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Brief Description: Addressing locally imposed transportation funding options.

SB 5605 - DIGEST

Recognizes the need to assist cities and towns to replace the local funding that would have been available to them had RCW 82.80.050 been upheld and to provide additional local transportation revenue options to all cities.

Declares an intent to provide cities and towns the local option, with voter approval, to authorize a city street district levy, similar to the existing county road district levy in RCW 36.82.040, to be levied by the county legislative authority for the city pursuant to RCW 84.52.030 or by the city legislative authority in a city having a population of three hundred thousand or more.

Provides that, additionally, cities and towns are provided the local option, subject to voter referendum, to increase the local sales and use tax, and to impose a business and occupation tax of up to two percent on retail sales in the city or town of motor vehicle and special fuel.

Provides transportation benefit districts the local option to impose a vehicle license fee if that fee has not been imposed by the county in which the transportation benefit district is located.

Increases the rate for the county-wide local option fuel tax authorized under RCW 82.80.010 to twenty percent of the state motor vehicle and special fuel tax rate.

Authorizes a city, town, or transportation benefit district to use any combination of the available options.