

2 **SHB 1669** - S COMM AMD
3 By Committee on Government Operations

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "**Sec. 1.** RCW 67.28.210 and 1994 c 290 s 1 are each amended to read
8 as follows:

9 All taxes levied and collected under RCW 67.28.180, 67.28.240, and
10 67.28.260 shall be credited to a special fund in the treasury of the
11 county or city imposing such tax. Such taxes shall be levied only for
12 the purpose of paying all or any part of the cost of acquisition,
13 construction, or operating of stadium facilities, convention center
14 facilities, performing arts center facilities, and/or visual arts
15 center facilities or to pay or secure the payment of all or any portion
16 of general obligation bonds or revenue bonds issued for such purpose or
17 purposes under this chapter, or to pay for advertising, publicizing, or
18 otherwise distributing information for the purpose of attracting
19 visitors and encouraging tourist expansion when a county or city has
20 imposed such tax for such purpose, or as one of the purposes hereunder,
21 and until withdrawn for use, the moneys accumulated in such fund or
22 funds may be invested in interest bearing securities by the county or
23 city treasurer in any manner authorized by law. In addition such taxes
24 may be used to develop strategies to expand tourism: PROVIDED, That
25 any county, and any city within a county, bordering upon Grays Harbor
26 may use the proceeds of such taxes for construction and maintenance of
27 a movable tall ships tourist attraction in cooperation with a tall
28 ships restoration society, except to the extent that such proceeds are
29 used for payment of principal and interest on debt incurred prior to
30 June 11, 1986: PROVIDED FURTHER, That any city or county may use the
31 proceeds of such taxes for the refurbishing and operation of a steam
32 railway for tourism promotion purposes: PROVIDED FURTHER, That any
33 city bordering on the Pacific Ocean or on Baker Bay with a population
34 of not less than eight hundred and the county in which such a city is
35 located, a city bordering on the Skagit river with a population of not
36 less than twenty thousand, or any city within a county made up entirely

1 of islands may use the proceeds of such taxes for funding special
2 events or festivals, or for the acquisition, construction, or operation
3 of publicly owned tourist promotional infrastructures, structures, or
4 buildings including but not limited to an ocean beach boardwalk, public
5 docks, and viewing towers: PROVIDED FURTHER, That any county which
6 imposes a tax under RCW 67.28.182 or any city with a population less
7 than fifty thousand in such county may use the proceeds of the tax
8 levied and collected under RCW 67.28.180 to provide public restroom
9 facilities available to and intended for use by visitors: PROVIDED
10 FURTHER, That any county made up entirely of islands, and any city or
11 town that has a population less than five thousand, may use the
12 proceeds of the tax levied and collected under RCW 67.28.180 to provide
13 public restroom facilities available to and intended for use by
14 visitors: PROVIDED FURTHER, That any city or county may use the
15 proceeds of such taxes for funding a civic festival, if the following
16 conditions are met: The festival is a community-wide event held not
17 more than once annually; the festival is approved by the city, town, or
18 county in which it is held; the festival is sponsored by an exempt
19 organization defined in section 501(c)(3), (4), or (6) of the federal
20 internal revenue code; the festival provides family-oriented events
21 suiting a broad segment of the community; and the proceeds of such
22 taxes are used solely for advertising and promotional materials
23 intended to attract overnight visitors.

24 **Sec. 2.** RCW 67.28.270 and 1991 c 357 s 4 are each amended to read
25 as follows:

26 In addition to the other uses authorized in this chapter, any city
27 with a population of not less than one thousand people located on one
28 of the San Juan islands or the county within which such city is located
29 may impose the tax as provided in RCW 67.28.180, and use the ~~((tax))~~
30 proceeds from that tax as provided herein for the acquisition,
31 construction, or operation of publicly owned facilities that are used
32 either for county fairs occurring no more than once a year and not
33 extending over a period of more than seven days or to mitigate the
34 impacts of tourism. Mitigation may include paying all or any part of
35 the cost of acquisition, construction, or operation of public
36 information and educational facilities designed to inform visitors of
37 the historical, cultural, ecological, and environmental resources of
38 the county; of day use parks used by visitors; of kayak and canoe

1 access to public tidelands; of rest, information, and assembly areas
2 for bicycle visitors; of special signage to inform visitors of local
3 points of interest; and of sport and recreational facilities that
4 provide activities of interest to visitors."

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8 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "structures;" strike the
9 remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 67.28.210 and
10 67.28.270."

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