

Please accept this letter as the Destin Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors' opposition to any bill that preempts local control of short-term rentals and gives the state the authority to have control of rules, laws, regulations, etc. over short-term rentals.

Our board voted on this opposition at their January 22, 2018, board meeting.

House Bill 773 preempts control of short-term rentals to the state and removes home rule. We believe that tourism is a major component to the state of Florida and is vital to Destin's economic success. However, each and every community in Florida that is reliant upon tourism's economic impact is unique and different from all others. The state government should not pass laws that put blanket coverage on short-term rentals in every community. In this case, one size does not fit all.

As more committee votes, and possibly a vote by the full Florida House of Representatives, take place, please consider our position.

With wishes for continued success,

Sincerely,

Robert Perry, Destin Commons
Chairman of the Board

The Destin Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors believes that funds generated from the Tourist Development Tax (TDT) should be used for their original intended purpose as defined by law and opposes any attempt to divert those monies for other uses. No TDT monies should be used for infrastructure projects. For this reason, the Chamber Board opposes House Bill 585 and Senate Bill 658.

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These bills have been introduced in the Florida Legislature and assigned to committees. These bills attempt to authorize counties to expand the use of TDT funds. TDT funds are intended to promote the county and attract more visitors and should not be a funding source for local governments to fund infrastructure projects.

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