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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2977

Chair Nathanson, Vice Chairs Reschke and Walters, and Members of the Committee:

Please support HB 2977. Oregon needs more funding for wildlife conservation, especially funding that does not come from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses. Funding 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. This tax would be lower than a similar tax in every state except Alaska and California.

Thank you for considering my comments.