

Submitter: Peggy Burris
On behalf of House Committee of Revenue
Measure: HB4148

My name is Peggy Burris. I have served on the TAC-Tourism Advisory Committee for the city of Albany since 2017 and over these past 9 years I have seen the GOOD that the TLT monies go toward.

I am submitting testimony in opposition to HB 4148 because lessening the amount of TLT funds for communities will weaken our economic vitality.

Transient Lodging tax helps keep communities vibrant as monies are spent to expand tourism to our community. By removing the amount that will be available does more harm than good.

The lodging tax helps reinvest tourism dollars into our communities and should not be reduced but actually should be expanded. When dollars are reinvested, the opportunity for communities to thrive is apparent. You reduce these funds and many communities will suffer and die.

The lodging tax is vital, and it works. Please allow Oregon to continue to bring tourists into our state and our communities. Please oppose this bill and preserve the reason the lodging tax was put into place.

Thanks for your time.

Peggy Burris