

Submitter: Tejal Patel

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Tejal Patel, and I operate a small, family-owned lodging business in Oregon. We work on thin margins and already collect multiple lodging taxes from our guests.

A 1.25% increase may sound small, but for businesses like mine it isn't. We can't absorb it. It means higher room rates, fewer bookings, or cuts to staff hours and wages. That hurts local employees and the small businesses in our community that depend on tourism.

Small lodging operators are not large hotel chains. Please consider the real impact this increase would have on family businesses, workers, and local economies, and oppose HB 4134.

Thank you for your time.