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HB2977

I'm writing to oppose HB 2977. Our current taxes on hotel room rates are already high at 16%. Moving this up even more than it will reduce our competitiveness to other destinations. We're struggling to get hotel groups to come here as is, so why would we need another detractor for Portland hotels?

Additionally, even if imposed, these tax dollars won't directly help the struggling tourism industry. It sounds like an irresponsible use of visitor tax revenues that should go back to help fund the tourism industry that it benefits.

I've been in the market for 10 years and already saw this tax go up once already. When will it ever end?

Thank you for your time,

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