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SENATE BILL 5214

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By Senators Hargrove, Doumit and Keiser

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1 AN ACT Relating to authorizing the use of hotel and motel tax  
2 proceeds for law enforcement efforts directed toward tourism areas;  
3 amending RCW 67.28.1815; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the demands made  
6 on law enforcement by seasonal tourist populations in cities with  
7 unique geographical properties are above and beyond the abilities of  
8 the permanent residents of these cities to fund.

9 **Sec. 2.** RCW 67.28.1815 and 1997 c 452 s 4 are each amended to read  
10 as follows:

11 (1) All revenue from taxes imposed under this chapter shall be  
12 credited to a special fund in the treasury of the municipality imposing  
13 such tax and used solely for the purpose of paying all or any part of  
14 the cost of tourism promotion((7)); the cost of acquisition of tourism-  
15 related facilities((, -or)); the cost of operation of tourism-related  
16 facilities; or the cost, such as salaries and equipment acquisition or  
17 maintenance, of law enforcement activity directed towards tourism areas

1 in cities bordering the Pacific Ocean that encompass within their  
2 boundaries (a) one or more navigable freshwater lakes; (b) one or more  
3 state parks; and (c) one or more wildlife reserves.

4 (2) Municipalities may, under chapter 39.34 RCW, agree to the  
5 utilization of revenue from taxes imposed under this chapter for the  
6 purposes of funding a multijurisdictional tourism-related facility.

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