



**Oregon State Legislature
House Committee on Revenue**

RE: Opposition to HB 4148

Chair, Vice-Chairs, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Georgie Funk, and I am a third-generation owner of Koebers Interiors, a family-owned flooring and interiors business that has served our community for over 60 years. I respectfully submit this testimony in opposition to House Bill 4148.

Koebers Interiors depends on a healthy local and regional economy to sustain our business, our employees, and the many trade partners we work alongside. Visitor activity and tourism-driven commerce play an important role in supporting businesses like ours, bringing customers into our communities, supporting local jobs, and creating steady demand for home improvement, renovation, and commercial projects tied to hospitality, events, and second-home ownership.

As a small, family-run business, stability matters. Policies that redirect or diminish investment in tourism promotion directly affect foot traffic, project pipelines, and long-term planning for businesses like ours. Reduced visitor activity does not just impact hotels and restaurants, it ripples outward to local retailers, service providers, installers, and suppliers who rely on a strong, active local economy.

Oregon already faces intense competition from neighboring states for tourism, events, and discretionary spending. Legislation like HB 4148, which redistributes existing resources rather than growing the economic base, risks weakening Oregon's competitiveness and shifting economic opportunities elsewhere. For small businesses with deep community roots, these shifts are felt quickly and personally.

For these reasons we respectfully oppose HB 4148 and urge the committee to reject this legislation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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