

HB 3101 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Business and Labor

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prohibits hotel or innkeeper from charging facility fee in addition to rental price of guest room.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Hotel guests may be surprised when required to pay a resort fee in addition to the advertised rental charge. Resort fees are billed to cover amenities such as newspapers, exercise and pool facilities, and internet access. In 2012, the Federal Trade Commission sent letters to major hotel operators reminding them that they should be including any mandatory resort fees in the reservation rate quoted to consumers.

House Bill 3101 prohibits hotel and innkeepers from charging a facility fee in addition to the rental charge. The bill specifies that hotel and innkeepers are not prohibited from assessing transient lodging taxes.