



Ann Vileisis
Mayor, City of Port Orford,

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Honorable Chair Meek, Vice-Chair McLane, and Members of the Committee:

Greetings from Port Orford on Oregon's beautiful South Coast! I am writing to voice our city's **strong support for HB 3962A**, which would provide greater flexibility for how local governments use lodging-tax monies.

We love to welcome tourists to our city every summer, but given rising costs with inflation, our small town, like many, is struggling financially to keep up basic services, and so having some greater flexibility in how we use TLT funds would make a real and important difference to our community, our visitors, and our tourism-oriented businesses.

With summer tourism season now in full swing, we've been seeing more cars on Highway 101, more visitors in our parks and restaurants, and more transients— just as we have been confronting major infrastructure needs, cost increases, and heartbreaking budget shortfalls.

What TLT flexibility means practically-speaking is giving our city the choice to spend money for a public safety officer or an urgent repair rather than on magazine ads or promo brochures.

TLT flexibility is a straightforward way the legislature can support small towns like ours—keeping the public safe, maintaining key facilities, and ensuring essential services like water keep flowing, while also continuing to support the important tourism industry.

I urge you to support this commonsense update to help towns like ours weather these challenging times. Thank you for your public service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann Vileisis".

Ann Vileisis, Mayor