HB 3180 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Revenue

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes Department of Revenue and units of local government to disclose to each other information related to administration of transient lodging tax laws. Provides process for ensuring confidentiality of state transient lodging tax information.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 the amendment adds ORS 314.835 after the Notwithstanding.

BACKGROUND:

HB 4146 directed the Legislative Revenue Office to lead an interim work group to study a series of specific travel industry issues. HB 4146 marked the first major change in Oregon's statewide transient lodging tax law since it was created in 2003 with the passage of HB 2267. HB 4146 directed the Legislative Revenue Office to lead a work group to examine a series of issues that arose during the 2016 Legislative session. These specific issues are identified in this report along with specific responses to each based on work group deliberations.

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https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/lro/Documents/HB%204146%20Work%20Group%20Report.pdf

One of the workgroup major findings was: The work group recognized that structural changes within the lodging industry, such as the involvement of intermediaries and vacation/home rentals, can complicate the ability of state and local governments to ensure compliance with the transient lodging tax laws. To improve the information available to both state and local

governments, the work group recommends that the Department of Revenue be granted statutory authority to enter into information sharing agreements with local governments concerning transient lodging taxpayers.