



To Whom it may concern,

We would like to oppose HB 4148 this bill includes changes to the local Transient Lodging Tax distributions. In our small rural area, all changes to tourism dollars make an impact on our community. By having less dollars to promote our area this will mean less room nights and less hours for our team members.

We compete with Walla Walla Washington and Boise Idaho for tourism and having less money to promote our community will impact on the livelihood of many of our hospitality workers. Our restaurants will also be impacted as well. Tourism is Oregon's fourth-largest economic sector and a primary driver of jobs and revenue in rural communities. Any tax changes must be thoughtful, defensible, and directly tied to strengthening the industry that generates it.

Thank you for your time

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