

1477-S2

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Dunshee, Mulliken, Lantz, Rockefeller, G. Chandler, Cooper and McIntire)

Brief Description: Allowing counties to impose taxes for emergency communication systems.

**HB 1477-S2 - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Authorizes a county legislative authority to submit an authorizing proposition to the county voters, and if the proposition is approved by a majority of persons voting, fix and impose a sales and use tax in accordance with the terms of chapter 82.14 RCW.

Declares that moneys received from any tax imposed under this act shall be used solely for the purpose of providing funds for costs associated with financing, design, acquisition, construction, equipping, operating, maintaining, remodeling, repairing, reequipping, and improvement of emergency communication systems and facilities.

Provides that counties are authorized to develop joint ventures to collocate emergency communication systems and facilities.

Provides that, prior to submitting the tax authorization to the voters in a county that provides emergency communication services to a governmental agency pursuant to a contract, the parties to the contract shall review and negotiate or affirm the terms of the contract.

Provides that, prior to submitting the tax authorized in this act to the voters, a county with a population of more than five hundred thousand in which any city over fifty thousand operates emergency communication systems and facilities shall enter into an interlocal agreement with the city to determine distribution of the revenue provided in this act.