

**Oregon State Legislature
House Committee on Revenue**

RE: Opposition to HB 4148

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

I respectfully submit this testimony in opposition to House Bill 4148.

Tourism is a vital economic engine for Washington County, supporting businesses throughout Beaverton and the surrounding region—from restaurants and retailers to hotels and event-related services. Visitor spending directly fuels business revenue, sustains local jobs, and generates tax revenue that supports essential public services. For many small businesses, steady visitor activity is critical to maintaining year-round operations and employment.

Oregon competes with neighboring states for visitors, events, and business travel. Continued investment in tourism promotion is essential to attracting conferences, sporting events, and leisure travelers whose spending strengthens our local economy. Reducing these investments risks shifting valuable opportunities—and their associated economic benefits—elsewhere.

Strategic tourism investment, especially during shoulder and off-peak seasons, helps stabilize demand, support year-round business activity, and maximize the return on public funds. Policies that simply redistribute existing resources, such as HB 4148, do not grow the visitor economy or generate new economic activity.

For these reasons, I oppose HB 4148 and urge the committee to reject this legislation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



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