

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

2023 Session

Legislative Fiscal Note

Short Title: Graham County Occupancy Tax. **Bill Number:** House Bill 133 (First Edition)

Sponsor(s): Rep. Gillespie

SUMMARY TABLE

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	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28
Local Impact Local Revenue Less Local Expenditures	362,000 	377,000	390,000 	403,000	415,000
NET LOCAL IMPACT	362,000	377,000	390,000	403,000	415,000

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY

House Bill 133 would authorize the unincorporated areas of Graham County to levy an additional 3% room occupancy tax. At least two-thirds of the proceeds would have to be used for tourism promotion and the remainder for tourism-related expenditures.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Graham County currently levies a 3% occupancy tax for both the incorporated and unincorporated areas in the county. Fiscal Research used occupancy tax collections by Graham County's Tourism Development Authority and municipalities in Fiscal Year 2020-21 and adjusted it for actual and forecasted changes in the leisure and hospitality industry to determine the fiscal impact. It is estimated that the Authority would collect an additional \$362,000 in Fiscal Year 2023-24 room occupancy tax collections at an additional 3% rate.

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS

N/A.

DATA SOURCES

GRAHAM COUNTY STAFF; MOODY'S ANALYTICS; NC DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE – PURPOSE AND LIMITATIONS

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