

5925

Sponsor(s): Senator Snyder

Brief Description: Allowing lodging tax for counties with national monuments.

SB 5925.E - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Provides that the taxes shall only be used for the acquisition, construction, repair, improvement, and marketing of facilities for tourists visiting the national monument.

Increases the excise tax authorized by RCW 67.28.240 from two to three percent.

VETO MESSAGE ON SB 5925

May 28, 1993

To the Honorable President and Members,
The Senate of the State of Washington
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to section 2, Engrossed Senate Bill No. 5925 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to excise taxation of lodging;"

This bill relates to the assessment and usage of local option hotel/motel taxes.

Section 2 of this bill directs the Department of Revenue to collect the hotel/motel taxes addressed in the bill on behalf of the county and at no cost to the county. Section 2 is not necessary since revenue collection provisions of the hotel/motel tax were amended in Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1862 which I signed on May 15th. Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1862 contains a more comprehensive treatment of hotel/motel tax collections and is designed to cover all applications of this tax. That bill contains the preferred wording for implementation of both bills.

With the exception of section 2, Engrossed Senate Bill No. 5925 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Lowry
Governor