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This would be a landmark bill for the state, providing critical funding for the conservation of our state's wildlife and their habitats. Now more than ever it is critical that Oregon diversify the funding used to support wildlife conservation, especially in the face of significant uncertainty with regards to the availability of federal funds. I genuinely cannot think of any logical, well-reasoned opposition to this bill. It does not place an undue burden on Oregon residents, it is not a tax increase for Oregon residents, and even after the increase Oregon's transient lodging tax will remain among the lowest in the country. What better way to support conservation programs, anti-poaching activities, limit invasive species, and support wildlife law enforcement, than by a minor tax increase for those coming to visit the state (many of which are likely coming to enjoy our state's rich and beautiful natural landscapes, and their inhabitants!). I encourage you to support this bill.