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Passing this bill is vital. The longer we wait to act, the more species we risk losing. Delays make recovery more expensive, more complicated, and more contentious. Oregon's lodging tax is currently one of the lowest in the country. That's just \$1.25 per \$100—what Republican co-sponsor Representative Mark Owens called "less than a cup of coffee." This is an easy solution and one that will put Oregon's tourism industry to good use. I whole-heartedly support this measure!