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HB 2168

Written Testimony Before the House Taxation Committee

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Chairman Kleeb and Members of the Committee;

The Travel Industry Association (TIAK) is here today to express its support for HB 2168. TIAK has over 175 members, from all corners of the state. TIAK members range from local Convention and Visitors Bureaus (CVBs) and Destination Management Organizations (DMOs), to hotels and attractions that operate in Kansas.

HB 2168 will clarify the property tax law for bed and breakfasts in the state. If enacted, HB 2168 will allow bed and breakfasts that are not owner occupied to be classified as residential property and will make them more economical to operate.

Bed and breakfasts are an important part of the tourism industry in the state. They are a cog in a very important wheel in the state's economy. In Kansas, tourism generates over \$556 million in state and local taxes and supports more than 90,000 jobs in Kansas.

TIAK urges your favorable consideration of HB 2168. Please contact me if you have any additional questions on the bill.