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Chair and members of the committee,

My name is Tara Wibrew. I write to you as a resident of Springfield and the Executive Director of Lane Arts Council, which serves the entirety of Lane County from our office in Eugene. Our mission is to cultivate belonging, learning, and investment to engage all of Lane County in the transformative power of the arts.

HB 4148 threatens to significantly alter Eugene's long-standing dedication of transient lodging tax (TLT), diverting funds away from their previous dedication to supporting arts and cultural services. These vital services are key element in defining our city, engaging community members in activities throughout downtown Eugene and creating additional draw for visitors, tourists, and potential residents.

In an already under-funded sector—despite being an economic generator and core to community wellness—HB 4148 weakens protections that currently keep visitor-generated revenue invested in the assets that serve our community. HB 4148 has the potential for a real and immediate impact on Eugene's arts community, from individual creators to large organizations and everything between, and severely limits our ability to plan for a vibrant, arts-centric future that encourages and supports local businesses, new investments, and increased tourism.

We recognize the many budgetary challenges and desire to find sustainable funding solutions in a complex moment. However, shifting current funding away from where it is clearly having a positive impact creates far more harm than it does good.

We respectfully urge you to oppose HB 4148. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Tara Wibrew
Executive Director