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To: Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue

From: Sheriff Matt Phillips, Clatsop County
Oregon State Sheriffs' Association

Kevin Campbell, Executive Director
Oregon Association Chiefs of Police

Date: March 2, 2026

Re: **HB 4148 A – Testimony in Support
Transient Lodging Tax – Addressing Public Safety Tourism Impacts**

Chair Broadman, Vice-Chair McLane and members of the committee,

For the record, my name is Sheriff Matt Phillips. I serve as the Sheriff of Clatsop County and appear before you today on behalf of the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association (OSSA) and the Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) to express our strong support for HB 4148 A. This legislation is an important step toward helping tourism-impacted communities preserve public safety for both the people who live there and those who visit.

Tourism is a vital contributor to Oregon's economy, attracting millions of visitors each year. While this activity benefits local businesses and communities, it also creates significant and ongoing demands on public safety systems. Law enforcement agencies in destination areas experience increased calls for service, higher volumes of arrests, greater traffic and marine-related incidents, and added stress on correctional facilities. These responsibilities fall primarily on local agencies that often lack the resources necessary to keep pace with seasonal and year-round tourism impacts.

HB 4148 A offers a practical and responsible approach by authorizing the use of Transient Lodging Tax revenues to support public safety services. Allowing communities to direct a portion of these funds toward law enforcement and emergency response ensures that those areas most affected by tourism have the capacity to respond effectively to increased demand. This investment strengthens public safety infrastructure while promoting safe, vibrant, and welcoming communities.

On behalf of OSSA and OACP, we respectfully urge the committee to support HB 4148 A. Thank you for your time, your consideration, and your continued commitment to public safety across Oregon.