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I strongly support HB 3556. As a resident of Cannon Beach, it is clear that tourism, while bringing in revenue to local businesses, also imposes significant costs to our city's infrastructure. This can be as simple as keeping toilet paper in public restrooms or as complex as an aging sewer and water system that is overloaded. Our fire and police departments are on constant calls for tourists who get stuck on rocks or injure themselves while visiting. We have to staff an educational program to ensure our local tidepool ecology and bird nesting sites are not destroyed by tourists. We also struggle to provide enough housing for the people who work in restaurants and the hospitality industry. Taken together, it is important that the uses for transient lodging taxes revenue be expanded so that the city can carry the significant burden that comes with people who visit our small town.