

<b>Date:</b>	<b>May 8th, 2025</b>
<b>To:</b>	Chair Nathanson, Vice Chairs Reschke and Walters and Members of the House Committee on Revenue
<b>From:</b>	Association of Oregon Counties Legislative Affairs Manager, Justin Low
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Support – HB 3962 -2 Amendment</b>

For the record, my name is Justin Low and I am offering testimony on behalf of the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC). Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in strong support of HB 3962 and it's -2 amendment.

Our counties greatly value their thriving tourism industries and the importance they hold in our local communities and economies—we also recognize that the tourism and community needs of 2003, when these revenue restrictions were established on new or increased TLTs, no longer match the needs of 2025.

For counties that see their populations triple, or even quadruple, during peak tourism seasons, strain is placed on law enforcement, emergency services, roads, water systems, parks, and other community-based infrastructure. And, as a result these service and infrastructure stressors disproportionately affect our residents and local businesses who remain once tourism season passes---but it also impacts the tourism experience itself. During peak tourism seasons, emergency response services are overburdened, park and trail infrastructures deteriorate quicker, and our sanitation and water systems can operate at maximum capacity and break down. Local governments should have the flexibility to address these needs to the benefit of both residents and visitors.

By supporting HB 3962 and the -2 amendment, you will empower local governments to address pressing service demands that complement tourism, safety, and livability, and help bolster the aspects of community that have made Oregon a premier travel destination to begin with. AOC respectfully urges your support for this legislation. Thank you for your consideration, and for your continued commitment to the prosperity and vitality of Oregon's communities.

Best,

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