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The TLT is a tax on the consumer, collected by the lodging industry for a fee, and 70% of taxes imposed after 2003 is spent to the benefit of Hoteliers and short-term rental owners.

This arrangements leaves city residents picking up the tab of tourism related costs.

Oregonians are fully aware they are subsidizing the tourism industry. Polling (see attached) conducted by the League found broad support among people across the political spectrum to ensure Oregon captures adequate revenue from visitors.

Our bill protects tourism promotion by still requiring 40% of taxes imposed after 2003, but the majority will be spent to the benefit of impacted communities.