

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1556 – SB 2560

February 24, 2016

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Codifies the transfer of all statutory responsibility for the *Adventure Tourism and Rural Development Act of 2011* from the Department of Economic and Community Development (ECD) to the Department of Tourist Development (DTD).

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (012606):** Adds language to the original bill to establish that any Adventure Tourism District certification issued prior to July 1, 2015, by the Department of Economic and Community Development (ECD), shall not expire until the Department of Tourist Development (DTD) issues a new certification or approval of such district or one year following the date that the Department promulgates rules or adopts official guidance concerning the process whereby local governments may apply for certification.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

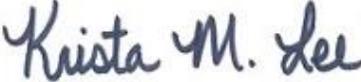
Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- This legislation codifies the Governor's 2015 Executive Order No. 47 which transferred the *Adventure Tourism and Rural Development Act of 2011* from ECD to DTD, effective July 1, 2015.
- According to DTD, the positions and funding of the program have already been transferred from ECD to DTD.
- Adventure Tourism District certification allows certain businesses in such districts to qualify for franchise and excise (F&E) job tax credits.
- All Adventure Tourism Districts whose certification will be extended under this legislation would seek and obtain re-certifications under current law.
- According to ECD, there are no fees for certification of Adventure Tourism Districts. As a result, any impact on state revenue is estimated to be not significant.

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**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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