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To: Joint Committee on Tax Expenditures; [others]...

**Re: I SUPPORT [SB 102]...I sincerely "Thank" all members of our armed forces and their support staffs.**

**Excerpt from [SB 102] states, "... (7) Barracks, quarters or other facilities or space located on installations owned, operated or controlled by the Oregon Military Department that are used for temporary overnight human occupancy by: (a) Active or retired members or service veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States or the National Guard or other reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States; or (b) Employees or agents of the Oregon Military Department.**

**SECTION 3.** Barracks, quarters or other facilities or space located on installations owned, operated or controlled by the Oregon Military Department **are exempt from any local transient lodging tax** if the facilities or space are used for temporary overnight human occupancy by: (1) Active or retired members or service veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States or the National Guard or other reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States; or (2) Employees or agents of the Oregon Military Department."

To appreciate the history of the Transient Lodging Tax (TLT), a "Tax" which has not been authorized directly by the "voters" check this out:

[https://www.oregon.gov/dor/forms/FormsPubs/lodging-tax-program\\_604-401.pdf](https://www.oregon.gov/dor/forms/FormsPubs/lodging-tax-program_604-401.pdf)

Over the years, the Oregon Tourism Commission has put their unwelcomed "hands" in our pockets.

Municipalities have grown to fund their individual Tourism ploys using monies siphoned off unsuspecting tourists who frequent Hotel/Motel and all other establishments that afford "Transient Lodging."

The "TLT" is rife for corrupt interpretations by municipal governments and should be abolished.

In other, terse words...Screw the TLT and abolish it along with the Oregon Tourism Commission!

I hate to say it but, to be fair...Good Job Governor Brown (with reference to [SB 102] only)!

***Respectfully submitted,***

/s/ David S. Wall

Mr. Oregon salutes our Military personnel and their support staffs!

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