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Increasing the TLT tax will impact the lodging business that is currently struggling. As it is Oregon has been falling behind on attracting tourism and group business and increase in TLT will take away the corporate and group business that are on tight budgets. To give you example if a Group is looking to book a conference and have budget of \$130 per night including taxes and expecting to book 500 room nights for the conference this increase in TLT will not fit their box because it will put us over the \$130 budget that they have and they will be looking for other venues out of Oregon that will fit their budget. Because of this increase we will lose a lot more groups and also a lot of other corporate business that are on budgets. Leisure groups will also look at other options as if the lodging cost is cheaper in other states they will take their vacations there. Losing this business also impacts the other businesses like restaurants, gift shops etc. I strongly oppose increase in the TLT and diverting funds to use for anything other than promoting tourism.