

Submitter: Andrew Fortgang
On Behalf Of: Le Pigeon and Canard Restaurants
Committee: House Committee On Revenue
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

Please vote against HB 4134 as written.

Tourism to Portland is STILL suffering.

We have never seen the numbers of tourists rebound to what they were before the pandemic. With the Trump administration's attacks on our city in full force, it takes even louder voices and more dollars to counter that to potential visitors around the country and the world. The transient Lodging Tax has always been for the purpose of promoting tourism to our state. This is quite literally the worst time there has ever been to divert money from that tax to other purposes which is what HB 4134 proposes. Raising it is poor timing as well as it makes traveling here more expensive and makes us a less competitive destination.

I can tell you as a restaurant owner. We need more tourists, more tourism promotion, and more dollars for it. Not less.

Please vote no.