



**POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
City of Astoria

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February 9, 2026

House Revenue Committee  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

**RE: HB 4148- Testimony in Support  
Addressing Tourism Impacts on Public Safety**

Dear Chairman Nathanson and members of the committee,

My name is Stacy Kelly. I have the privilege of serving as the Chief of Police in Astoria and representing the OR Association of Chiefs of Police. I'm here today to express my strong support for House Bill 4148, which aims to responsibly address the real cost to Oregon communities of hosting millions of visitors annually.

In addition to the traffic surges associated with visitors traveling to and from the coast, our data shows that 30% of DUII arrests and traffic crashes in Clatsop County involve out-of-town drivers. Our general fund struggles to staff our police and fire departments for our permanent population, let alone the influx of visitors. To meet the increased demand for service, I've had to schedule officers and dispatchers on their days off. This approach is unsustainable and negatively impacts morale and mental health.

I respectfully urge a **YES** vote on HB 148, so communities like Astoria can continue to welcome visitors safely and responsibly.

Thank you for your time,

Stacy W. Kelly  
Chief of Police