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**Oregon Progressive Party
Position on Bill at 2018
Session of Oregon Legislature:**

HB 4120: Support

Dear Committee:

The Oregon Progressive Party supports HB 4120, which:

- Expands definition of “transient lodging intermediary” to include person that collects consideration for occupancy of transient lodging and person that receives fee or commission and requires transient lodging provider to use specified third-party entity to collect consideration for occupancy transient lodging.
- Provides joint and several liability for state transient lodging tax for each and every owner of transient lodging.
- Provides rules governing filing of local transient lodging tax returns.
- Authorizes unit of local government to subpoena and examine witnesses, administer oaths and order production of evidence hands of any person as necessary and proper in prosecution of inquiries related to local transient lodging tax.

This bill is needed in order to enable Oregon local governments to effectively collect their transient lodging taxes applicable to short-term rentals arranged through entities such as AirBNB. It is far more efficient that AirBNB pay the tax rather than the owner of each individual dwelling that is rented through its services.

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