

Submitter: Anna Runyen

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2977

I am the owner/innkeeper of Oak Hill Bed & Breakfast in Ashland, Oregon. I'm requesting that you not increase the state transient lodging tax. In Ashland, our combined state and local lodging taxes are already 11.5%. Tourism is already struggling due to the economic strain and uncertainty caused by the Trump administration's absurd economic policies. It is very likely that we will be in a recession in the very near future and increasing the cost of lodging will help neither our business or our guests . We are a small business and increasing the lodging tax will most definitely harm us. I strongly oppose this bill.