

76TH OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
SENATE FINANCE AND REVENUE COMMITTEE

MEASURE: SB 307
CARRIER:

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, statement not yet issued
FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

Preliminary

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 3/30

WHAT THE BILL DOES: Expands allowable purpose for new or increased local transient lodging tax to include funding for tourism related services.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Tourism related service allowance and detentions.
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EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

BACKGROUND:

HB 2267 of the 2003 session changed the way transient lodging taxes are treated in Oregon. It imposed a state wide 1% tax on transient Lodging (hotel/motel and other lodging, which was further clarified in 2005 to include houses cabins and other temporary human occupancy. Lodging providers collect and keep 5%, while The Department of Revenue (DOR) administers the collection of the tax and transfers net of collection cost (max 2%) to the Tourism commission. Start January 1, 2004, and transmit quarterly

The tax revenue was made specific (statutory dedication) Fund to promote and encourage State tourism marketing and regional marketing program. This included facilities financing or refinancing. The law put a moratorium on local government imposing new or expanding existing taxes unless the new local taxes are at least (70%) targeted to tourism related expenditures. The other 30% are allowed to go to local government services. This measure expands the allowable uses of this tax revenue to include "Services" related to tourism.

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