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## SUMMARY

Increases state transient lodging tax rate. Requires 50 percent of increased revenue to be distributed to Travel Oregon to promote cultural tourism to Oregon in markets outside Oregon and 50 percent to be used by Oregon Tourism Commission to award grants to bring to Oregon shows or artists from outside Oregon.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to cultural tourism in Oregon; creating new provisions; amending
ORS 284.131 and 320.305; prescribing an effective date; and providing for
revenue raising that requires approval by a three-fifths majority.

5 Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

6 **SECTION 1.** ORS 320.305 is amended to read:

7 320.305. (1) A tax of [*one*] \_\_\_\_\_ percent is imposed on any consideration 8 rendered for the sale, service or furnishing of transient lodging. The tax 9 imposed by this subsection shall be in addition to and not in lieu of any local 10 transient lodging tax. The tax shall be collected by the transient lodging 11 provider.

12 (2) The transient lodging provider shall withhold five percent of the 13 amount the provider collects under subsection (1) of this section for the 14 purpose of reimbursing the provider for the cost of tax collection, record 15 keeping and reporting.

16 <u>SECTION 2.</u> The amendments to ORS 320.305 by section 1 of this 17 2013 Act apply to consideration rendered on or after the effective date 18 of this 2013 Act for the sale, service or furnishing of transient lodging. 1 **SECTION 3.** ORS 284.131 is amended to read:

2 284.131. (1) All moneys collected, received by or appropriated to the 3 Oregon Tourism Commission must be deposited into an account established 4 by the commission in a depository bank insured by the Federal Deposit In-5 surance Corporation. In a manner consistent with the requirements of ORS 6 chapter 295, the chair of the commission shall ensure that sufficient collat-7 eral secures any amount of funds on deposit that exceeds the limits of the 8 Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's coverage.

9 (2) Subject to the approval of the chair, the commission may invest mon-10 eys collected or received by the commission. Investments made by the com-11 mission must be limited to investments described in ORS 294.035 (3)(a) to (i).

(3) Interest earned on any moneys invested under subsection (2) of this
section must be made available to the commission in a manner consistent
with the biennial budget of the commission.

15 (4) Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section, the commis-16 sion shall spend state transient lodging tax moneys appropriated to the 17 commission under ORS 320.335 as follows:

(a) At least 80 percent must be used to fund state tourism marketingprograms.

20 (b) As much as 15 percent must be used to implement a regional cooper-21 ative tourism marketing program that:

(A) Requires fund allocations to focus on creating new business from
 out-of-state and international markets;

(B) Utilizes a regional allocation formula that distributes revenue to regions, the boundaries of which are established by the commission, in proportion to the amount of transient lodging tax revenues collected in each region;

(C) Distributes revenue to recipients that are selected by the commission
as organizations able to conduct tourism-related marketing for each region;
(D) Requires advertising, publications, CD-ROMs, websites, videos and
other tourism promotion materials funded through the regional cooperative

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tourism marketing program to carry the Oregon Tourism Commission logoand marketing tag line; and

3 (E) Encourages funding recipients to incorporate design elements from 4 commission advertising and promotional campaigns, such as fonts, images 5 and other design elements.

(5)(a) Any amount of tax on transient lodging that is imposed under
ORS 320.305 in an amount in excess of one percent of the consideration
rendered and appropriated to the commission under ORS 320.335 shall
be spent in the manner prescribed in paragraph (b) of this subsection.
(b)(A) Fifty percent of the amount described in paragraph (a) of this
subsection shall be distributed to Travel Oregon for the purpose of
promoting cultural tourism to Oregon in markets outside the state.

(B) Fifty percent of the amount described in paragraph (a) of this 13 subsection shall be deposited by the commission in a separate account 14 that conforms to the requirements of subsection (1) of this section and 15shall be used by the commission to award competitive grants to 16 nonprofit arts organizations in Oregon for the purpose of bringing to 17Oregon shows or artists from outside the state. The awards may not 18 be used to fund the operations of the nonprofit arts organizations that 19 receive grants under this subparagraph. 20

(c) The commission may adopt rules to establish procedures and
 standards for distributions and awards made under this subsection.

[(5)] (6) All moneys in the account that are not state transient lodging tax revenues are continuously appropriated to the commission for the purposes of carrying out the functions of the commission.

[(6)] (7) All expenditures from the account are exempt from any state expenditure limitation.

<u>SECTION 4.</u> This 2013 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date
 on which the 2013 regular session of the Seventy-seventh Legislative
 Assembly adjourns sine die.

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