

HB 2224 - DIGEST

Authorizes the legislative authority of a county to impose an excise tax on the privilege of engaging in business as a utility. The tax is equal to the gross income of the business, multiplied by a rate not exceeding two percent.

Requires taxes imposed under this act to apply uniformly throughout the county.

Requires the utility to add a tax imposed under this act to the rates or charges it makes for utility services and separately state the amount of tax on billings.

Requires revenues received from taxes imposed under this act to be used exclusively for criminal justice purposes as defined in RCW 82.14.310(3).

Takes effect January 1, 2006.