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**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 722** HLS 16RS 957

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.: **w/ PROP HSE COMM AMD**

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Registration of online hotel marketers		

REVENUE DEPARTMENT

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Provides relative to registration of certain online hotel marketplaces and collection of the tax imposed on certain online hotel sales

Current law directs those selling hotel rooms to remit state sales tax to LDR and local sales tax to the appropriate local authorities. Online marketers of excess rooms pay sales tax when purchasing the rooms directly from the hotel. Online marketers of residential rentals have not typically collected sales tax because hotels historically were defined as having 6 rooms or more. The law was changed effective April 1, 2016, in Act 17 of 2016 First Extraordinary Session to include all hotel room rentals, regardless of the number of rooms.

Proposed law requires the Department of Revenue to promulgate rules to provide for registration of online hotel marketplaces. The Secretary is directed to allocate existing resources to implement this registration.

Effective July 1, 2016.

Proposed Amendments HCAHB722 2991 4406

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

The bill requires the Department of Revenue to provide by rule for the registration of online hotel marketers. This will presumably be the same procedure already in place for all hotels and, if so, will likely readily fit within the configuration of the current system, especially with electronic filing availability.

The bill directs this action to occur by allocating existing resources within the Department. Such provisions do not necessarily mean there is no cost associated with the requirements of a bill; only that those costs are implicit in the replacement or delay of other functions/activities of an agency. In this case, it may be reasonable to assume that the agency can absorb associated costs since there are expected to be only a few online marketers registering, and they will do so in the same manner and within the same system as existing hotels.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure. The bill directs the secretary to promulgate rules for the registration of online hotel marketplaces within the department.

While this action might result in some online marketers collecting and remitting sales tax on hotel room rentals that were previously not collected, no directive or guidance as to any tax collections is provided in the bill.

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13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}

6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}

13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}

6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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