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Position: OPPOSE – HB 4134

I strongly oppose HB 4134. Oregon hotels are already facing rising costs across the board—labor, insurance, utilities, property taxes, and existing lodging taxes. Adding another 1.25% statewide lodging tax, while it may seem small on paper, adds up quickly when combined with all other taxes and fees we already pay.

Oregon is already losing business to other states due to its high cost environment. Well-known companies, such as Dutch Bros, have expanded and shifted operations outside Oregon because it is more expensive to do business here. The hospitality industry is experiencing the same pressure.

Additionally, Portland is now ranked among the worst cities for hosting events, and tourism across the state has declined. Fewer conventions, fewer visitors, and reduced travel demand directly hurt hotels and the communities that rely on tourism revenue. Increasing lodging taxes only discourages travel further and makes Oregon less competitive compared to neighboring states.

Hotels should not be treated as an unlimited revenue source. This proposal will negatively impact tourism, jobs, and small businesses across Oregon.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the legislature to OPPOSE HB 4134.