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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB3962

As a business owner in Historic Downtown Albany, I urge your opposition to HB 3962, which proposes to expand the use of Transient Lodging Tax (TLT) funds beyond their original intent. This bill jeopardizes the very tourism promotion funds relied on by multiple entities, by diverting funds away from tourism promotion. This diversion goes against the original TLT investment intent. I enjoy the city services and infrastructure as much as anyone, however these funds should not serve as a source of general revenue. General fund use of TLT goes against the original reason for the tax and could result in fewer funds being generated for public services overall. Oregon's tourism industry is a proven revenue driver. However, Oregon is in direct competition with the rest of the world for visitors' dollars. Please kill this bill.