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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3556

Hello, members of the committee,

Thank you for taking my written testimony regarding HB3556

The majority of the lodging tax generated in Crook County already goes to the County's general fund, which supports many other services, including public safety. At the City level, funding would be redirected toward non-tourism services, eliminating the ability to support and grow tourism in our city and county. With the passing of HB 3556, a growing economic driver for our region would be at risk, impacting local jobs and businesses across the region and within our communities.

Our Chamber of Commerce team and both the City and County have worked to create a tourism-friendly community, which includes public safety in all aspects of tourism in the area. It has been a group effort with all local entities working in concert to create a safe and effective tourism destination within Crook County and we feel this bill would eliminate what we have already built as part of our current model of operations.

Thank you,
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