
HOUSE BILL 1669

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1 AN ACT Relating to the use of hotel, motel, and related businesses
2 tax receipts for tourist promotional structures; and amending RCW
3 67.28.210.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 67.28.210 and 1994 c 290 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 All taxes levied and collected under RCW 67.28.180, 67.28.240, and
8 67.28.260 shall be credited to a special fund in the treasury of the
9 county or city imposing such tax. Such taxes shall be levied only for
10 the purpose of paying all or any part of the cost of acquisition,
11 construction, or operating of stadium facilities, convention center
12 facilities, performing arts center facilities, and/or visual arts
13 center facilities or to pay or secure the payment of all or any portion
14 of general obligation bonds or revenue bonds issued for such purpose or
15 purposes under this chapter, or to pay for advertising, publicizing, or
16 otherwise distributing information for the purpose of attracting
17 visitors and encouraging tourist expansion when a county or city has
18 imposed such tax for such purpose, or as one of the purposes hereunder,
19 and until withdrawn for use, the moneys accumulated in such fund or

1 funds may be invested in interest bearing securities by the county or
2 city treasurer in any manner authorized by law. In addition such taxes
3 may be used to develop strategies to expand tourism: PROVIDED, That
4 any county, and any city within a county, bordering upon Grays Harbor
5 may use the proceeds of such taxes for construction and maintenance of
6 a movable tall ships tourist attraction in cooperation with a tall
7 ships restoration society, except to the extent that such proceeds are
8 used for payment of principal and interest on debt incurred prior to
9 June 11, 1986: PROVIDED FURTHER, That any city or county may use the
10 proceeds of such taxes for the refurbishing and operation of a steam
11 railway for tourism promotion purposes: PROVIDED FURTHER, That any
12 city bordering on the Pacific Ocean or on Baker Bay with a population
13 of not less than eight hundred and the county in which such a city is
14 located or a city wholly located on an island may use the proceeds of
15 such taxes for funding special events or festivals, or promotional
16 infrastructures including but not limited to an ocean beach boardwalk:
17 PROVIDED FURTHER, That any county which imposes a tax under RCW
18 67.28.182 or any city with a population less than fifty thousand in
19 such county may use the proceeds of the tax levied and collected under
20 RCW 67.28.180 to provide public restroom facilities available to and
21 intended for use by visitors: PROVIDED FURTHER, That any county made
22 up entirely of islands, and any city or town that has a population less
23 than five thousand, may use the proceeds of the tax levied and
24 collected under RCW 67.28.180 to provide public restroom facilities
25 available to and intended for use by visitors.

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