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3  By Representative Thomas
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5  On page 13, after line 26, insert the following:
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6 "Sec. 17. RCW 67.28.1817 and 1998 c 35 s 3 are each amended to 7 read as follows:

8 (1) Before proposing imposition of a new tax under this chapter, an 9 increase in the rate of a tax imposed under this chapter, repeal of an 10 exemption from a tax imposed under this chapter, or a change in the use of revenue received under this chapter, a municipality with a 11 population of five thousand or more shall establish a lodging tax 12 13 advisory committee under this section. A lodging tax advisory committee shall consist of at least five members, appointed by the 14 15 legislative body of the municipality, unless the municipality has a 16 charter providing for a different appointment authority. The committee membership shall ((include)) consist of the following: (a) At least 17 two members who are representatives of businesses required to collect 18 19 tax under this chapter; ((and)) (b) at least two members who are 20 persons involved in activities authorized to be funded by revenue received under this chapter; and (c) one member who is an elected 21 official of the municipality who shall serve as chair. Persons who are 22 23 eligible for appointment under (a) of this subsection are not eligible 24 for appointment under (b) of this subsection. ((Persons who are 25 eligible for appointment under (b) of this subsection are not eligible for appointment under (a) of this subsection.)) 26 27 representing businesses required to collect tax under this chapter, 28 organizations involved in activities authorized to be funded by revenue received under this chapter, and local agencies involved in tourism 29 30 promotion may submit recommendations for membership on the committee. The number of members who are representatives of businesses required to 31 collect tax under this chapter shall equal the number of members who 32 are involved in activities authorized to be funded by revenue received 33 34 under this chapter. ((One member shall be an elected official of the 35 municipality who shall serve as chair of the committee.)) An advisory 36 committee for a county may include one nonvoting member who is an

- elected official of a city or town in the county. An advisory committee for a city or town may include one nonvoting member who is an elected official of the county in which the city or town is located. The appointing authority shall review the membership of the advisory committee annually and make changes as appropriate.
- 6 (2) Any municipality that proposes imposition of a tax under this 7 chapter, an increase in the rate of a tax imposed under this chapter, 8 repeal of an exemption from a tax imposed under this chapter, or a 9 change in the use of revenue received under this chapter shall submit the proposal to the lodging tax advisory committee for review and 10 comment. The submission shall occur at least forty-five days before 11 final action on or passage of the proposal by the municipality. 12 advisory committee shall submit comments on the proposal in a timely 13 manner through generally applicable public comment procedures. 14 15 comments shall include an analysis of the extent to which the proposal will accommodate activities for tourists or increase tourism, and the 16 extent to which the proposal will affect the long-term stability of the 17 fund created under RCW 67.28.1815. Failure of the advisory committee 18 19 to submit comments before final action on or passage of the proposal shall not prevent the municipality from acting on the proposal. 20 municipality is not required to submit an amended proposal to an 21 advisory committee under this section. 22
- 23 (3) If a municipality with a population of less than five thousand 24 establishes a lodging tax advisory committee, then the committee shall 25 be composed according to subsection (1) of this section and shall 26 follow the procedures according to subsection (2) of this section."
- 27 Correct the title.

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