

WATER LEAGUE

*Water League engages the public
in water stewardship*

P.O. Box 1033
Cave Junction, OR
97523

chris@waterleague.org
(541) 415-8010

June 24, 2025

To: Senate Committee On Rules
Senator Kayse Jama, Chair
Senator Daniel Bonham, Vice-Chair
Senators Jeff Golden, James Manning Jr., and Kim Thatcher

Board of Directors

President
Gerald Allen

Vice President
Gordon Lyford

Secretary
Tracey Reed

Treasurer
Linda Pace

Christine Perala Gardiner

William Joerger

Dan Wahpepah

Executive Director
Christopher Hall

In Memoriam
John L. Gardiner

RE: Water League Supports HB 2977 A, which imposes a 1.25% increase to Oregon's state transient lodging tax.

Dear Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Bonham, and Committee Members,

Water League supports HB 2977 A, which imposes a 1.25% increase to Oregon's state transient lodging tax not only because Oregon's tourism industry generates billions in economic activity annually, in part due to healthy ecosystems, but also because we support public policies that use transient lodging taxes to augment other funding that protects and conserves Oregon's wildlife and the precious natural resources they rely upon to thrive.

Since many of Oregon's visitors vacation with the environment in mind, either as outdoor enthusiasts or simply because the scenic beauty attracts them, there is reason to believe they would appreciate knowing that a portion of their lodging taxes went to support wildlife conservation, biodiversity restoration, and ecological resilience.

Sincerely,



Christopher Hall
Executive Director