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ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 6564

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By Senator Vognild

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1 AN ACT Relating to special excise taxes; and adding a new section  
2 to chapter 67.28 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 67.28 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The legislative body of any county with a population of four  
7 hundred thousand or more any portion of whose boundaries lie north of  
8 the northernmost boundary of King county is authorized to levy and  
9 collect a special excise tax of not to exceed two percent on the sale  
10 of or charge made for the furnishing of lodging within the boundaries  
11 of the county by a hotel, rooming house, tourist court, motel, trailer  
12 camp, and the granting of any similar license to use real property, as  
13 distinguished from the renting or leasing of real property. For the  
14 purposes of this tax, it shall be presumed that the occupancy of real  
15 property for a continuous period of one month or more constitutes a  
16 rental or lease of real property and not a mere license to use or to  
17 enjoy the same. Prior to authorizing a tax pursuant to this section,  
18 the county legislative body shall convene a public meeting to consult

1 with the mayor of every city and town located within the boundaries of  
2 the county regarding the proposed use of tax revenues.

3 (2) Any seller, as defined in RCW 82.08.010, who is required to  
4 collect a tax under this section shall pay over such tax to the county,  
5 as provided in RCW 67.28.200. The deduction from state taxes under RCW  
6 67.28.190 does not apply to taxes imposed under this section.

7 (3) The taxes levied and collected under this section shall be  
8 credited to a special fund in the treasury of the county imposing such  
9 tax. Such taxes may be levied and collected for any of the purposes  
10 described in RCW 67.28.120, including an arena, under a joint use  
11 agreement or otherwise as permitted by RCW 67.28.120 or 67.28.130 or to  
12 pay or secure the payment of general obligation bonds or revenue bonds  
13 issued for such purposes or to develop strategies to expand tourism  
14 within the county. On at least an annual basis, the county legislative  
15 authority shall consult with the mayor of every city and town located  
16 within the boundaries of the county regarding the use of taxes  
17 collected pursuant to this section.

18 (4) The tax authorized in subsection (1) of this section is in  
19 addition to any other tax authorized by law.

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