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To: House Revenue Committee

From: Chief Nick Troxel, Tillamook Police Department
Oregon Association Chiefs of Police

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Re: HB 3962 (Dash 2 Amendment) - Testimony in Support
Addressing Tourism Impacts on Public Safety

Chair Nathanson and members of the committee,

For the record, my name is Nick Troxel, and I serve proudly as the Chief of Police for the City of Tillamook. I'm here today representing the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police in strong support of HB 3962 with the Dash 2 amendment.

This measure brings forward a practical and long-overdue change—allowing new or increased local transient lodging tax revenues to support essential public safety services. For communities like ours in Tillamook, this isn't a theoretical need—it's a daily reality.

Tillamook County is not only a vibrant rural area but one of the most visited counties in the entire State of Oregon. We welcome millions of tourists each year who come to enjoy our coastal beauty, world-renowned dairy industry, and outdoor recreation. But with that influx comes a surge in service demands that our small public safety agencies must meet—often with very limited resources.

Our department here in Tillamook consists of just 10 sworn Police Officer's including me. In addition to my duties as Chief, I frequently respond to calls for service and provide backup to my team because we simply don't have the personnel to spare. When tourism numbers swell, especially during the summer and holiday weekends, the demand for police services climbs sharply. Our officers are not only protecting our residents—they are responding to motor vehicle crashes, disturbances, search and rescue calls, and emergency medical incidents involving visitors. These aren't just minor inconveniences—they are real public safety impacts that stretch our capacity to its limits.

The Dash 2 amendment to HB 3962 recognizes these very real pressures. It provides cities with the flexibility to use lodging tax revenues to help ensure that when people come to experience the wonders of Oregon, there are adequate safety resources in place to protect both visitors and locals.

Supporting this legislation means investing in the safety and sustainability of the very communities that make Oregon a premier tourist destination. It's a responsible, necessary step to ensure public safety keeps pace with our State's tourism growth.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak in strong support of HB 3962 –2. I respectfully urge your support.