

Submitter: Ankit Mungra

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4148

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am submitting this testimony in opposition to HB 4148 on behalf of Motel 6 Hermiston.

Lodging taxes are paid by our guests with the clear purpose of supporting tourism promotion and lodging-related demand. Allowing these funds to be redirected to general government services removes the direct benefit to the tourism and hospitality sector that generates this revenue in the first place.

For properties like ours, tourism marketing and visitor development directly affect occupancy and revenue. If lodging tax dollars are diverted away from promotion, it reduces demand while hotels still face the same or higher tax burden. That imbalance harms small and mid-sized lodging operators and weakens long-term local tourism growth.

Lodging tax funds should remain dedicated to tourism and visitor-related uses. I respectfully ask you to vote NO on HB 4148.

Sincerely,
Ankit Mungra
Motel 6 Hermiston