

Submitter: Josh Neckels
On Behalf Of: Eugene Ballet
Committee: House Committee On Revenue
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134
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Bill and Committee: HB 4134 – House Committee on Revenue

Dear Chair Nathanson, Vice-Chair Reschke, Vice-Chair Walters and members of the House Committee on Revenue,

My name is Josh Neckels, and I am the Executive Director for Eugene Ballet in Lane County. I am writing in opposition to HB 4134 because it would increase already high lodging tax rates in Lane County and make our communities less competitive for visitors, events and economic activity.

Visitors are a meaningful part of our audience and financial stability. Over 21% of Eugene Ballet's ticket buyers live outside of Lane County.

When destinations become more expensive or less competitive, we see it through lower attendance, fewer partnerships and reduced program stability. Higher lodging taxes affect far more than hotels. They ripple through arts, culture and community organizations like ours.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to oppose HB 4134 and vote no. Thank you for considering the perspective of Lane County businesses, workers and organizations.

Sincerely,

Josh Neckels
Executive Director
Eugene Ballet
Eugene, Oregon