

HB 28 -- TRANSIENT GUEST TAX

SPONSOR: Walsh

The bill authorizes, upon voter approval, a transient guest tax in the amount of not more than 5% per occupied room per night. The tax shall be used for the promotion of tourism, growth of the region, economic development purposes, and public safety purposes including but not limited to equipment expenditures, employee salaries and benefits, and facilities for police, firefighters, or emergency medical providers. Information regarding the tax rate and purposes for the tax must be included on the city's website.

If enacted, this section initially would only apply to the city of Ashland.

This bill is similar to HB 1601 (2020).