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We, as innkeepers are totally opposed to the State raising the transient occupancy tax in hotels, motels, and B&B's PERIOD. The tax (state and local) is already too high and adds a big burden to the people who are renting our rooms. The combination of raising the state tax again and diverting it to a use that has nothing whatsoever to do with the tourist industry is a complete misuse of the taxation system, to the detriment of innkeepers and the public who use our facilities. These taxes are supposed to be used exclusively to support the tourist industry and NOT extraneous government functions, which all have alternate means of funding that are more appropriate. I strongly urge a NO vote on this reckless, unfair measure that sets a dangerous precedent for future actions of a similar nature.

Our room tax has already been raised a number of times, both local and state and is already at 11.5%, which is plenty enough. Again, I urge the State of Oregon to reject this unfair and dangerous legislation.