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On Behalf Of: da Vinci Days Inc
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Chair Nathanson, Vice-Chair Reschke, Vice-Chair Walters, and members of the House Committee on Revenue:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in opposition to House Bill 4148.

My name is Anthony Odenthal, and I am the president of da Vinci Days Inc., a non-profit in Corvallis whose mission is to promote Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics STEAM. We do this through running the Graand Kinetic Challenge, which is a fun, wacky event where people can show off the fun side of STEAM. I don't have time to properly describe what we do, so I will only encourage you to come out to Corvallis for the third weekend in July, to see it for yourselves.

Events like the Graand Kinetic Challenge directly benefit from the use of local tourism dollars. For two decades, we could run this event with a total budget of under \$10,000. In the last few years, we have seen the costs more than double. Not only have costs gone up, but those businesses and organizations that provided free or discounted goods and services have had to cut back. Funds from the Transient Lodging Tax have directly helped to support our event. Funds that not only do we spend in the community to run the event, but we also bring in visitors to the area, who, in turn, spend money locally.

I would encourage you to seek other avenues to provide needed monies for vital services. Avenues that do not take away funds from local promotion. Events like the Graand Kinetic Challenge give each part of our state unique character and charm, and now more than ever, those events need all the help they can get.

Thank you for your time
Anthony Odenthal
da Vinci Days Inc