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**Via Electronic Mail**

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**To:** House Committee on Revenue; **Senators:** Thatcher; **Representatives:** Post; Noble;  
[and many others]

**Re: I DO NOT SUPPORT: [HB 3136]** Fund collection should include allocations to LUBA-[**HB 5028**].

[**HB 3136**] is where the money squeezed from vacationers is allocated.

I am "No" fan of the Transient Lodging Tax program for I have seen how Newberg, Oregon uses this program monies to enrich a business entity that is not in Newberg's City Limits. Newberg residents subsidize city services to enable the TLT program to flourish but receive little to no benefit. Only a select few businesses benefit and they benefit most handsomely by their participation in the TLT program.

Tourism in the Willamette Valley is predicated upon enticing vacationers and or visitors to the surrounding wine vineyards, Cider-houses and Breweries-that have metastasized into Roadhouse Bars.

Oregon has foolishly embraced the high-tech and service industries as the main drivers of the economy.

The high-tech and service industries are historically unreliable and vulnerable to outside, uncontrollable influences.

It is imperative that Oregon retain and protect the resource driven economy.

Oregon still has a resource driven economy including; timber, forest products, agriculture and fisheries.

Since the advent of the inane "Agritourism" industry, conflicts concerning Land Uses have increased and are becoming common every time a permit for a Bar, under the guise of a "tasting room" is permitted.

It would be prudent to design a funding mechanism for the **Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA)** to augment their General Fund allocations to address increased workloads concerning Land Use Issues arising from conflicts involving the invasion of commercial entities that have "No" entitlement to Exclusive Farm Use zoned lands.

It is reasonable that a modest differential be constructed to permanently allocate funding for LUBA's operational and overhead needs to address increased service levels due to "Agritourism."

The aforementioned "differential" would be very easy to construct and would be reasonable.

By the way, "screw" Agritourism. Agritourism is just modern day "Bar-hopping" enabling and facilitating foreseeable DUI drivers. Yeah, you heard it right. More damn drunks and "No" Sheriff Deputies.

The Yamhill County Sheriff's Department is grossly understaffed and will remain so for the foreseeable future. Maybe the Yamhill County's Sheriff Department should get a piece of the TLT pie? Works for me.

**VOTE "NO" ON [HB 3136] until LUBA is adequately funded [HB 5028]!**

*Respectfully submitted,*  
/s/ David S. Wall