

Submitter: Dhruma Patel

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4148

My name is Dhruma Patel, and I own and operate the Del Rancho Motel on 82nd Avenue in Portland. I'm writing to ask you to please vote no on HB 4134.

My family and I live and work at this motel. It's not just our business but it's our home and our livelihood. We've put years of hard work into keeping it running, especially through the challenges of the past several years.

It's already difficult to attract guests to this part of Portland. We work every day to show that our property is safe, clean, and well managed. Most of our guests are budget-conscious families, workers, and people in transition. They compare prices carefully, and even a 1.25% increase can influence their decision about where to stay.

Our costs continue to rise such as property taxes, utilities, insurance, and maintenance. We are still recovering from years of economic strain. Adding another tax, while small businesses in our area are still struggling, would make it even harder to survive.

Please don't place this additional burden on our motel. I respectfully urge you to vote no on House Bill 4134.

Sincerely,
Dhruma Patel