



City of McMinnville

Office of Mayor Kim Morris

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House Committee on Revenue
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support HB 4148 for Local Lodging Tax Flexibility

Dear Chair Nathanson and Members of the Committee,

The City of McMinnville supports HB 4148. The funding flexibility will allow cities to help support services including public safety (fire, EMS, and police) and community infrastructure (water, wastewater, transportation, parks, trails and public amenities). Local lodging taxes are taxes paid by visitors to hotels, motels, short term rentals and campgrounds. In 2003, the state passed a preemption on local transient lodging taxes that established restrictions around how local lodging tax dollars could be spent, requiring at least 70% of new or increased taxes to go toward tourism promotion and tourism-related facilities and reserving the remaining 30% for local discretionary spending.

Under the existing definitions of tourism promotion and tourism-related facilities, it leaves local jurisdictions only so much leeway to respond to the impacts of tourism. Today, our community bears the burden of maintaining and operating infrastructure that directly benefits tourists. With the HB 4148, the City of McMinnville could invest in and maintain public safety and other critical infrastructure impacted by visitors.

We urge your support of HB 4148!

Sincerely,

Kim Morris
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