

HCS HB 65 -- TRANSIENT GUEST TAX

SPONSOR: Pike

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Special Committee on Tourism by a vote of 8 to 2.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 65.

This bill authorizes certain cities to impose, upon voter approval, a transient guest tax in an amount of no more than 6% per occupied room per night. The proceeds of the tax will be used by the city for capital improvements and public safety purposes. Information regarding the tax rate and purposes for the tax must be included on the city's website.

Upon enactment, the only city to which the bill would apply is the City of Butler.

This bill is the same as HB 2562 (2020).

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill allows the city voters to decide on an additional funding mechanism for certain city activities.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Pike.

OPPONENTS: Written testimony was submitted in opposition to the bill.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.