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## **Oregon House Says "No" to Fraudulent Ticket Sales**

The Fan Fairness & Transparency Act will create protections against issues related to misleading resale practices in the entertainment industry.

**SALEM, Ore.** — Today, in a significant step towards protecting consumers and independent venues from deceptive ticketing practices, <u>HB 3167</u>, the Fan Fairness & Transparency Act, passed out of the Oregon House. This legislation addresses longstanding issues related to hidden fees, speculative ticketing, and misleading resale practices that plague Oregon's arts, entertainment, and live event industries.

"This bill is about restoring transparency in the entertainment industry," said **Representative Pam Marsh, (D-Southern Jackson County).** "It's about standing up for Oregonians who are tired of being deceived when they try to buy a ticket to see a favorite artist, support a local venue, or attend an event with their families."

With the growing reliance on online ticket sales, HB 3167 positions the state as a leader in consumer protections. By implementing some of the strongest protections in the country, this legislation ensures that Oregonians have clear, upfront pricing, safeguards against fraudulent resales, and the ability to make informed decisions when purchasing event tickets.

"Oregonians across the state have been scammed by the deceptive practices and hidden fees that have disrupted the arts industry – especially music and the performing arts – for far too long," said **Rep. Rob Nosse (D-Inner SE & Inner NE Portland).** "This bill benefits everyone who buys tickets, along with the small, independent venues who legitimately sell them."

Under this legislation, ticket sellers will be required to disclose all fees upfront, preventing the frustration of last-minute price increases. The bill prohibits speculative ticketing, where resellers list tickets they do not actually own, and ensures clearer labeling so buyers understand when they are purchasing from a secondary marketplace. These provisions are designed to protect consumers while also safeguarding the integrity of venues, artists, and event organizers across the state.

The bill also creates a new path for enforcement by allowing a Private Right of Action under the Unfair Trade Practices Act already in statute.

HB 3167 passed the Oregon House with a 40 to 16 vote and is now headed to the Senate.