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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2977

Please recommend passage of HB 2977 and send it to the floor for a vote!

This 1% for wildlife measure will provide much-needed funding for wildlife in Oregon. This is especially important for non-game fish & wildlife that do not currently get adequate funding from the sale of tags and licenses, or the general fund.

Using the transient lodging tax as a source of revenue for wildlife is quite appropriate, since a lot of travel and lodging in Oregon is related to enjoying Oregon's natural wonders, including the opportunity to see wildlife and ecosystems that this money will help sustain and restore.

This bill should be seen as a strategic investment in both environmental resilience and the state's outdoor recreation economy.