



City of Tigard

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

Dear Chair Nathanson and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the City of Tigard, I write to express our support for HB 4148. Allowing greater flexibility in the use of Transient Lodging Tax (TLT) revenue would help cities fund public safety, essential services, and infrastructure that make our communities safe, welcoming, and attractive destinations for visitors.

We see significant benefit in giving local jurisdictions the ability to ensure that fire, EMS, police, utilities, and public amenities are maintained at a level that accommodate tourism. These services directly support the visitor experience while also serving our residents.

Since the state's 2003 preemption established the 70/30 spending split, local governments have faced limited flexibility to address the real operational impacts of tourism. Today, cities bear increasing costs to maintain and operate infrastructure that directly benefits visitors. HB 4148 provides a balanced and responsible update that preserves a strong support for tourism while recognizing the need for communities to manage those impacts effectively.

Thank you for your consideration and for supporting policies that help cities sustain both residents and visitors alike.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Yi-Kang Hu".

Yi-Kang Hu  
Mayor, City of Tigard