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On Behalf Of: Oregon coast hospitality
Committee: House Committee On Revenue
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

Testimony in Opposition to HB 4134

Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Renu, and I represent Oregon Coast Hospitality and small, independently owned motels along the Oregon coast. We respectfully oppose HB 4134 due to the disproportionate burden it places on small lodging operators.

Small coastal motels operate on thin, seasonal margins and lack the administrative staff and resources of large hotel chains. The additional compliance and operational requirements in HB 4134 may appear modest, but for small businesses they translate into real costs that cannot be easily absorbed.

The Oregon coast already faces rising insurance, labor, and utility costs, along with seasonal volatility. HB 4134 adds another layer of obligation at a time when many small motels are still struggling to remain viable. Treating all lodging businesses the same, regardless of size, risks unintended consequences such as higher room rates, reduced services, or closures.

Small motels are essential to coastal communities, providing year-round jobs, affordable lodging, and local tax revenue. We urge the Legislature to reconsider HB 4134 as written and to explore exemptions or scaled requirements that recognize the realities of small hospitality businesses.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully
Renu Malhotra