

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 26, 2017**

**TO:** Honorable Dennis Bonnen, Chair, House Committee on Ways & Means

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** **HB1494** by Morrison, Geanie W. (relating to the use of municipal hotel occupancy tax revenue by certain municipalities.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

<b>No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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**Local Government Impact**

The bill would amend Chapter 351 of the Tax Code, regarding municipal hotel occupancy taxes, to add new Section 351.1075 to authorize a municipality that is the county seat of a county (1) described by Section 352.002(a)(6) of this code; (2) with a population of less than 50,000; and (3) that includes a state park and a national wildlife refuge, to use municipal hotel occupancy taxes for the encouragement, promotion, improvement and application of the arts. The bill would limit the amount of municipal hotel tax revenue that may be used for that purpose.

The bill would affect the City of Rockport.

The bill would take effect immediately upon enactment, assuming it received the requisite two-thirds majority votes in both houses of the Legislature. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2017.

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