

**Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session**  
**STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**  
**House Committee On Rules**

**MEASURE: HB 2635**  
**CARRIER: Rep. Lively**

**Fiscal:** No Fiscal Impact  
**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 03/16/15

**Action:** Do Pass.

**Meeting Dates:** 02/16, 03/16

**Vote:**  
Yeas: 8 - Barnhart, Hoyle, Kennemer, McLane, Nosse, Rayfield, Smith Warner, Wilson  
Exc: 1 - Gilliam

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires ballot title for measure proposing local option tax to state that estimated tax cost may reflect impact of early payment discounts, compression and collection rate. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Explanations for why less revenue is collected than estimated or proposed
- Identifies elements that may impact amount of revenue collected
- Increase transparency for voters
- Impact of Ballot Measures 5 and 50 on revenue

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Current Oregon law requires that whenever a proposed local option tax is submitted to voters by any subdivision, the statement in the ballot title, which explains the measure's primary purpose and gives reasons for the measure, shall state the total amount of money to be raised by the proposed local option tax, in dollars and cents. If the statement in the ballot title for the measure submitted includes an estimated tax impact, the estimate is to be based on the most current estimate of assessed value from the county assessor. The measure must have the statement: "The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of estimate."

House Bill 2635 requires the ballot title for a local option tax measure with an estimated tax impact include an expanded statement, "The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of estimate *and may reflect the impact of early payment discounts, compression and the collection rate.*"