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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3962

I'm writing today to respectfully oppose House Bill 3962.

As someone who works in hospitality and tourism here in Oregon, I've seen firsthand how lodging tax dollars support more than just advertising — they help fuel vibrant local economies. These funds keep small businesses going, support community events, create jobs, and bring people to towns that rely on tourism year-round.

Diverting these dollars to cover general budget needs would undo years of work. Organizations like local Chambers, DMOs, and cultural nonprofits depend on these funds to do what they do best — showcase what makes Oregon so special. If we take that away, we risk hurting the very communities we're trying to support.

This isn't just about numbers — it's about people, places, and livelihoods. Please protect the original intent of the lodging tax and vote no on HB 3962.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Misty Kawasoe
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