

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**HOUSE BILL 1279**

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2015 Regular Session

TOURISM PROMOTION AREAS

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Passed by the House March 5, 2015  
Yeas 73 Nays 25

FRANK CHOPP

**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 15, 2015  
Yeas 46 Nays 3

BRAD OWEN

**President of the Senate**

Approved April 29, 2015 1:37 PM

JAY INSLEE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1279** as passed by House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BARBARA BAKER

**Chief Clerk**

FILED

April 29, 2015

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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By Representatives Kochmar and Gregory

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1 AN ACT Relating to local tourism promotion areas; and amending  
2 RCW 35.101.010.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 35.101.010 and 2009 c 442 s 1 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in  
7 this section apply throughout this chapter.

8 (1) "Area" means a tourism promotion area.

9 (2)(a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection,  
10 "legislative authority" means the legislative authority of any county  
11 with a population greater than forty thousand, or of any city or town  
12 within such a county, including unclassified cities or towns  
13 operating under special charters. (~~However,~~)

14 (b) Except as provided in (c) of this subsection, in any county  
15 with a population of one million or more, (~~the~~) "legislative  
16 authority" (~~shall be comprised of~~) means two or more jurisdictions  
17 acting jointly as the legislative authority under an interlocal  
18 agreement created under chapter 39.34 RCW for the joint establishment  
19 and operation of a tourism promotion area.

20 (c) For a city incorporated after January 1990, with a population  
21 greater than eighty-nine thousand, and located in a county described

1 in (b) of this subsection, "legislative authority" means the city's  
2 legislative authority.

3 (3) "Lodging business" means a person that furnishes lodging  
4 taxable by the state under chapter 82.08 RCW that has forty or more  
5 lodging units.

6 (4) "Tourism promotion" means activities and expenditures  
7 designed to increase tourism and convention business, including but  
8 not limited to advertising, publicizing, or otherwise distributing  
9 information for the purpose of attracting and welcoming tourists, and  
10 operating tourism destination marketing organizations.

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