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On Behalf Of:	Woodlark Hotel
Committee:	Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic:	HB2977
To Whom It May Concern:	

We are writing to express our strong opposition to House Bill 2977.

We believe this bill is ethically problematic for the hospitality industry, which is a major driver of tourism and economic benefit for the state. It is concerning that the bill supports agencies that already have access to general funds and federal grants.

Portland is still working to recover its image and tourism after the challenges of COVID-19. Adding an additional Transient Lodging Tax (TLT) to consumers will only further damage these efforts.

We urge you to reconsider this bill. If House Bill 2977 is the best solution we can propose for our state, it raises serious questions about the leadership currently in office.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Paul Patino