

From the Desk of Sen. Bruce Starr, SD12

Oppose HB 4134 to Save Tourism Jobs *March 4, 2026*



HB 4134 is a \$38M a year tax increase on Oregon hotels and lodging businesses

HB 4134 nearly doubles the statewide transient lodging tax (TLT), increasing the existing tax from 1.5% to 2.75%. When the statewide lodging tax was originally created in 2003, it was a 1% lodging tax dedicated to economic development, job creation and tourism promotion.

HB 4134 is a Job Killer for Oregon

Increasing taxes on the private sector and diverting a dedicated revenue stream away from economic development and job creation will harm Oregon. At a time when the hospitality industry is still recovering from the pandemic and hospitality employment is still 14 percent below 2019 numbers, taking money that is designed to bring visitors to Oregon and create jobs in local communities is the wrong direction.

HB 4134 is an \$11 million tax increase on Oregonians

Although out of state visitors represent the majority of travelers in Oregon, approximately 30% of the statewide transient lodging tax is paid by Oregonians traveling in the state.

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