



CITY OF
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Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the City of Ukiah, We are writing to express our strong support for House Bill 4148, which would provide local governments with greater flexibility in the use of transient lodging tax revenues.

Ukiah is a very small, rural community with a limited tax base and few revenue options to support essential public services. While tourism plays an important role in our local economy, the demands placed on our infrastructure, emergency services, parks, and community facilities extend well beyond tourism promotion alone. Current restrictions on transient lodging tax revenues limit our ability to address these basic needs in a way that reflects the realities of rural communities.

House Bill 4148 recognizes that communities across Oregon are not one-size-fits-all. By allowing a greater portion of lodging tax revenue to be used for local services and by permitting partnerships with special districts, this legislation would give small cities like Ukiah the flexibility needed to maintain public safety, support community facilities, and invest in infrastructure that benefits both residents and visitors alike.

For rural communities, even modest increases in funding flexibility can have a meaningful impact. HB 4148 would help ensure that visitors who enjoy our outdoor amenities and community events also contribute to the services that make those experiences possible, while still preserving support for tourism-related activities.

We appreciate the Legislature's consideration of the unique challenges facing Oregon's smallest cities and believe House Bill 4148 is a thoughtful, balanced approach that strengthens local decision-making and community sustainability.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

City of Ukiah
Ukiah, Oregon

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