



February 10, 2026

House Committee on Revenue
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court St. NE,
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support for HB 4148

Chair Nathanson and members of the House Committee on Revenue,

I am writing on behalf of the City of Beaverton to express support for HB 4148, which modifies the percentage of local Transient Lodging Tax revenue that can be used for city or county services to no more than 60 percent.

Beaverton's Transient Lodging Tax revenue has been transformative for the city's downtown area with the development of the Patricia Reser Center for the Arts (PRCA), a public-private partnership that emphasizes arts and culture as a central focus of Beaverton. This is one reason Livability ranked Beaverton as the second-best place to live out west. Beaverton takes pride in being a destination- not just a place where people live and work, but also a location where visitors from across Oregon and the world can enjoy.

Over the past four years, almost 200,000 visitors have attended the PRCA, generating foot traffic for nearby businesses and lodging. However, it also places pressure on already overstretched public services. In 2024, 68 percent of citations and 40 percent of arrests involved non-Beaverton residents.

Part of Beaverton's appeal is its safety and cleanliness, which is supported in part by the Beaverton Police Downtown Bike Team. This team was created to address homelessness with a personalized approach that maintains relationships and connects individuals to services. Additionally, two full-time staff members are dedicated to cleaning litter and graffiti. These efforts are effective but depend on limited general fund revenues, which are also crucial for supporting the city's core services.

Beaverton is entering its fourth budget cycle with a significant deficit, putting many of these programs at risk of being cut. While the city remains committed to the PRCA, greater flexibility for future revenue growth could determine whether these programs continue or are eliminated.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony. Beaverton urges your support for HB 4148.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jenny Haruyama", followed by a horizontal line.

Jenny Haruyama

City Manager