

HB 2171 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Economic Development, Small Business, and Trade

Action Date: 04/02/25

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Revenue by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 7-0-2-0

Yeas: 7 - Diehl, Dobson, Isadore, Lively, Osborne, Skarlatos, Yunker

Exc: 2 - Nguyen D, Watanabe

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

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Meeting Dates: 3/5, 4/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure allows transient lodging tax collectors to withhold the tax for certain camping sites. It takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Detailed Summary:

Allows transient lodging tax collectors to withhold the tax for certain camping sites, provided that the tax money is used directly for the operation or promotion of their camping sites. Eligible camping sites include those with 50 or fewer sites with both direct electrical hookups and individual sewer hookups that are located on county fairgrounds and have been certified by the Oregon Tourism Commission as facilities that cater to tourists. Directs the commission to adopt rules by which camping sites may be certified to withhold the tax.

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ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Impact to Recreational Vehicle (RV) facilities
- Amount of tax collected from county fairground camping sites
- Administration costs
- Frequency of reporting and collection
- Minimum threshold to report
- Total revenue impact

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon Tourism Commission, also known as Travel Oregon, is a semi-independent state agency that works to increase demand for travel and optimize the economic impact of tourism to the state's economy. The state transient lodging tax, established by House Bill 2267 (2003) funds Commission programs. It is currently set at 1.5 percent. Transient lodging providers and intermediaries must collect and remit the state transient lodging tax. The transient lodging tax collector is defined as whoever collects payment for occupancy of transient lodging. Certain locations are exempt from paying this tax, including health care facilities, emergency shelters, and military facilities.

House Bill 2171 A allows transient lodging tax collectors to withhold the tax for certain camping sites on county fairgrounds certified by the Commission as facilities that cater to tourists. It requires that the money withheld is

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used directly for the operation or promotion of the camping sites.