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On Behalf Of:

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Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB2977

I strongly urge you to support HB 2977 to very minimally increase lodging taxes to help provide critical funding for protection of wildlife and native habitat, reducing wildlife-vehicle collisions and to help people and wildlife coexist in the state of OR. This increase to the lodging tax is less than a cup of coffee per day and will help the wildlife of OR significantly. One of the reasons I absolutely love living here is the abundance of nature and the wildlife that inhabits the wild spaces here. I love walking along our local river and seeing an Osprey flying back to its nest or while hiking, seeing a lanky young bob cat that spies me and disappears into the brush. I hope everyone gets to experience the awe-inspiring views of Smith Rock or the Painted Hills at least once in their lifetime. Oregon's animals deserve safe passage across our most treacherous highways that cover their territory. Oregon is a wonderland and the wildlife and habitat have just as much of a right to exist as we humans do. Please support this HB 2977 as it would go a long way to helping OR preserve its wildness. Thank you for your consideration.