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Chair Meeks, Vice Chair McLane, members of the Committee:

Re: HB 3962 A, Urging Your Support

Thank you for agreeing to hear more testimony on this bill to update, rebalance, and reset Transient Occupancy Tax in Oregon.

My name is Lianne Thompson and I'm a Clatsop County Commissioner, in my eleventh year in that role.

I'm the AOC Co-Chair of the Governance, Revenue, and Economic Development Policy Committee.

I'm also the Coastal Commissioner on the Land Conservation and Development Commission.

I'm speaking my own mind on my own behalf today representing only myself.

3 points:

- 1) I agree with the Chair that Ballot Measures 5 and 50 need another thorough discussion, and I hope that the AOC Governance Committee can work constructively with LOC, our Legislative colleagues, and other partners to take a comprehensive look at the revenue needs of State and local governments that includes accountability for results.
Right now, we tourist-impacted cities and counties need immediate relief from outdated constraints on tourism tax dollars. We can't wait until the larger discussion of Ballot Measures 5 and 50 work their way through the system.
- 2) **OCZMA**, the Oregon Coastal Zone Management Association, voted yesterday to lend their **full support** to this bill. That body exists to address the needs of Coastal cities, counties, ports, businesses, and other organizations all up and down the Oregon Coast.

3) **ORLA and tourism-impacted cities and counties need each other. We should be playing nicely together.** The Legislature is the appropriate venue, and this bill is the appropriate remedy.

Thank you for your time and attention today.

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