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On Behalf Of: Mr Oregon OPPOSES HB 2977
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I OPPOSE [HB 2977]. When is Oregon going to pay off its' severe and disgraceful indebtedness?

The 'Transient Lodging Tax (TLT)' should be repealed.

***The TLT is nothing more than a legalized 'shakedown' of visitors. The TLT increases local Municipal administrative functions and overheads to collect the ill gotten gains.

From the TEXT of [HB 2977], "... (3) Moneys received from the state transient lodging tax imposed under ORS 320.305 at a rate in excess of 1.5 percent shall be transferred to the Recovering Oregon's Wildlife Fund Subaccount established under ORS 496.303. The moneys transferred under this subsection are continuously appropriated to the State Department of Fish and Wildlife for the purposes set forth in ORS 496.303 (13)...."

Review: [ORS 320.305]: [https://oregon.public.law/statutes/ors_320.305] & [ORS 496.303]: [https://oregon.public.law/statutes/ors_496.303]

"The Recovering Oregon's Wildlife Fund Subaccount of the TLT" serves only as a distraction to give the TLT a modicum of credibility. The Fund then supports a myriad of needed wildlife 'subaccounts' with the creation of specific Board and additional Commissions.

*** [HB 2977] increases the 'shakedown' of the transient lodger who rents a room to fund a myriad of needed wildlife subaccounts.

***The creation of the wildlife 'subaccounts' is troublesome. Travelers should be advised a portion of their money is being used to fund Oregon's wildlife subaccounts and administrative costs.

Welcome to Oregon! Hope you like funding our wildlife programs.

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Mr. Oregon Concurs and says, "Travel Oregon should be shuttered."