

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY  
OFFICE OF FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS  
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6654**  
**BILL NUMBER: HB 1132**

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 17, 2025  
**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Rush County Food and Beverage Tax.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Criswell  
**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill establishes the Rush County food and beverage tax.

**Effective Date:** January 1, 2027.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The Rush County food and beverage tax would be collected and remitted to the Department of State Revenue (DOR) in the same manner as the state sales tax. The DOR should be able to implement the bill's requirements within existing levels of staff and resources.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** If the county imposes a food and beverage tax, the county fiscal officer would establish a food and beverage tax receipts fund. All revenue from the tax would be deposited in this fund. Money in the fund may be used for the following purposes:

- Tourism and economic development.
- Bonds, leases, or other obligations incurred for the purpose above.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** The bill authorizes Rush County to impose a food and beverage tax at a rate not to exceed 1%. If the county adopts an ordinance to impose the tax in January 2027, the tax could go into effect as early as March 1, 2027. The following table shows the estimated potential revenue for CY 2027 through CY 2029. The tax expires July 1, 2047.

Estimated Potential Rush County Food and Beverage Tax Revenue, 1%		
CY 2027	CY 2028	CY 2029
\$161,000	\$189,000	\$186,000

These estimates are based on data for the food services industry in Rush County and actual revenue of counties that currently collect food and beverage taxes.

**State Agencies Affected:** Department of State Revenue.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Rush County.

**Information Sources:** Legislative Services Agency, *Indiana Handbook of Taxes, Revenues, and Appropriations*, FY 2025. OFMA Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Data.

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