

HB 2109 with HCA 1 -- TAXATION OF BED AND BREAKFAST INNS

SPONSOR: Butler

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Small Business by a vote of 17 to 0.

This bill changes the classification of a bed and breakfast inn in which the owner resides and has 10 or less rooms for rent from commercial property to residential property for real property taxation purposes.

This bill is similar to HB 1314 (2015).

HCA 1: This amendment changes the classification of a bed and breakfast inn in which the owner resides and has six or less rooms for rent from commercial property to residential property for real property taxation purposes.

PROponents: Supporters say that the bill creates a fairer tax system since most bed and breakfasts are owner occupied, and many times rooms are left empty. Also, the bill grants much needed relief to a struggling industry.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Butler; Mike Petitit and Kathy Marks-Petitit, Park Avenue Mansion Bed And Breakfast; and Sue Westenhaver, Inn At Harbour Ridge Bed And Breakfast.

OPponents: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.