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On Behalf Of: McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce
Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4148

I am Ken Engelman, president of the McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce, which represents the nine incorporated communities in our region.

We are currently recognized as a "Connected Community" by Oregon Main Street and are actively pursuing full designation.

The current distribution of the transient lodging tax revenue is essential to funding this process. Our Main Street designation has been strongly endorsed by large segments of both the residential and business communities as a both logical and effective way to support recovery from the Holiday Farm - and the other wildland fires - that have severely impacted our area.

I strongly urge you to remove the resiliency grant provisions from HB 4148-7.