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As a small motel operator in Florence, OR I believe HB4134 puts my business, and the livelihood of our 30 employees in jeopardy.

Many misleading facts circulate, but for real numbers for our hotels show that over 85% of those who stay with us are from our own county, with nearly 95% as Oregon residence.

As the total cost of room night visits increase, our total number of room nights declines.

For our Oregon guests, we are now charging them 12%, which is basically a sales tax, so raising the tax another 10% not only will be detrimental our business as and the environment as the cost would generate fewer overnight stays and increase travel.

Need to raise money? Then put the tax on the those who are actually destroying the environment such as an increase gasoline tax, a tax on recreational vehicle sales, on OHV passes, fishing and hunting licenses, but not on hotel guests.