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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21 and until withdrawn for use, the moneys accumulated in such fund or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 wholly located on an island, a city bordering on the
36 Skagit river with a population of not less than twenty thousand, or any

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

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

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

1 the county; of overnight or day use parks used by visitors; of kayak
2 and canoe access to public tidelands; of rest, information, and
3 assembly areas for bicycle visitors; of special signage to inform
4 visitors of local points of interest; and of sport and recreational
5 facilities that provide activities of interest to visitors."

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9 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "structures;" strike the
10 remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 67.28.210 and
11 67.28.270."

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