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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: S. 1122
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Subject: Local Option Tourism Fee
Requestor: Senate Finance
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Impact Date: April 18, 2016

Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18
State Expenditure		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Local Revenue	Undetermined	\$0

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill would have no state expenditure or revenue impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

Due to the permissive nature of this bill, the local revenue impact is undetermined.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

State Expenditure

N/A

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

This bill adds Section 4-10-980, which states that the local option tourism development fee may be renewed and imposed within a municipality in the same manner as authorized for the initial imposition of the fee. Any reimposition of the fee is effective immediately upon the termination of the fee previously imposed.

The tourism development tax may only be imposed by a municipality located in a county where revenue from the state accommodations tax is at least \$14 million in a fiscal year. Based upon

the Department of Revenue's Information letter #16-3, currently only Horry County meets this criteria. Therefore, only municipalities in Horry County may impose this tax and Myrtle Beach is the only municipality that imposes the local option tourism development fee. The bill provides for the method by which a qualifying municipality may reimpose an existing fee. Upon expiration, the bill would allow for Myrtle Beach to reimpose the fee. However, this will be dependent upon the outcome of the required referendum. Due to the permissive nature of this bill, the local revenue impact is undetermined.



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