

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT  
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1547

56th Legislature  
1999 Regular Session

Passed by the House March 16, 1999  
Yeas 82 Nays 15

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

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Passed by the Senate April 9, 1999  
Yeas 42 Nays 6

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**President of the Senate**

Approved

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Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

We, Dean R. Foster and Timothy A. Martin, Co-Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1547** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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**By** House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Mitchell, Lantz, Thomas, Dunshee, Campbell, Sullivan, Bush, Kastama, Conway, Scott, Regala, Miloscia, Fisher, McDonald and Huff)

Read first time 02/26/1999.

1       AN ACT Relating to local retail sales and use tax for zoos and  
2       aquariums; adding a new section to chapter 82.14 RCW; adding a new  
3       section to chapter 36.29 RCW; and adding new sections to chapter 36.01  
4       RCW.

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

6       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 82.14 RCW  
7       to read as follows:

8       (1) Upon the joint request of a metropolitan park district and a  
9       city with a population of more than one hundred fifty thousand, a  
10      county legislative authority in a county with a population of more than  
11      five hundred thousand and less than one million may submit an  
12      authorizing proposition to the county voters, fixing and imposing a  
13      sales and use tax in accordance with this chapter for the purposes  
14      designated in subsection (3) of this section. Such proposition must be  
15      placed on a ballot for a special or general election to be held no  
16      later than one year after the date of the joint request.

17      (2) The proposition is approved if it receives the votes of a  
18      majority of those voting on the proposition.

1 (3) The tax authorized in this section is in addition to any other  
2 taxes authorized by law and shall be collected from those persons who  
3 are taxable by the state under chapters 82.08 and 82.12 RCW upon the  
4 occurrence of any taxable event within the county. The rate of tax  
5 shall equal no more than one-tenth of one percent of the selling price  
6 in the case of a sales tax, or value of the article used, in the case  
7 of a use tax.

8 (4) Moneys received from any tax imposed under this section shall  
9 be used solely for the purpose of providing funds for costs associated  
10 with financing, design, acquisition, construction, equipping,  
11 operating, maintaining, remodeling, repairing, reequipping, or  
12 improvement of zoo, aquarium, and wildlife preservation and display  
13 facilities that are currently accredited by the American zoo and  
14 aquarium association.

15 (5) The department of revenue shall perform the collection of such  
16 taxes on behalf of the county at no cost to the county.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 36.29 RCW  
18 to read as follows:

19 The county treasurer or, in the case of a home rule county, the  
20 county official designated by county charter and ordinance as the  
21 official with custody over the collection of county-wide tax revenues,  
22 shall receive all money representing revenues from taxes authorized  
23 under section 1 of this act, and shall disburse such money to the  
24 authority established in section 3 of this act.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 36.01 RCW  
26 to read as follows:

27 (1) Upon certification by the county auditor or, in the case of a  
28 home rule county, upon certification by the chief elections officer,  
29 that a proposition authorized under the terms of section 1 of this act  
30 has received a majority of votes cast on the proposition, the county  
31 legislative authority shall convene an initial meeting of the zoo and  
32 aquarium advisory authority.

33 (2) Consistent with any agreement between the local governments  
34 specified in section 1(1) of this act in requesting an election, the  
35 zoo and aquarium advisory authority has authority to expend such funds  
36 as it may receive on those purposes set out in section 1(4) of this  
37 act. In addition, and consistent with any limitation placed on the

1 powers of the authority in such an agreement, the zoo and aquarium  
2 advisory authority may exercise the following powers:

3 (a) Acquire by purchase, gift, or grant and lease, construct, add  
4 to, improve, replace, repair, maintain, operate, and regulate the use  
5 of any zoo, aquarium, and wildlife preservation and display facilities  
6 and properties, together with all lands, rights-of-way, property,  
7 equipment, and accessories necessary for those facilities;

8 (b) Contract with the United States or any agency thereof, any  
9 state or agency thereof, any metropolitan municipal corporation, any  
10 other county, city, special district, or governmental agency, and any  
11 private person, firm, or corporation for the purpose of receiving gifts  
12 or grants or securing loans or advances for preliminary planning and  
13 feasibility studies, or for the design, construction, operation, or  
14 maintenance of zoo, aquarium, and wildlife preservation and display  
15 facilities;

16 (c) Contract with any governmental agency or with a private person,  
17 firm, or corporation for the use by either contracting party of all or  
18 any part of the facilities, structures, lands, interests in lands, air  
19 rights over lands, and rights-of-way of all kinds which are owned,  
20 leased, or held by the other party, and for the purpose of planning,  
21 constructing, or operating any facility or performing any service  
22 related to zoos, aquariums, and wildlife preservation and display  
23 facilities;

24 (d) Fix rates and charges for the use of those facilities;

25 (e) Sue and be sued in its corporate capacity in all courts and in  
26 all proceedings.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 36.01 RCW  
28 to read as follows:

29 (1) For any county in which a proposition authorized by section 1  
30 of this act has been passed, there shall be created a zoo and aquarium  
31 advisory authority.

32 (2) The initial board of the authority shall be constituted as  
33 follows:

34 (a) Three members appointed by the county legislative authority to  
35 represent unincorporated areas;

36 (b) Two members appointed by the legislative authority of the city  
37 with the largest population within the county; and

1 (c) Two members jointly appointed by the legislative authorities of  
2 the remaining cities within the county representing at least sixty  
3 percent of the combined populations of those cities.

4 (3) Board members shall hold office for whatever terms are  
5 determined by their appointing authorities, except that no term may be  
6 less than one year nor more than three years, in duration. However, a  
7 vacancy may be filled by an appointment for a term less than twelve  
8 months in duration.

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