
SENATE BILL 5846

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1 AN ACT Relating to authorizing the use of hotel and motel tax
2 proceeds for public safety activities directed toward certain tourism
3 areas; amending RCW 67.28.1815; and creating a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the demands made
6 on law enforcement by seasonal tourist populations in cities or towns
7 with populations under ten thousand are above and beyond the abilities
8 of the permanent residents of these cities or towns to fund.

9 **Sec. 2.** RCW 67.28.1815 and 1997 c 452 s 4 are each amended to read
10 as follows:

11 (1) All revenue from taxes imposed under this chapter shall be
12 credited to a special fund in the treasury of the municipality imposing
13 such tax and used solely for the purpose of paying all or any part of
14 the cost of tourism promotion((7)); the cost of acquisition of tourism-
15 related facilities((, -or)); the cost of operation of tourism-related
16 facilities; or the cost, such as salaries and equipment acquisition or
17 maintenance, of public safety activities directed towards tourism areas
18 in cities or towns with populations under ten thousand.

1 (2) Municipalities may, under chapter 39.34 RCW, agree to the
2 utilization of revenue from taxes imposed under this chapter for the
3 purposes of funding a multijurisdictional tourism-related facility.

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