



HB 4148 A: Allowing net local transient lodging tax revenue to be used for resiliency grants for small businesses in the restaurant and lodging industry

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Good Morning Chair Broadman, Vice Chair McClane and Committee Members, my name is Richard Swift, I am testifying on behalf of Tax Fairness Oregon, a network of volunteers who advocate for a rational and equitable tax code.

TFO supports HB 4148 as amended where transient lodging tax revenues are split with at least 50% of the revenues going to tourism and no more than 50% going for local services. Supporting tourism is an important government activity. It is also necessary to support the infrastructure that enables communities relying on tourism to provide public safety, life safety and utilities at levels scaled to meet the needs of communities that can see populations double and/or triple during the season.

Compromise is a critical norm for functional governance, please pass HB 4148 as amended.

Thank you.

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