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The supplemental revenue fund will provide ongoing stability to the tourism industry industry which is the largest return on investment funded through the state budget. This will also continue the major economic impact the Branson region provides to the state economy.



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This bill removes the existing statutory structure governing the Tourism Supplemental Revenue Fund and replaces it with an open-ended authorization allowing the fund to consist of any appropriations, gifts, grants, or contributions from virtually any source.

While framed as flexibility, this change materially weakens fiscal guardrails and legislative accountability.

Current law ties the fund to defined tourism-related revenue streams and requires structured justification before appropriations are made.

HB 1671 severs that connection, converting a purpose-built fund into a discretionary pool that is no longer anchored to tourism-generated revenue or measurable performance outcomes.

That shift increases the risk of mission drift, backdoor earmarking, and reduced transparency for taxpayers.

Additionally, changing committee reporting requirements without strengthening public disclosure does not improve oversight—it diffuses it.

If the General Assembly believes the existing framework is insufficient, the appropriate response is clearer standards, stronger reporting, and outcome-based metrics, not fewer statutory constraints.

Tourism funding should be justified, traceable, and performance-driven.

HB 1671 moves in the opposite direction by loosening controls while expanding funding sources.

For these reasons, I urge a “no” vote.