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To: Oregon Legislature

I am a resident of Manzanita, a small town in Tillamook County on the Oregon coast. Our coastal communities rely heavily on tourism dollars to pay our bills. Fisheries and Timber no longer provide consistent and reliable income to pay for roads, schools and emergency services. Our population is small, primarily rural and older than the Oregon average. The Federal Government and the State of Oregon do not fund our rural areas adequately, but HB 4148 offers local options to make up many fiscal deficiencies on our own.

I urge you to adjust the Transient Lodging Tax percentages to allow local communities flexibility to use the dollars raised from visitors to our towns to address current and future needs.

Passage of HB 4148 will help small, rural communities to keep our communities and towns vibrant, our beautiful environment healthy, and and our residents and visitors alike, safe.

thank you

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