



March 14, 2017

House Committee on Revenue
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: HB 3180: Support for information sharing for purposes of administering transient lodging taxes.

Dear Chair Barnhart, Vice-Chair Bentz, Vice-Chair Smith Warner, and members of the House Committee on Revenue,

I am writing to share the City of Beaverton's support for House Bill 3180. With tourism becoming an increasing part of Oregon and Beaverton's economy, we need to ensure that everyone who is responsible for paying a transient lodging tax is doing so at both the state and local levels.

Beaverton recently enacted a 4% transient lodging tax aimed at supporting our Center for the Arts, a 450-seat center for professional theater, dance, live music, and arts education, located in the Creekside District, that will attract and increase regional visitors into the community. Allowing information to be shared between the Department of Revenue and local jurisdictions with transient lodging taxes such as ours, will provide a cross-check that those paying local taxes are also paying the state tax, and vice versa.

While Beaverton does not directly administer the transient lodging tax (Washington County does on our behalf via an intergovernmental agreement), HB 3180 is an important accountability tool to ensure fairness and consistency in revenue for tourism projects.

The City of Beaverton urges your support for House Bill 3180.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick O'Claire". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Patrick O'Claire
Finance Director