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For ecological and economic reasons I urge you to support HB2977 that provides funding for conservation measures that help restore and ensure the health of our State's wildlife populations. The small increase in the state' transient lodging fee would go toward supporting the very reasons that most people travel Oregon. The natural beauty and wondrous array of wildlife and their habitat, draw people from around the state, the country and the world.

It is appropriate for all of we travelers, near and far, to take some responsibility for protecting the wildlife in the regions where we roam. I am a Wildlife Zoologist who has worked on endangered species conservation throughout my career, and I have seen both the harm and the benefits traveling can cause. Let's protect the valuable assets Oregon is so fortunate to have.

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