

COURTNEY NERON MISSLIN
STATE SENATOR
DISTRICT 13



OREGON STATE SENATE

Testimony in Support of [HB 4148](#)

February 9, 2026

Chair Nathanson, Vice Chair Walters, Vice Chair Reschke, and Members of the Revenue Committee,

For the record, I am Senator Courtney Neron Misslin. I am here today in strong support of HB 4148, a bill to allow greater flexibility for local governments that generate transient lodging tax revenue. It changes the amount that must be used for tourism promotion to 40% and increases the amount that local governments may direct to local services to 60% of the amount collected.

This is NOT a tax increase, but a restructuring of existing TLT revenue. The communities I represent appreciate the local control emphasis of this bill. The flexibility offered through this restructuring will help Oregon communities better serve both residents and visitors. The bill centers local decision-making so that communities can decide the best way to spend TLT dollars.

HB 4148 recognizes the value of tourism to the Oregon economy and the impacts on local infrastructure and resources that come with it. Tourism adds both economic strength, and additional strain to the basic services that local governments provide.

Cities and counties too often find themselves facing difficult decisions about how constrained dollars can be best invested. They may need added services, but are required to spend dollars available on tourism promotion. This bill proposes a solution to ensure that our communities don't have to lay off police officers or delay road improvements in exchange for promoting tourism when they simply cannot afford to do both.

Oregon communities need solutions to fund infrastructure, first responders, and to make sure they have the services they need to provide safe tourism experiences. With this bill, we are giving our communities the freedom they need to decide the best way to use available resources.

I urge your support for HB 4148. Please pass the LOCAL Act. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Senator Courtney Neron Misslin | District 13: King City, Sherwood, Tigard, and Wilsonville
900 Court St, S-425, Salem OR 97301 | Sen.CourtneyNeronMisslin@oregonlegislature.gov | 503-986-1713