

Submitter: Arvindkumar Mungra

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Arvindkumar Mungra, and I own the Motel 6 in Hermiston, Oregon. I am writing in strong opposition to HB 4134.

Running a hotel in Eastern Oregon is very different from operating in Portland or other large tourist areas. Our guests are working families, contractors, farm workers, truck drivers, and people traveling for medical appointments. Many are staying out of necessity, not luxury.

When taxes increase, we cannot simply absorb the cost — it is added to the guest's bill. That means higher total room rates for people who are already budgeting carefully. Even a few extra dollars per night makes a difference for someone staying a week or longer.

We already compete with neighboring states like Washington and Idaho, where travelers can easily cross state lines and pay less. Increasing Oregon's lodging tax makes us less competitive and pushes business away from our communities.

Small, locally operated hotels like mine are still dealing with higher insurance costs, increased wages, inflation in supplies, and rising property expenses. Another tax increase makes it harder for us to reinvest in our property, maintain staff, and keep rates affordable.

This bill may seem small on paper, but for rural communities like Hermiston, it has real consequences.

Please vote NO on HB 4134 and protect small lodging businesses in rural Oregon.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Arvindkumar Mungra

Owner, Motel 6

Hermiston, Oregon