

2 **ESSB 6241** - H AMD TO FIN COMM AMD (H5353.1) **438 WITHDRAWN 3-1-96**  
3 By Representative Van Luven and Others

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5 On page 4, after line 26 of the amendment, insert the following:

6 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 67.28 RCW  
7 to read as follows:

8 If, under RCW 67.28.180(2)(b), a county is exempt from RCW  
9 67.28.180(2)(a), then if the county, by June 30, 1997, pays at least  
10 seven million five hundred thousand dollars to the state convention and  
11 trade center for the purpose of paying part of the costs of the  
12 expansion of the state convention and trade center authorized in  
13 chapter 386, Laws of 1995, or pays such lesser amount that, together  
14 with other local public and/or private funds or property accepted by  
15 the state convention and trade center board for expansion, totals  
16 fifteen million dollars, the county continues to be exempt from RCW  
17 67.28.180(2)(a) until the date on which the principal and interest of  
18 all certificates of participation or bonds issued by the county or the  
19 state in connection with the expansion of the state convention and  
20 trade center, or bonds issued to refund those bonds, have been paid in  
21 full. However, effective January 1, 2013, any city or town with a  
22 population less than one hundred thousand and within a county exempt  
23 from RCW 67.28.180(2)(a) shall not be subject to RCW 67.28.180(2)(c).

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 67.28 RCW  
25 to read as follows:

26 (1) The legislative body of a city with a population of more than  
27 one hundred fifty thousand located in any county with three hundred  
28 fifty thousand or more population that is located more than one hundred  
29 miles from any county in which the state has constructed and owns a  
30 convention center is authorized to levy and collect a special excise  
31 tax of not to exceed one percent on the sale of or charge made for the  
32 furnishing of lodging by a hotel, rooming house, tourist court, motel,  
33 trailer camp, and the granting of any similar license to use real  
34 property, as distinguished from the renting or leasing of real  
35 property. For purposes of this tax, it shall be presumed that the

1 occupancy of real property for a continuous period of one month or more  
2 constitutes a rental or lease of real property and not a mere license  
3 to use or enjoy the same.

4 (2) This tax may become effective July 1, 1996, and shall expire  
5 June 30, 1997.

6 (3) Any seller, as defined in RCW 82.08.010, who is required to  
7 collect any tax under this section shall pay over such tax to the  
8 county or city as provided in RCW 67.28.200. The deduction from state  
9 taxes under RCW 67.28.190 shall apply to taxes imposed under this  
10 section.

11 (4) The proceeds from the tax imposed under this section shall be  
12 used to fund a development plan for the expansion of the convention  
13 center in the city levying the tax. At a minimum the plan shall  
14 include the following elements: (a) Financial feasibility; (b)  
15 financing requirements for the city; (c) exploration of alternative  
16 funding and financing mechanisms; (d) economic and civic impacts; and  
17 (e) schematic designs. Any studies previously undertaken on the  
18 expansion that are applicable or that study issues relevant to the  
19 expansion may be incorporated in the proposed study and considered in  
20 developing the plan. In undertaking the development plan, the city  
21 shall consult on a continuing basis with representatives from the  
22 tourism and general business community."

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