



# NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

2025 Session

## Legislative Fiscal Note

**Short Title:** Haywood County Occupancy Tax Mods.  
**Bill Number:** House Bill 169 (Second Edition)  
**Sponsor(s):** Rep. Pless

### SUMMARY TABLE

FISCAL IMPACT OF HB 169(v2) (\$ in millions)					
	<u>FY 2025-26</u>	<u>FY 2026-27</u>	<u>FY 2027-28</u>	<u>FY 2028-29</u>	<u>FY 2029-30</u>
<b>Local Impact</b>					
Local Revenue	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.8
Less Local Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-
<b>NET LOCAL IMPACT</b>	<b>\$1.6</b>	<b>\$1.6</b>	<b>\$1.7</b>	<b>\$1.7</b>	<b>\$1.8</b>

### FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY

HB 169(v.2) would authorize Haywood County to levy an additional 2% 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

Haywood County currently levies a 4% occupancy tax. The bill would authorize the county to levy an additional 2%, bringing the total occupancy tax rate to 6%. Fiscal Research used the county's occupancy tax collections during Fiscal Year 2022-23 and adjusted it for actual and forecasted changes in the leisure and hospitality industry to determine the fiscal impact. It is estimated that the tax would generate an additional \$1.6 million in Fiscal Year 2025-26 room occupancy tax collections with the 2% rate increase.

### TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS

N/A.

### DATA SOURCES

N.C. Department of Revenue.

### LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE – PURPOSE AND LIMITATIONS



This document is an official fiscal analysis prepared pursuant to Chapter 120 of the General Statutes and rules adopted by the Senate and House of Representatives. The estimates in this analysis are based on the data, assumptions, and methodology described in the Fiscal Analysis section of this document. This document only addresses sections of the bill that have projected direct fiscal impacts on State or local governments and does not address sections that have no projected fiscal impacts.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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