

Administrative Services/Finance

HB 3180	Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
Bill Info	Support	2	3/2/17	Josh Eggleston	Committee 03.17.17

Summary: 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. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Comments: HB 3180 would allow the sharing of information between the State and local governments. This bill would be helpful for auditing.

Status:

3/14/17 H - Public Hearing held.

3/7/17 H - Referred to Revenue.

3/1/17 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

HB 3326	Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
Bill Info	Oppose	1	3/5/17	Josh Eggleston	Committee 03.17.17

Summary: Authorizes centrally assessed company with outstanding property taxes of at least \$174 million for property tax years beginning before July 1, 2016, to satisfy tax liability by paying 75 percent of amount due. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Comments: HB 3326 Would allow a 25% discount on certain outstanding tax liabilities.

Status:

3/9/17 H - Referred to Revenue.

3/2/17 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

SB 0876	Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
Bill Info	Oppose	2	3/2/17	Josh Eggleston	Committee 03.17.17

Summary: Provides that, unless otherwise provided in charter of city, county or metropolitan service district, local government or special government body measure proposing increase in taxes may be approved only by three-fifths majority of voters casting votes on measure. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Comments: SB 876 would increase the majority need to pass a tax measure to 60%.

Status:

3/2/17 S - Referred to Rules.

2/28/17 S - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.

SB 0877	Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
Bill Info	Oppose	2	3/2/17	Josh Eggleston	Committee 03.17.17

Summary: Provides that local government or special government body measure proposing increase in taxes may be submitted to people only at general election, unless otherwise provided in charter of city, county or metropolitan service district. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Comments: SB 877 would only allow property tax measures during a general election.

Status:

3/2/17 S - Referred to Rules.

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S - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.

Police

[HB 2021](#)

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Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
Support	2	1/8/17	Steve Birr	Committee 03.17.17

Summary: Establishes procedures for sentencing defendant as sexually violent dangerous offender for certain first degree sex crimes. Provides for sentencing proceeding with trial jury. Requires sentence of life imprisonment with minimum term of 20 years' imprisonment after certain jury findings made. Establishes procedures for release by State Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision after defendant serves minimum term.

Comments: Increases mandatory minimum sentencing for defendant determined to be a sexually violent dangerous offender.

Status:

1/17/17

H - Referred to Judiciary.

1/9/17

H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

[HB 2126](#)

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Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
Oppose	2	1/8/17	Steve Birr	Committee 03.17.17

Summary: Repeals requirement that person engaged in business of selling, leasing or otherwise transferring firearms record in register purchase or acceptance in trade of used firearm and provide copy of record to law enforcement agency.

Comments: Repeals requirement of pawnbroker to report firearm transfers to local police.

Status:

1/17/17

H - Referred to Judiciary.

1/9/17

H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

[HB 2176](#)

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Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
Support	1	1/11/17	Steve Birr	Committee 03.17.17

Summary: Authorizes moneys in Mental Health Alcoholism and Drug Services Account to be used by counties to provide funding to sobering facilities. Exempts sobering facilities receiving moneys from account from requirements to report data to Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission.

Comments: Provides funding for sobering facilities.

Status:

1/17/17

H - Referred to Judiciary.

1/9/17

H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

[HB 2240](#)

[Bill Info](#)

Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
Oppose	2	1/8/17	Steve Birr	Committee 03.17.17

Summary: Prohibits landlord from terminating month-to-month tenancy without cause. Allows landlord to terminate month-to-month tenancy without cause under certain circumstances or if landlord provides tenant with relocation assistance equal to three months' rent. Requires landlord to provide 90 days' written notice for tenancy renewal or termination under certain circumstances. Permits tenant to renew rental agreement if landlord did not invoke exception or terminate for cause. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

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Comments: Eliminates 30 day no cause eviction, which is an effective tool for property managers to eliminate problem tenants.

Status:

1/17/17 H - Referred to Human Services and Housing.

1/9/17 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

[HB 2294](#)

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Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
Support	2	1/8/17	Steve Birr	Committee 03.17.17

Summary: Adds persons representing public to policy committees established by Board on Public Safety Standards and Training.

Comments: Adds persons representing the public to policy committees at DPSST. Increases transparency.

Status:

2/14/17 S - First reading. Referred to President's desk.

2/14/17 S - Referred to Judiciary.

2/13/17 H - Third reading. Carried by Barker. Passed.

2/9/17 H - Second reading.

2/8/17 H - Recommendation: Do pass.

2/6/17 H - Public Hearing and Work Session held.

1/17/17 H - Referred to Judiciary.

1/9/17 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

[HB 2597](#)

[Bill Info](#)

Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
Support	2	1/9/17	Steve Birr	Committee 03.17.17

Summary: Renames offense of operating motor vehicle while using mobile communication device as offense of operating motor vehicle while using mobile electronic device. Defines "mobile electronic device." Provides for suspension of execution of fine for first offense if person completes distracted driving avoidance course. Increases penalty for offense. Further increases penalty if offense contributes to accident or is second or subsequent offense. Punishes by maximum fine of \$2,000.

Comments: Increases penalty for using a mobile electronic device.

Status:

2/27/17 H - Public Hearing held.

1/17/17 H - Referred to Judiciary.

1/9/17 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

[HB 2826](#)

[Bill Info](#)

Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
Support	2	2/7/17	Steve Birr	Committee 03.17.17

Summary: Requires court to impose mandatory minimum sentence of imprisonment if person is convicted of crime of fleeing or attempting to elude police officer under certain circumstances.

Comments: Mandatory minimum sentence for crime of attempting to elude a police officer in a vehicle if traveling over 30 mph in excess of the speed limit.

Status:

2/7/17 H - Referred to Judiciary.

2/6/17 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

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<u>SB 0268</u>	Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
<u>Bill Info</u>	Oppose	2	1/11/17	Steve Birr	Committee 03.17.17
Summary:	Requires Department of Human Services and law enforcement agencies to investigate reports of abuse that occurred at school or in educational setting or that are made by school employees. Establishes requirements for investigations of reports of alleged abuse occurring in nonfamily setting. Requires investigators of reports of abuse occurring in nonfamily setting to have training specific to unique circumstances of nonfamily settings. Declares emergency, effective on passage.				
Comments:	Requires that officers investigating abuse complaints in a non-family setting have training specific to the unique circumstances of a non-family setting. This is an unfunded mandate. Further, it specifies that parents of alleged victims "shall have access to reports and documents." This could hamper an investigation.				
Status:					
3/13/17	S - Public Hearing held.				
1/17/17	S - Referred to Human Services, then Judiciary.				
1/9/17	S - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.				
<u>SB 0357</u>	Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
<u>Bill Info</u>	Oppose	2	1/11/17	Steve Birr	Committee 03.17.17
Summary:	Removes entering or remaining unlawfully in or on public transit vehicle or public transit station as manner of committing crime of interfering with public transportation.				
Comments:	Removes entering or remaining in or on public transit vehicle or facility from crime of interfering with public transit.				
Status:					
1/17/17	S - Referred to Judiciary.				
1/9/17	S - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.				
<u>SB 0475</u>	Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
<u>Bill Info</u>	Oppose	2	1/9/17	Steve Birr	Committee 03.17.17
Summary:	Permits school bus driver to operate video recording device for purpose of recording persons who fail to stop for bus safety lights. Permits law enforcement agency to issue citation for failure to stop for bus safety lights based on report submitted by school bus driver that includes recording of violation.				
Comments:	Permits school bus drivers to operate a "video recording device" to record persons failing to stop for school bus and allows police to issue citations for those violations. As written, this could be a Go-Pro, which wouldn't prove the lights on the bus were activated.				
Status:					
1/17/17	S - Referred to Judiciary.				
1/9/17	S - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.				
<u>SB 0675</u>	Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
<u>Bill Info</u>	Oppose	2	2/2/17	Steve Birr	Committee 03.17.17
Summary:	Allows person to carry concealed firearm on person or in vehicle if person can legally possess firearms under Oregon law and meets certain criteria. Exempts certain transferees from private firearm transfer criminal background check requirement.				

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Comments: Would allow a person with a stalking order to carry a concealed weapon if they have a pending application (not hugely problematic). Would exempt them from private firearm transfer criminal background check requirement (problematic).

Status:

2/6/17 S - Referred to Judiciary.

2/1/17 S - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.

Urban Development

[SB 0467](#)

[Bill Info](#)

Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
Oppose	1	1/9/17	Sara Long	Committee 03.17.17

Summary: Authorizes Legislative Administration Committee to enter into agreements with City of Salem to assign authority over certain parking spaces. Authorizes committee to impose parking regulations over spaces during time when spaces are within exclusive control of committee. Directs Department of State Police to enforce regulations imposed by committee. Directs Oregon Department of Administrative Services to collect fines for violation of parking restrictions.

Comments: SB 0467

The Capitol Mall on-street parking bill is one in which we oppose for the following reasons:

- Within the bill there is no mention of the acquired spaces being purchased at the daily fee set by Salem City Council, the language implies it would be free parking. Losing the parking revenue during the legislative session would have a negative impact to parking revenues which go to the City's General Fund.
- The methods of enforcement outlined in the bill are inconsistent with current on-street enforcement which could create confusion to parkers.
- On street parking is designated as public parking, this bill would go against the policy of providing public parking in a way which is equitable and fair to all users as it would favor one type of user.

Status:

3/22/17 S - Public Hearing and Possible Work Session scheduled.

1/17/17 S - Referred to General Government and Accountability.

1/9/17 S - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.

Public Works

[HB 2110](#)

[Bill Info](#)

Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
Oppose	2	1/8/17	Pat Dodge	Committee 03.17.17

Summary: Requires Environmental Quality Commission to, no later than January 1, 2022, adopt by rule standards and programs for reducing diesel emissions from medium-duty trucks, heavy-duty trucks and nonroad diesel engines.

Comments: This bill would require replacing the older diesel engines with newer, more efficient, cleaner diesel engines. However, the cost of replacement might exceed the value of the vehicle and might not be technically or mechanically possible. The City of Salem already complies with Federal emission standards when purchasing new vehicles. This would force the City to purchase new vehicles prior to normal replacement. Federal emission standards are already becoming more stringent. This bill is unnecessary and an unfunded mandate.

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1/17/17 H - Referred to Energy and Environment.
1/9/17 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

[HB 2162](#)

[Bill Info](#)

Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
Oppose	2	1/8/17	Pat Dodge	Committee 03.17.17

Summary: Requires state contracting agency that awards public improvement contract with contract price of more than \$5 million to require contractor to employ apprentices to perform 10 percent of work hours on public improvement that workers in apprenticeable occupations perform. Increases apprentice employment requirement to 12 percent in 2022. Exempts Department of Transportation from requirement. Specifies reporting requirements for contractor. Requires Bureau of Labor and Industries to establish and provide staffing for advisory committee that monitors implementation of and compliance with Act. Becomes operative January 1, 2018. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Comments: Establishes an apprentice program that requires 10 percent of the work hours to be done by apprentices. Substantial documentation by the public agency and contractors which would increase costs of performing public works projects. The record keeping required for contractors and subcontractors to submit to BOLI is substantial.

Status:

3/22/17 H - Public Hearing scheduled.
1/17/17 H - Referred to Business and Labor with subsequent referral to Ways and Means.
1/9/17 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

[HB 2670](#)

[Bill Info](#)

Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
Oppose	2	1/9/17	Pat Dodge	Committee 03.17.17

Summary: Provides that contracting agency, in solicitation for procurement, must require bidder or proposer to disclose violations of certain laws. Permits bidder or proposer to describe circumstances of violation and steps bidder or proposer took to remedy violation and improve future compliance with laws. Requires contracting agency, in consultation with Attorney General or local contracting review board, to determine whether violations, remedies and assurances of improved compliance, taken together, warrant finding that bidder or proposer has satisfactory record of integrity and is otherwise responsible. Provides that contractor must require prospective subcontractor to make disclosures similar to disclosures contractor made to contracting agency in bid or proposal. Requires public contract to provide that contractor and subcontractor must update list of violations every 180 days during term of public contract. Permits contracting agency to consider certain actions after disclosure of new violations. Becomes operative January 1, 2018. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Comments: Requires public contract to provide that contractor and subcontractor must update list of violations every 180 days during term of public contract. Permits contracting agency to consider certain actions after disclosure of new violations. Unfunded mandate.

Status:

3/22/17 H - Public Hearing scheduled.
1/17/17 H - Referred to Business and Labor.
1/9/17 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

[HB 3203](#)

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Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
Oppose	2	3/2/17	Pat Dodge	Committee 03.17.17

Summary: Requires contracting agency to perform analysis to determine whether constructing public improvement with contracting agency's own equipment and personnel will result in least cost to contracting agency. Requires contracting agency to file analysis with Secretary of State. Permits Secretary of State to investigate contracting agency's alleged violation of Act and certain other statutes. Requires Secretary of State to investigate alleged violation in response to complaint from construction contractor or trade association that represents construction contractors. Permits Secretary of State to enter final order that sets forth terms of any agreement between contracting agency and construction contractor or trade association. Permits party to agreement with contracting agency made in accordance with order of Secretary of State to bring action in court of this state to enforce terms of agreement. Permits court to award actual damages to plaintiff in action or to enjoin contracting agency from violation. Becomes operative January 1, 2018. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

Comments: Requires public agency to perform an analysis of cost of the contracting agency (city) performing the work versus contracting out. Analysis must be submitted to the Secretary of State. Allows the Secretary of State to investigate. Unfunded mandate. Takes away local dicission making.

Status:

3/22/17 H - Public Hearing scheduled.
3/8/17 H - Referred to Business and Labor.
3/1/17 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

[SB 1008](#)

[Bill Info](#)

Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
Oppose	2	3/10/17	Pat Dodge	Committee 03.17.17

Summary: Beginning January 1, 2018, requires certain public improvement contracts to reserve one percent of total contract price for performing repowers or retrofits of certain diesel engines used in course of performing contract. Sunsets requirement on January 2, 2030. Requires Department of Environmental Quality to establish and maintain statewide inventory of nonroad diesel engines. Requires department to complete initial inventory no later than July 1, 2018. Beginning January 1, 2020, requires certain nonroad diesel engines to be registered with department. Authorizes Environmental Quality Commission to adopt rules and registration fees. Directs commission to adopt by rule diesel engine emission standards for medium-duty trucks, heavy-duty trucks and nonroad diesel engines operative January 1, 2___. Requires commission to phase in implementation of certain standards. Authorizes State of Oregon to deposit moneys received pursuant to settlement agreements in Clean Diesel Engine Fund and engage in certain uses of moneys. Adds grants and loans for replacements to permissible uses of moneys in Clean Diesel Engine Fund. Repeals state preemption of local regulation of idling by primary engines in commercial vehicles. Declares legislative intent for use of federal funds received as congestion mitigation and air quality improvement grants. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2017.

Comments: Requires reserving 1% of contract price for retrofitting of certain diesel engines. Requirements already in place.

Status:

3/8/17 S - Public Hearing held.
3/6/17 S - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.
3/6/17 S - Referred to Environment and Natural Resources.

Community Development

HB 2007	Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
Bill Info	Oppose	2	3/2/17	Eunice Kim	Committee 03.17.17

Summary: Requires city or county to review and decide on applications for certain housing developments containing affordable housing units as first priority. Establishes standards of review for city or county decision on application for certain housing developments containing affordable housing units. Directs Housing and Community Services Department to develop and implement program to produce standard housing development designs. Requires department to submit designs to Department of Consumer and Business Services for review and approval. Program becomes operative on September 15, 2017. Directs Department of Consumer and Business Services to review and approve housing development designs produced under program within 30 days after submission. Provides city or county with population of 25,000 or fewer with expedited review and approval process for applications for housing development design. Requires city and county to allow nonresidential place of worship to use real property for affordable housing. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

Comments: HB 2007 appears to preempt local authority. It would require the City to process applications for affordable housing projects before all other application types. It is unclear how this would occur. The State would develop affordable housing designs, and it appears that the City could not deny such a housing project based on local zoning regulations or the Comprehensive Plan. Denials of affordable housing projects based on design objections could be remanded by the Land Use Board of Appeals to the City for approval.

Status:

3/14/17 H - Public Hearing held.
3/3/17 H - Referred to Human Services and Housing.
3/1/17 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

Human Resources

HB 2169	Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
Bill Info	Oppose	2	1/8/17	Mina Hanssen	Committee 03.17.17

Summary: Limits certain attorney fee awards to employee who prevails on claim against employer in wage and hour and employment cases.

Comments: Changes awarding of attorney fees in wage & hour disputes from prevailing party to only plaintiff.

Status:

2/13/17 H - Public Hearing held.
1/17/17 H - Referred to Business and Labor.
1/9/17 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

HB 3087	Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
Bill Info	Oppose	2	3/2/17	Mina Hanssen	Committee 03.17.17

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Summary: Creates family and medical leave insurance program to provide covered employee with portion of wages while on family medical leave or military leave. Requires employer and employee contributions to fund program. Allows self-employed individuals to opt into program. Directs Director of Department of Consumer and Business Services to establish contribution amounts and timeline for availability of benefits. Establishes Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund. Amends Oregon family leave law to allow for leave after employee has been employed for 90 days with employer to match waiting period for benefits. Protects employee's position of employment with employer while employee is on leave. Prohibits employer from retaliating against employee who invokes program and from interfering with employee rights under program. Requires director to work with other agencies and promulgate rules for administration of program. Allows director to contract with outside entities for remittance and other actions necessary for administration of program. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Comments: Creates new state run insurance program paid by employers for employees who are out on family medical leave.

Status:

4/6/17 H - Work Session scheduled.
3/23/17 H - Public Hearing scheduled.
3/3/17 H - Referred to Early Childhood and Family Supports with subsequent referral to Revenue.
2/27/17 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

[HB 3130](#)

[Bill Info](#)

Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
Oppose	2	3/2/17	Mina Hanssen	Committee 03.17.17

Summary: Modifies funding mechanism for public employees' health care benefit to avoid excise tax under Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Requires local governments and school districts to participate in modified health care benefit plan. Permits public employees to redirect funds from health care premiums to other benefits. Dedicates portion of health care benefit costs to future health care costs and to critical services. Requires Public Employees' Benefit Board and Oregon Educators Benefit Board to assist employees in selecting benefit options. Excludes collective bargaining for specified health insurance benefits. Prohibits Public Employees' Benefit Board and Oregon Educators Benefit Board from self-insuring. Establishes Task Force on Flexible Benefits for Public Employees to monitor implementation of new benefit plans. Sunsets task force December 31, 2021. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

Comments: Would require all public employers to offer benefits through PEBB. Could be very expensive and limited City control over employee benefits.

Status:

3/8/17 H - Referred to Business and Labor with subsequent referral to Ways and Means.
3/1/17 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

[HB 3217](#)

[Bill Info](#)

Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
Oppose	2	3/2/17	Mina Hanssen	Committee 03.17.17

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Summary: Requires labor negotiation with public body to take place in open meeting. Prohibits public body from holding executive session for labor negotiation.

Comments: Would prohibit City from have executive session for purposes of bargaining preparation.

Status:
3/8/17 H - Referred to Business and Labor.
3/1/17 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

<u>SB 0560</u>	Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
<u>Bill Info</u>	Oppose	1	1/9/17	Mina Hanssen	Committee 03.17.17

Summary: Redirects employee contributions made by member of system from individual account program to account to be used to pay for member's pension or other retirement benefits accrued on or after January 1, 2018. For years beginning in 2018, caps at \$100,000 annual salary used to calculate final average salary for purposes of Public Employees Retirement System. Directs Public Employees Retirement Board to recalculate employer contribution rates to reflect savings attributable to Act. Provides for expedited review of Act by Supreme Court upon petition by adversely affected party. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

Comments: SB 560 redirects the 6% employee pickup to be used for the member's pension benefits instead of into the members individual account program. It also imposes a \$100,000 cap on the annual salary used to calculate the final average salary.

Status:
3/15/17 S - Public Hearing held.
2/13/17 S - Public Hearing held.
1/17/17 S - Referred to Workforce.
1/9/17 S - Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.

Legal

<u>HB 3157</u>	Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
<u>Bill Info</u>	Oppose	2	3/2/17	Marc Weinstein	Committee 03.17.17

Summary: Directs Department of Transportation to regulate privately owned vehicles for hire, including taxicabs and limousines. Becomes operative January 1, 2018. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Comments: Would remove cities' local control over taxis and TNCs and require state to regulate. Also removes cities' ability to franchise taxis (City of Newberg may require a franchise). Does not appear to propose any particular standards for state regulation.

Status:
3/8/17 H - Referred to Business and Labor.
3/1/17 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

<u>HB 3246</u>	Position	Priority	Date Input	Assigned To	Category
<u>Bill Info</u>	Support	2	3/5/17	Marc Weinstein	Committee 03.17.17

Summary: Requires transportation network company that operates in this state to obtain license from Department of Consumer and Business Services. Requires department to establish licensing program by rule and specifies conditions for obtaining license. Requires transportation network company to keep certain records and to make certain disclosures to participating drivers and riders. Requires transportation network company to conduct criminal background check on individuals who apply to become participating drivers and to deny applications based on specified criteria. Treats participating drivers as independent contractors under specified circumstances. Requires transportation network company to adopt, and oblige participating drivers to follow, certain policies. Specifies automobile insurance coverage requirements for participating drivers. Permits insurers to exclude coverage for activities in which individual engages as participating driver. Permits department to inspect annually random sample of records that transportation network company maintains. Permits department to impose civil penalty for violation of provisions of Act. Becomes operative on January 1, 2018. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Comments: Bill closely mirrors legislation that Uber has proposed for Salem and other communities. Would prohibit local governments from establishing their own regulations. Declares that TNC drivers are independent contractors and not employees. Uber recently lost this argument in litigation in another state. Unsure what regulatory purpose including such a declaration in this bill serves other than to shield TNCs from wage/claim lawsuits.

Status:

3/3/17 H - Referred to Business and Labor.
3/2/17 H - First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.