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I completely oppose any proposal to increase the state lodging tax whatsoever, but especially to fund the use of it for purposes other than tourism. The state and county room tax is already so high that it acts as a deterrent to people booking accommodations in our state and in Lane County. If we want to promote tourism the last thing we want to do is erect more barriers to people wanting to book overnight stays here. And it is completely inappropriate to use any funds derived from tourism into non-tourism uses. that vastly hurts our tourism and should actually be made illegal in the law. All funds derived from tourism should be directed to promoting tourism in this state, and not elsewhere. I hope there is a lot of support for my point of view.