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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB2977

Dear Chair Nathanson, Vice Chairs Reschke and Walters, and Members of the House Committee on Revenue:

I am writing to say that Oregonians value our wildlife and we realize that it takes resources to maintain what we value.

That is why I am asking you to support HB 2977.

Oregon needs more funding for wildlife conservation and funding which is stable ...and does not come from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses.

Raising revenue for conservation through a small additional tax on hotel and motel stays in Oregon would help ensure that wildlife conservation in Oregon focuses on all wildlife in Oregon for the benefit of all people in Oregon. An additional charge on hotel/motel stays also makes sense as a way to fund wildlife conservation because healthy wildlife populations are a draw for travelers, which will benefit the short-term lodging industry.

Let's do right by our State's wildlife by assuring more funding for their conservation.