



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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KTIA Provides Conditional Support to Restaurant Tax Bill (HB470)

Last Friday's weekly legislative report contained information about that day's introduction of HB470 and included a preliminary analysis of the bill. Since that report, a complete summary has been prepared (Click [here](#) to access the bill and [here](#) for the summary). Also, a conference call briefing by KTIA's lobbyist was held with the association's Legislative Committee and Executive Committee on Tuesday, February 25. Yesterday a vote was conducted of the members of the committees to determine KTIA's position on the bill. The vote was unanimous in conditional support of the bill with one abstention.

The conditional support related to a timing quirk brought to our attention by Sandra Wilson, Executive Director of Horse Cave/Hart County Tourism regarding Horse Cave's enactment of the restaurant tax. Due to the timing of that enactment the current provisions of the bill would result in the tourist commission receiving no funds from the restaurant tax. The Kentucky League of Cities (KLC) Executive Director has pledged to resolve the issue, and the KTIA support is conditional on that resolution.

Also, during the conference call briefing of the KTIA committees, concern was expressed that the bill might in some manner impact the transient room tax. The KLC Executive Director has subsequently verified that "There are no implications at all for the transient room tax in this legislation," and an outside attorney has also confirmed that interpretation.

Please contact Hank Phillips if you have any questions.

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