



March 21, 2025

House Committee on Emergency Management, General Government and Veterans
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court St. NE,
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Testimony in Support of HB 3556

Chair Tran and Members of the Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the City of Beaverton to express our strong support for House Bill 3556, which would extend the permissible use of a city's Transient Lodging Tax to public safety services and community infrastructure. The permissive language strikes a good balance by allowing tourism-centered communities to keep their programs unchanged while also giving cities the flexibility to spend their revenue on addressing the impacts of tourism on the community.

Beaverton supports the inclusion of public safety in the bill as it is essential that both residents and tourists feel safe walking and driving the streets of our city. Data from the Beaverton Police Department shows that visitors are responsible for almost 70% of citations and around 42% of arrests over the last three years, contributing to the need for more officers and facility space to accommodate volume.

Citations:

- **2022:** Non-Beaverton: 69.64%, Beaverton: 28.37%, Unknown: 1.99%
- **2023:** Non-Beaverton: 70.84%, Beaverton: 27.94%, Unknown: 1.23%
- **2024:** Non-Beaverton: 68.31%, Beaverton: 29.92%, Unknown: 1.76%

Arrests:

- **2022:** Non-Beaverton: 40.98%, Beaverton: 40.38%, Unknown: 18.64%
- **2023:** Non-Beaverton: 44.64%, Beaverton: 38.49%, Unknown: 16.87%
- **2024:** Non-Beaverton: 39.85%, Beaverton: 44.06%, Unknown: 16.09%

Furthermore, Beaverton supports the inclusion of community infrastructure that plays a role in supporting tourism and attracting visitors. Investments in infrastructure such as

parks, trails, and public amenities not only enhance the visitor experience but also benefit the local community. Beaverton residents currently bear the brunt of financing these shared spaces as well as capacity-increasing projects that are needed to accommodate rising demand for public infrastructure.

In conclusion, House Bill 3556 provides the necessary flexibility for cities to manage their tourism-related revenue in a way that best meets their unique needs. I urge the committee to support this bill and help cities like Beaverton continue to thrive.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jenny Haruyama", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Jenny Haruyama

Beaverton City Manager