SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1125

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By House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Cairnes, Morris and Esser)

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1   AN ACT Relating to limiting the maximum combined sales tax rate on
2 lodging; adding a new section to chapter 82.14 RCW; and declaring an
3 emergency.

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

5   NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 82.14 RCW
6 to read as follows:
7   (1) A local sales and use tax change adopted after December 1,
8 2000, must provide an exemption for those sales of lodging for which,
9 but for the exemption, the total sales tax rate imposed on sales of
10 lodging would exceed the greater of:
11   (a) Twelve percent; or
12   (b) The total sales tax rate that would have applied to the sale of
13 lodging if the sale were made on December 1, 2000.
14   (2) For the purposes of this section:
15   (a) "Local sales and use tax change" is defined as provided in RCW
16 82.14.055.
17   (b) "Sale of lodging" means the sale of or charge made for the
18 furnishing of lodging and all other services by a hotel, rooming house,

1 tourist court, motel, trailer camp, and the granting of any similar
2 license to use real property.
3   (c) "Total sales tax rate" means the combined rates of all state
4 and local taxes imposed under this chapter and chapters 36.100, 67.28,
5 67.40, and 82.08 RCW, and any other tax authorized after the effective
6 date of this section if the tax is in the nature of a sales tax
7 collected from the buyer, but excluding taxes imposed under RCW
8 81.104.170 before December 1, 2000.

9   NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
10 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
11 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
12 immediately.

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