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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB2977

I oppose the increase the statewide TLT from 1.5% to 2.75% and diverting the new revenue to fund other agencies that already have multiple, unrelated funding streams – threatening our competitiveness, our communities, and our ability to do business.

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 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.