

HB 1340 -- SALES TAX FOR DOUGLAS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS

SPONSOR: Dugger

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Local Government by a vote of 14 to 0.

This bill repeals the authorization for a sales tax of up to 1% for operation costs with a reduction of the property tax levy annually by 50% of the previous year's sales tax revenue for fire protection districts in Douglas County.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2011, FY 2012, and FY 2013.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this sales tax does not provide any benefit for Douglas County. There are no fire protection districts in the county, only small, mostly volunteer, fire departments. There is only one city in the county and not enough retail establishments to generate a great amount of sales tax revenue.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Dugger.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.