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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

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As the owner of STR property in the Willamette Valley, I strongly urge you to keep money set aside from the Lodging Tax in the tourism budget. Without those funds, our state is almost guaranteed to fall behind in promotion of our services both internally and externally and we depend on the dollars that come in from tourism to maintain profitability and vibrancy in our state. We stand with the lodging industry - one of the only ones that is taxed a "sales tax" - that to move funds away from the original purpose will starve the very industry that has drawn millions of visitors to our state annually. Your problem is not budget, but spending, and not understanding the priorities that actually drive economic growth. Get them ordered wrongly and you end up suffocating a vibrant industry.