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Legislators:

The Depoe Bay City Council discussed **HB 4120** last night at our February 6, 2018, meeting and decided to add our voice in support of fair lodging tax collection.

Depoe Bay is a beautiful Central Coast town of 1,440 residents. The majority of our businesses are tourist and hospitality based. We rely on the fair collection of our 9.5% transitory room tax to fund city services and our harbor. Depoe Bay does not have a traditional tax base to fund these services, and in fact, we are too small to initiate collection and auditing of what HB 4120 refers to as "transient lodging intermediaries."

HB 4120 will ensure all lodging facilities pay their fair share. At this time, we do not know if this is happening; however, a quick review of the Airbnb website for Depoe Bay reveals more than 45 lodgings taking reservations and payment via Airbnb, and likely other similar websites.

Mayor Barbara Leff will soon be contacting other coastal mayors to hear their thoughts about HB 4120. This letter is to assure you that our City Council has discussed the matter and we fully support your effort to ensure fair collection of local room tax.

Sincerely,

Debbie Callender
Depoe Bay City Councilor