

**SSB 5647** - H AMD TO CEDT COMM AMD (H3208.1) **683**  
By Representative Orcutt

**WITHDRAWN 4/12/2007**

1 On page 3, after line 13, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 3. RCW 67.28.1817 and 1998 c 35 s 3 are each amended to  
3 read as follows:

4 (1) Before proposing imposition of a new tax under this  
5 chapter, an increase in the rate of a tax imposed under this  
6 chapter, repeal of an exemption from a tax imposed under this  
7 chapter, or a change in the use of revenue received under this  
8 chapter, a municipality with a population of five thousand or more  
9 shall establish a lodging tax advisory committee under this  
10 section. A lodging tax advisory committee shall consist of at  
11 least five members, appointed by the legislative body of the  
12 municipality, unless the municipality has a charter providing for  
13 a different appointment authority. The committee membership shall  
14 include: (a) At least two members who are representatives of  
15 businesses required to collect tax under this chapter; and (b) at  
16 least two members who are persons involved in activities authorized  
17 to be funded by revenue received under this chapter. Persons who  
18 are eligible for appointment under (a) of this subsection are not  
19 eligible for appointment under (b) of this subsection. Persons who  
20 are eligible for appointment under (b) of this subsection are not  
21 eligible for appointment under (a) of this subsection.  
22 Organizations representing businesses required to collect tax under  
23 this chapter, organizations involved in activities authorized to be  
24 funded by revenue received under this chapter, and local agencies  
25 involved in tourism promotion may submit recommendations for  
26 membership on the committee. The number of members who are  
27 representatives of businesses required to collect tax under this  
28 chapter shall equal the number of members who are involved in  
29 activities authorized to be funded by revenue received under this  
30 chapter. One member shall be an elected official of the  
31 municipality who shall serve as chair of the committee. An

1 advisory committee for a county may include one nonvoting member  
2 who is an elected official of a city or town in the county. An  
3 advisory committee for a city or town may include one nonvoting  
4 member who is an elected official of the county in which the city  
5 or town is located. The appointing authority shall review the  
6 membership of the advisory committee annually and make changes as  
7 appropriate.

8 (2) Any municipality that proposes imposition of a tax under  
9 this chapter, an increase in the rate of a tax imposed under this  
10 chapter, or repeal of an exemption from a tax imposed under this  
11 chapter(~~(, or a change in the use of revenue received under this~~  
12 ~~chapter shall submit the proposal to the lodging tax advisory~~  
13 ~~committee for review and comment)~~). The submission shall occur at  
14 least forty-five days before final action on or passage of the  
15 proposal by the municipality. The advisory committee shall submit  
16 comments on the proposal in a timely manner through generally  
17 applicable public comment procedures. The comments shall include  
18 an analysis of the extent to which the proposal will accommodate  
19 activities for tourists or increase tourism, and the extent to  
20 which the proposal will affect the long-term stability of the fund  
21 created under RCW 67.28.1815. Failure of the advisory committee to  
22 submit comments before final action on or passage of the proposal  
23 shall not prevent the municipality from acting on the proposal. A  
24 municipality is not required to submit an amended proposal to an  
25 advisory committee under this subsection.

26 (3) Any municipality that proposes a change in the use of  
27 revenue received under this chapter must receive the prior approval  
28 the lodging tax advisory committee."

29 Renumber the sections consecutively and correct any internal  
30 references accordingly.

**EFFECT:** Requires any municipality that proposes a change to  
the current use of the lodging tax revenues to receive the  
prior approval of the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.