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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2977

I strongly support HB 2977. 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 small change makes a big difference and would generate approximately \$30 million a year for proactive wildlife and habitat conservation. And Oregon would still have one of the lowest tourism taxes in the country.

This is a bold, yet cost-effective solution that would help recover our state's most vulnerable fish and wildlife—part of what draws tourists to Oregon. Please help Oregon recover our most at-risk species by supporting HB 2977.