fish, wildlife, and habitat conservation.

A steady funding source is key to being able to implement the critical efforts included in the SWAP. Vote to support the establishment of this key funding source.