

Submitter: Hemal Patel

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on House Bill 4134. I am Hemal Patel, a resident of Oregon, a small business owner, a community member.

I respectfully oppose HB 4134 and urge you to vote "No."

1. Increased Lodging Tax Will Harm Local Economies and Small Lodging Businesses
2. Tax Increases During Economic Uncertainty Are Unwarranted.
3. Prioritizing Revenue for Wildlife May Be Better Achieved Through Voluntary or Targeted Funding.
4. Lack of Clear Fiscal Analysis and Impact Assessment.

For these reasons, I urge you to oppose HB 4134. Increasing the state lodging tax without adequately considering the economic consequences for local businesses and travelers risks undermining Oregon's tourism industry and placing undue burdens on residents and visitors alike.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,
Hemal Patel
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