

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1669

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TOURISM PROMOTION--USE OF LODGING TAX FOR

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Yeas 94 Nays 2

CLYDE BALLARD

**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 14, 1995
Yeas 48 Nays 0

JOEL PRITCHARD

President of the Senate

Approved May 9, 1995

MIKE LOWRY

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Timothy A. Martin, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1669** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

TIMOTHY A. MARTIN

Chief Clerk

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By House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Beeksma, Sehlin, Quall, Hargrove, Hymes and Costa)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the use of hotel, motel, and related businesses
2 tax receipts for tourist promotional structures; and amending RCW
3 67.28.210 and 67.28.270.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 67.28.210 and 1994 c 290 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 All taxes levied and collected under RCW 67.28.180, 67.28.240, and
8 67.28.260 shall be credited to a special fund in the treasury of the
9 county or city imposing such tax. Such taxes shall be levied only for
10 the purpose of paying all or any part of the cost of acquisition,
11 construction, or operating of stadium facilities, convention center
12 facilities, performing arts center facilities, and/or visual arts
13 center facilities or to pay or secure the payment of all or any portion
14 of general obligation bonds or revenue bonds issued for such purpose or
15 purposes under this chapter, or to pay for advertising, publicizing, or
16 otherwise distributing information for the purpose of attracting
17 visitors and encouraging tourist expansion when a county or city has
18 imposed such tax for such purpose, or as one of the purposes hereunder,
19 and until withdrawn for use, the moneys accumulated in such fund or

1 funds may be invested in interest bearing securities by the county or
2 city treasurer in any manner authorized by law. In addition such taxes
3 may be used to develop strategies to expand tourism: PROVIDED, That
4 any county, and any city within a county, bordering upon Grays Harbor
5 may use the proceeds of such taxes for construction and maintenance of
6 a movable tall ships tourist attraction in cooperation with a tall
7 ships restoration society, except to the extent that such proceeds are
8 used for payment of principal and interest on debt incurred prior to
9 June 11, 1986: PROVIDED FURTHER, That any city or county may use the
10 proceeds of such taxes for the refurbishing and operation of a steam
11 railway for tourism promotion purposes: PROVIDED FURTHER, That any
12 city bordering on the Pacific Ocean or on Baker Bay with a population
13 of not less than eight hundred and the county in which such a city is
14 located, a city bordering on the Skagit river with a population of not
15 less than twenty thousand, or any city within a county made up entirely
16 of islands may use the proceeds of such taxes for funding special
17 events or festivals, or for the acquisition, construction, or operation
18 of publicly owned tourist promotional infrastructures, structures, or
19 buildings including but not limited to an ocean beach boardwalk, public
20 docks, and viewing towers: PROVIDED FURTHER, That any county which
21 imposes a tax under RCW 67.28.182 or any city with a population less
22 than fifty thousand in such county may use the proceeds of the tax
23 levied and collected under RCW 67.28.180 to provide public restroom
24 facilities available to and intended for use by visitors: PROVIDED
25 FURTHER, That any county made up entirely of islands, and any city or
26 town that has a population less than five thousand, may use the
27 proceeds of the tax levied and collected under RCW 67.28.180 to provide
28 public restroom facilities available to and intended for use by
29 visitors: PROVIDED FURTHER, That any city or county may use the
30 proceeds of such taxes for funding a civic festival, if the following
31 conditions are met: The festival is a community-wide event held not
32 more than once annually; the festival is approved by the city, town, or
33 county in which it is held; the festival is sponsored by an exempt
34 organization defined in section 501(c)(3), (4), or (6) of the federal
35 internal revenue code; the festival provides family-oriented events
36 suiting a broad segment of the community; and the proceeds of such
37 taxes are used solely for advertising and promotional materials
38 intended to attract overnight visitors.

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

3 In addition to the other uses authorized in this chapter, any city
4 with a population of not less than one thousand people located on one
5 of the San Juan islands or the county within which such city is located
6 may impose the tax as provided in RCW 67.28.180, and use the ~~((tax))~~
7 proceeds from that tax as provided herein for the acquisition,
8 construction, or operation of publicly owned facilities that are used
9 either for county fairs occurring no more than once a year and not
10 extending over a period of more than seven days or to mitigate the
11 impacts of tourism. Mitigation may include paying all or any part of
12 the cost of acquisition, construction, or operation of public
13 information and educational facilities designed to inform visitors of
14 the historical, cultural, ecological, and environmental resources of
15 the county; of day use parks used by visitors; of kayak and canoe
16 access to public tidelands; of rest, information, and assembly areas
17 for bicycle visitors; of special signage to inform visitors of local
18 points of interest; and of sport and recreational facilities that
19 provide activities of interest to visitors.

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