

HCS HB 1456 -- TRANSIENT GUEST TAX

SPONSOR: Johnson, 47 (Black)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Local Government by a vote of 14 to 0.

This substitute allows the cities of Marston, Matthews, and Steele to impose, upon voter approval, a room tax of not more than 5% per night. This tax will be in addition to any other tax authorized by law and will be used for tourism purposes and infrastructure improvements.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2005, FY 2006, and FY 2007.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will provide revenue to promote tourism and make infrastructure improvements.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Black.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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