

Clear Facts on Local Lodging Taxes

Local governments across Oregon enjoy significant flexibility in how they currently spend sales tax revenue generated and collected by the lodging industry.

Over 110 local governments levy a sales tax on the lodging industry. The following examples represent real time facts about the percentage of lodging taxes these local governments can spend however they want with no restrictions.

For these reasons and many others, statewide changes for all local governments is unwarranted. In addition, the changes proposed in HB 3962 will make the

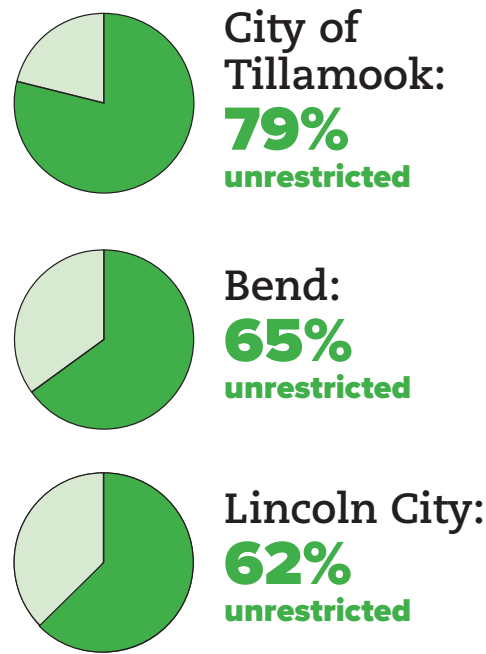
situation potentially much worse for local tourism budgets which provide needed jobs and promote economic development.

House Bill 3962 and its many proposed amendments are not the solution.

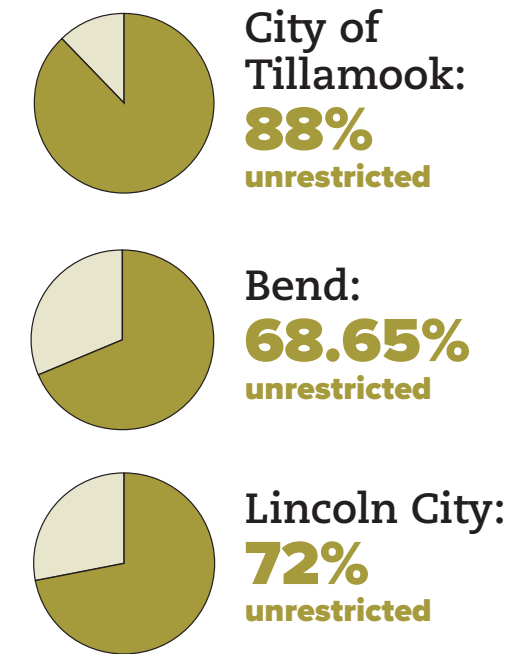
WHAT IS THE SOLUTION?


Before making any changes to existing laws, we need full transparency from all local governments on how much TLT revenue they currently spend with full flexibility, as shown in the examples below.


Current tourism budgets:





Change to tourism budgets if HB 3962 passes:



 Percentage of lodging taxes these local governments can currently spend however they want with no restrictions.

 Percentage of lodging taxes these local governments will be able to spend however they want with no restrictions if HB 3962 passes.

 Percentage of lodging taxes currently protected to fund Oregon tourism promotion and tourism-related facilities.

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