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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB2977

Dear Senators,

Passing HB 2977 is vital. We are losing wildlife and plant species at a rate unprecedented in millennia. The longer we wait to act, the more species we risk losing. Delays make recovery more expensive, more complicated, and more contentious.

HB 2977 proposes a modest funding solution: raising the statewide lodging tax by just 1.25 percent. 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.”

Thank you for your support.