

Submitter: Becky Schwarzkopf
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Revenue
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4148

Chair and members of the committee,

I live and work in Eugene, where the city's share of transient lodging tax directly supports arts and cultural services, including the operations of Arts & Business Alliance of Eugene. HB 4148 creates an immediate risk to this funding by weakening protections that currently keep visitor-generated revenue invested in the assets that serve our community.

Divesting from the assets that serve our community, even for urgent needs like public safety, would have exponential effects including depressing visitor-generated revenue over time. HB 4148 would put cities in the impossible position of choosing between urgent needs like public safety and proven and perennial assets that serve our community like arts and culture. That's why I oppose HB 4148.

Respectfully,
Becky Schwarzkopf