

HCS HB 161 -- TRANSIENT GUEST TAX AND PETTIS COUNTY TOURISM
COMMISSION

SPONSOR: Gatschenberger

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

This substitute authorizes Pettis County, upon voter approval, to change its transient guest tax from \$2 per room, per night to up to 5% per occupied room, per night.

The substitute also increases from five to seven the number of members on the Pettis County Tourism Commission and changes the way appointments are made to the commission.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2012, FY 2013, and FY 2014.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the \$2 per occupied room, per night transient guest tax does not raise enough revenue.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Cox; Greg Luedtke, Tourism Commission of Pettis County; Mykel Schlotterbeck, Comfort Inn of Sedalia; and Carolyn Crooker, Sedalia Convention and Visitors Bureau.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.