February 21, 2025

House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

Please vote no on HB 2977.

I own a family cabin located in Tillamook County. I listed it as a short-term rental on a part-time basis several years ago to afford the upkeep and to keep the cabin in the family.

While I support species habitat, I believe that Transient Lodging Tax should be used to directly benefit local communities by supporting tourism promotion and tourism infrastructure such as visitors' centers, public trails, and destination marketing. Tourism as an industry brings much revenue into Oregon and we need to be wary of taxing the industry out of existence.

I believe it is bad precedent to tax an income generator for unrelated expenses. Thank you for your time and consideration in reviewing my comments.

Please vote no on HB 2977.

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