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By Representative B. Thomas

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1 AN ACT Relating to lodging tax advisory committees; and amending
2 RCW 67.28.1817.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 67.28.1817 and 1997 c 452 s 5 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Before imposing a tax under RCW 67.28.181, a municipality with
7 a population of five thousand or more shall establish a lodging tax
8 advisory committee under this section. A lodging tax advisory
9 committee shall consist of at least five members, appointed by the
10 legislative body of the municipality, unless the municipality has a
11 charter providing for a different appointment authority. The committee
12 membership shall ~~((include))~~ consist of the following: (a) At least
13 two members who are representatives of businesses required to collect
14 tax under this chapter; ~~((and))~~ (b) at least two members who are
15 persons involved in activities authorized to be funded by revenue
16 received under this chapter; and (c) one member who is an elected
17 official of the municipality who shall serve as chair. Persons who are
18 eligible for appointment under (a) of this subsection are not eligible
19 for appointment under (b) of this subsection. ~~((Persons who are~~

1 ~~eligible for appointment under (b) of this subsection are not eligible~~
2 ~~for appointment under (a) of this subsection.))~~ Organizations
3 representing businesses required to collect tax under this chapter,
4 organizations involved in activities authorized to be funded by revenue
5 received under this chapter, and local agencies involved in tourism
6 promotion may submit recommendations for membership on the committee.
7 The number of members who are representatives of businesses required to
8 collect tax under this chapter shall equal the number of members who
9 are involved in activities authorized to be funded by revenue received
10 under this chapter. ~~((One member shall be an elected official of the~~
11 ~~municipality who shall serve as chair of the committee.))~~ An advisory
12 committee for a county may include one nonvoting member who is an
13 elected official of a city or town in the county. An advisory
14 committee for a city or town may include one nonvoting member who is an
15 elected official of the county in which the city or town is located.
16 The appointing authority shall review the membership of the advisory
17 committee annually and make changes as appropriate.

18 (2) Any municipality that proposes imposition of a tax under this
19 chapter, an increase in the rate of a tax imposed under this chapter,
20 repeal of an exemption from a tax imposed under this chapter, or a
21 change in the use of revenue received under this chapter shall submit
22 the proposal to the lodging tax advisory committee for review and
23 comment. The submission shall occur at least forty-five days before
24 final action on or passage of the proposal by the municipality. The
25 advisory committee shall submit comments on the proposal in a timely
26 manner through generally applicable public comment procedures. The
27 comments shall include an analysis of the extent to which the proposal
28 will accommodate activities for tourists or increase tourism, and the
29 extent to which the proposal will affect the long-term stability of the
30 fund created under RCW 67.28.1815. Failure of the advisory committee
31 to submit comments before final action on or passage of the proposal
32 shall not prevent the municipality from acting on the proposal. A
33 municipality is not required to submit an amended proposal to an
34 advisory committee under this section.

35 (3) If a municipality with a population of less than five thousand
36 establishes a lodging tax advisory committee, then the committee shall

- 1 be composed according to subsection (1) of this section and shall
- 2 follow the procedures according to subsection (2) of this section.

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