

Submitter: HB 4148

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4148

Chair and members of the Senate Committee,

I am writing to you regarding the recent amendments made to HB 4148, in addition to my testimony submitted on February 9, 2026.

I urge you to vote in opposition to HB 4148. The passage of this measure emboldens governments to continually go to the well of tourism and unfairly taxes Oregonians and visitors to Oregon. In Clatsop County, we have several cities and the county with slush funds of TLT laying around waiting to see if this bill will pass, rather than use the funds in ways stipulated by ORS 320.350. If there are any further amendments to this language, I would urge you to require transparent spending requirements prior to the passage of any new lodging tax increases which would include a plan as to how all funds will be spent.

The "small business resiliency grants" should be stricken from the language, as there are no parameters provided and it was not requested by opponents or proponents. The current issuance of TLT-restricted funding is not a good system currently, but this will only cause more issues.

Thank you for your consideration,

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