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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB4148

Dear Oregon Representatives,

My name is Todd and I'm representing two hotel businesses in Corvallis, OR. Hotel Corvallis and Best Western Corvallis

First, thank you for your service.

Secondly, I want to shed a light on the challenge with HB - 4134 for Corvallis, OR. As hoteliers in Corvallis, OR, we have seen decreased travel not only due to international conditions, but also locally, given Oregon State University's reduced funding, stagnant enrollment and revitalization of a challenged PAC 12.

Third, if we see more tax increases, our guests will look to other markets to travel. This is evidenced as to the international community limiting their tourism to the United States, Canadians reducing their travel to Oregon, businesses choosing to find cheaper alternatives to help reduce their operating expenses.

Lastly, the lodging taxes have increased with the most recent tax based on a county tax. The consumers are murmuring their frustration and if the taxes keep increasing, they will go to other alternatives. This impacts not only the travel, but critical jobs for team members that find joy and pleasure serving travelers wanting to experience this beautiful state of Oregon.

Please reconsider this initiative that will impact MANY individuals and their livelihoods, since this will make a significant impact not only in Corvallis, OR, but the entire state. People have other options and will exercise their right to visit other states that make travel less frictionless.

Sincerely,

Todd Zoller