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Oregon House Approves New Revenue Split for Transient Lodging Taxes (TLT)

Salem, OR — Today, the Oregon Legislature passed <u>House Bill 3962</u>, modifying how local governments allocate revenue from transient lodging taxes (TLT). The bill gives local governments greater flexibility to invest in essential services, while preserving a dedicated funding stream to support Oregon's vibrant tourism economy.

This change establishes a revised revenue-sharing framework: no more than 60% of TLT revenues may be directed to a local government's general fund, while no less than 40% must be used for tourism promotion and marketing efforts.

"This new ratio strikes a practical balance—supporting tourism while giving cities and counties flexibility to invest in services impacted by visitors," **said Representative Jules Walters (D-West Linn/Tualatin)**. "It ensures tourism marketing remains funded at sustainable levels while addressing local needs."

Tourism remains a cornerstone of many local economies, and the 40% minimum investment in promotion and marketing ensures that Oregon will continue to attract visitors, support local businesses, and grow tourism-related jobs.

"This is a win-win for economic development and for local governments who need tools to respond to the impacts of tourism," **Walters** added. "It's a targeted, reasonable adjustment that gives communities more control and flexibility, while honoring the importance of Oregon's tourism sector."

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