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Senate Committee on Rules

Subject: Oppose HB 2977

Chair Jama and Members of the Committee,

The Oregon Small Business Association respectfully opposes House Bill 2977. Placing an increased financial burden on Oregon's lodging industry through an expanded statewide Transient Lodging Tax is detrimental to our small businesses and the state's broader economy.

Oregon's small businesses, particularly those in the hospitality and related sectors, are still navigating a complex economic landscape. Many are contending with rising operating costs, workforce challenges, and still haven't recovered to pre-pandemic levels. Adding an additional layer of taxation makes Oregon less competitive and risks slowing this critical recovery.

The Oregon Small Business Association urges this committee to consider the cumulative impact on our small business community and oppose HB 2977.