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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2977

Attention Chair Nathanson, Vice-Chair Reschke, Vice-Chair Walters and members of the Committee,

For our ecosystems and wildlife who are in PERIL, we URGE YOU to support this crucial and creative piece of legislation IMMEDIATELY . I am FULLY in support of this. We are watching your vote on this VERY carefully. PROVE that Oregon is still one of the leaders when it comes to habitat protection. YOU have the power to act; please do so in good conscience.

Specifically, I am writing to urge you to support HB 2977, a bill to secure long-term, dedicated funding to recover Oregon's most imperiled fish, wildlife, and habitats.

There are nearly 300 species of greatest conservation need and 11 habitats of conservation concern. To combat this – and ensure all species thrive in Oregon – we need bold, proactive investments in their recovery. Oregon is a remarkable unique and special place; home to a diverse array of flora, fauna, and the habitats that support them. Unfortunately, climate change and other natural and human-made impacts put their future at risk.

HB 2977 would do just this by providing a sustainable and steady source of funds to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to recover Oregon's most imperiled species and habitat and enhance biodiversity – all of which contribute to Oregon's tourism and outdoor recreation economy.

For just a few more dollars on a hotel visit to your favorite birding spot or hiking trail you'd be helping to protect fish, birds, pollinators, and their habitats, while ensuring visitors help care for the very landscapes and wildlife that make Oregon so unique.

PLEASE support "1% for Wildlife" by passing HB 2977 today. HB 2977, the "1% for Wildlife" bill would provide necessary funding for wildlife and habitat conservation by increasing the state tourism tax from 1.5% to 2.5%. Even with this 1% increase, Oregon would still have one of the lowest state tourism taxes in the country!

Sincerely,

Hava Dennenberg
Oregon Constituent