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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

Hello Honorable Legislatures,

My name is Denise Caire. I'm a 6th-generation Oregonian and a 40-year resident in Hillsboro. I appreciate your time to hear and listen to my perspective.

I oppose this House Bill, 4134.

If this bill is so wonderful, then why does the Hotel Industry oppose it? The transient lodging tax is specifically and singularly to promote tourism. This bill sets up a never ending fight on which department receives this tax revenue.

It seems that every department and municipality wants a piece of the transient lodging tax. How much is Hillsboro, Washington County, and Oregon State already peeling off just to subsidize the Hops Stadium? It's not an endless stream of money. There is a finite amount of money that can only feed others so far. It's already overburdened by vanity endeavors, such as the Hops and the \$41,000,000 these government entities have already subsidized from a \$120,000,000 initial price tag. That has ballooned to \$156,000,000 in 2 years. That's just to build the stadium, a boondoggle promoted by Jerry Wiley, Stephen Callaway, Janeen Sollman and others who get a "piece" of the profit in one way or another.

I'm completely onboard to protect the many threatened species in Oregon. This bill is a sneaky and inappropriate path to generate money for ANOTHER department that needs to find a way to garner more revenue by free-riding on another department to their detriment.

If the ODFW needs more money, then let them find a way to do so within their own department. Maybe through hunting/fishing licenses, equipment, or state tax? This bill will only pit both departments against each other by co-mingling available money.

Thank you for taking time to hear AND listen. I seriously oppose HB 4134 and urge you to vote NO.

Respectfully,  
Denise Caire