

June 25, 2025



To: Senate Committee on Rules
Senator Kate Lieber, Chair
Senators Knopp, Hansell, Manning, Steiner, members

From: Robert Bailey, Board President
Elakha Alliance, PO Box 704, Siletz, Oregon 97380

RE: Support for SB 2977

The Elakha Alliance is an Oregon non-profit organization with a mission to make Oregon's marine and coastal ecosystems and communities more robust and resilient by restoring a healthy population of sea otters to the Oregon coast.

The Elakha Alliance strongly supports SB 2977. The very small increase in the state's lodging tax will provide badly needed revenue for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to address long-term conservation of native wildlife and their habitats.

I urge you to support HB 2977.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Bailey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of the last name being a large, stylized 'B'.

Robert Bailey, Board President
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