# Washington State House of Representatives Office of Program Research

## BILL ANALYSIS

## Community & Economic Development & Trade Committee

## **HB 1164**

**Brief Description:** Extending the sales and use tax credit for certain public facilities districts.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Alexander, Hunt, DeBolt, Pettigrew, Armstrong, Lovick, Kessler, Grant, Chase, Haler, Bailey and Moeller.

#### **Brief Summary of Bill**

• Authorizes a county public facilities district (PFD), created before September 1, 2007, located in a county or counties with no other PFD and with a population that exceeds 70,000 to impose a sales and use tax of up to 0.033 percent for the construction or rehabilitation of a regional center so long as work on the regional center commences prior to January 1.

**Hearing Date:** 1/24/07

Staff: Tracey Taylor (786-7196).

#### **Background:**

A public facilities district (PFD) may be created upon adoption of a resolution by the county legislative authority in which the proposed district is located. A PFD is a municipal corporation, and independent taxing authority within the meaning of Article VII, Section 1 of the State Constitution, and a taxing district within the meaning of Article VII, Section 2 of the State Constitution. A PFD is a body corporate and possesses all the usual powers of a corporation for public purposes or specially conferred by statute.

A PFD is authorized to acquire, construct, own, remodel, maintain, equip, reequip, repair, and operate sports facilities, entertainment facilities, convention facilities or regional centers, together with contiguous parking facilities. In addition to existing authorities, public facilities districts formed after January 1, 2000, may acquire, construct, maintain, and operate recreation facilities other than ski areas.

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The districts formed prior to 2002 may impose a 0.033 percent sales tax that is deducted from the state sales tax and is not an increase to taxpayers. A PFD also may levy a 0.2 percent sales tax and a 2 percent lodging tax if approved by a majority of voters in the district.

### **Summary of Bill:**

A county PFD created prior to September 1, 2007, located in a county or counties with no other PFD and in which the total population is greater than 70,000, may impose a sales and use tax of not more than 0.033 percent for the construction or rehabilitation of a regional center. The construction or rehabilitation must begin prior to January 1, 2009.

**Appropriation:** None.

Fiscal Note: Preliminary fiscal note available.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.