

Submitter:

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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB4134

I am writing to oppose House Bill 4134.

HB 4134 would raise Oregon's lodging tax again, increasing the cost of hotel stays and short-term rentals at a time when lodging taxes and recreation fees are already high. Oregon has seen many tax increases in recent years, and this bill would compound that burden on us.

In 2026, nearly a dozen recreation-related fees are also set to increase, including camping, RV and tent sites, yurts, boat launches, paddleboard permits, and state park parking. When higher recreation fees are combined with increased lodging taxes, family vacations, hunting trips, and weekend getaways are unaffordable for many us. This discourages travel and harms the small towns and businesses that rely on visitor spending.

As a hunter and a person who enjoys the outdoors, I support responsible stewardship of Oregon's natural resources. However, continually raising taxes and fees on those who enjoy and help sustain these lands ultimately limits access for everyday Oregonians.

I urge you to vote NO on House Bill 4134. Thank you for your consideration.