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The transient room tax has provided enormous benefit to small businesses across the state of Oregon that benefit directly and indirectly from results of Tourism Promotion. There are no other funds dedicated for this purpose. The tourism economy is vital to Oregon's small business success. This fund was established to promote tourism, to draw visitors from outside this state to spend their dollars supporting business in Oregon. The tourism economy already contributes to support services in our communities through other tax and fees paid for by small business, employee income tax and property tax. There are no other dedicated fees to promote the State of Oregon that supports jobs across the state both urban and rural. This fund is working as intended, produces amazing ROI for the state economy and should not be redirected to purposes that will diminish the success of those efforts. I am strongly opposed to any change to the existing structure.