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It makes Oregon less competitive

Even a modest tax increase could push visitors to lower-cost destinations. This directly threatens hotel bookings, meetings, events, and restaurant traffic.

This bill threatens small and rural economies

Many communities across Oregon depend on tourism as an economic lifeline. Higher lodging costs could reduce demand and strain local businesses that rely on visitor spending year-round.

This bill is an unfair shift in responsibility

The programs this tax aims to fund do not benefit the tourism industry — and even ODFW's own constituents declined to pay for them. It's fiscally irresponsible and ethically wrong to ask hospitality businesses to carry the load for state agencies that already have access to General Fund dollars, federal support, and license revenue.