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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2977  
Subject: Strong Opposition to HB 2977 – Harmful to Oregon's Local Economies

Dear Members of the Committee,

I am writing in strong opposition to House Bill 2977.

If passed, this bill would significantly increase the statewide Transient Lodging Tax (TLT) from 1.5% to 2.75%, placing an unfair burden on local lodging businesses and hospitality providers. Not only would this jeopardize our competitiveness as a tourism destination, but it would also redirect critical funds away from the local communities and small businesses that rely on tourism to survive.

HB 2977 proposes to funnel the increased revenue to agencies already supported through multiple, unrelated funding streams — threatening the ability of Oregon's coastal, rural, and small-town economies to grow and thrive.

Now is not the time to make doing business in Oregon even harder.

Please vote NO on HB 2977.