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Chair Bowman, Vice-Chairs Elmer and Pham, and members of the House Committee on Rules:

For the record, my name is Greg Astley, Director of Government Affairs for the Oregon Restaurant & Lodging Association (ORLA).

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 4178.

As a statewide association, ORLA represents more than 11,000 restaurants, bars and other food service operations as well as over 2000 lodging operators in our state. As the third largest private sector employer in Oregon, the hospitality industry employs over 200,000 people serving customers like you every day.

While our national partners are seeking federal legislation – with some guidance being issued – many States are having to step in to provide guidance and clarity until a federal solution is enacted.

Hospitality businesses across our state handle a high volume of in-person cash transactions every day. This bill provides a practical, voluntary option that helps restaurants and hotels operate more efficiently while maintaining fairness and transparency for customers.

HB 4178 addresses ongoing challenges with coin availability. Many businesses continue to face difficulty obtaining pennies and other small denominations. Allowing voluntary rounding to the nearest five cents helps ensure transactions can move smoothly without delays or disruptions in service.

Importantly, this bill includes strong consumer protections. Businesses must clearly disclose any rounding policy, and customers always have the option to pay the exact amount if they prefer. The rounding method is neutral and applied consistently, ensuring fairness for both businesses and consumers over time.

Finally, HB 4178 provides needed legal clarity. It confirms that lawful rounding does not violate Oregon consumer or anti-discrimination laws, giving businesses confidence to adopt efficient and modern payment practices.

In short, this is a reasonable, voluntary, and transparent approach that benefits both customers and Oregon's hospitality industry.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and I respectfully urge your support for HB 4178.