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Oregon cities, counties and state governments have found a new funding source to pay for just about anything. No vote of the people to raise a tax impacting a specific industry, just increase the tax and spend. This needs to stop.

The City of Cannon Beach recently raised TLT to chase the 30% of unfettered spending for a new city hall and police station, Clatsop County raised the TLT to fund a jail, now the state wants to raise TLT for a purpose totally unrelated to tourist facilities.

Clatsop Country raised the TLT retroactively demonstrating a complete lack of understanding of how lodging works in the administration of the TLT increase. If the state increase proceeds, hopefully it will be administered more intelligently.

Where does this end? Totally out of control and has the potential of ruining the lodging industry in Oregon. The more increased TLT piles on to room rates, the less we become competitive.

Stop this now before the flood gates open to tax and spend with no control.