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On Behalf Of: Thistledown on Oak Boutique Hotel Hood River Orego
Committee: House Committee On Emergency Management, General
Government, and Veterans
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3556

Last year my wife and I opened a unique 19th Century themed boutique Hotel in downtown Hood River called Thistledown on Oak Hotel (Thistledownoak.com). It is unique in all of the Northwest. Reading our incredible reviews you will see the most common theme is it is more than they could imagine and they want to spread the word because no one knows about it. We understand it will take year's for the word to get out and the Hotel taxes we pay are more than what we actually net. We are struggling to keep employed a full time manager and housekeeper. We are counting on the marketing programs that these taxes provide to increase awareness of our Boutique Hotel along with all the other restaurants, wineries, outdoor sports and attractions like the Mt Hood Scenic Railroad. I have been a business owner in Oregon all my life and it seems criminal that once a great program is achieved and everyone agrees on the purpose it is then robbed for another purpose. Please do not allow this bill to pass because it might be what diminishes tourism that we are counting on that might prevent a small businesses like mine to fail.

Thank you for voting not to pass this.

Bradford and Sarah Perron