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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Revenue
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

To the House Revenue Committee,

Please vote Yes for HB 4134 with the -1 amendment to increase the state lodging tax by 1.25% to secure long-term, dedicated funding to recover Oregon's most imperiled fish, wildlife, and habitats.

Why am I asking you to support this bill? Answer: There are nearly 300 species of greatest conservation need and 11 habitats of conservation concern. To combat this – and ensure all species thrive in Oregon – we need bold, proactive investments in their recovery. The bill also allocates funds for wildlife stewardship, the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund, anti-poaching efforts, wildlife connectivity, invasive species control and support wildlife prevention – all which further bolster wildlife conservation in the state.

HB 4134 would do just that by providing a steady, sustainable source of funds to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to recover Oregon's most imperiled species and habitat and enhance biodiversity – all of which contribute to Oregon's tourism and outdoor recreation economy.

In stewardship of Oregon's precious wildlife and critical supporting habitats,

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