

Submitter: Patrick Nofield
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Revenue
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134
To House Committee on Revenue

I am writing on behalf of Escape Lodging Company to express our strong concerns regarding HB 4134. Our current transient lodging tax stands at 14%. The proposed statewide lodging tax outlined in Measure 4134 would increase this rate to 15.5%, making it one of the highest on the West Coast. For an average three-night stay in Cannon Beach, guests would pay nearly \$200 in transient lodging taxes—an amount equivalent to three or four dining experiences that could otherwise support our local restaurants.

We are deeply concerned that such an increase risks making our destination less competitive, potentially harming the local economy. The rationale for this additional tax—to support the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife—raises questions about its direct benefit to our community and tourism sector.

We respectfully urge you to vote no on HB 4134 to prevent further negative impacts on Oregon's already struggling economy.

Thank you for your consideration.