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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3556

Dear House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans,

I urge you to OPPOSE HB 3556.

The money brought in from lodging tax specifically to help fund tourism marketing of Oregon needs to stay where it was intended. These funds help to drive the Oregon economy with dollars brought in largely from outside of the state.

As a benefactor of the expertise of our Oregon tourism partners, it is hard to be everywhere at once and expensive to go it alone. Please do not take funds intended for marketing Oregon properties and businesses and use it somewhere else. As it is, Oregon lags behind many states in the attention it gives to tourism. Don't make it harder on the businesses that rely on the help they expect when they collect these funds in the first place.

It's incredible what our DMOs, RDMOs and Travel Oregon are able to do with the funds they receive. OPPOSE HB 3556! Thank you.