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HOUSE BILL 2288

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By Representatives Darneille, Clements, Linville, Haler, Ormsby, McCoy, Walsh, Kirby, Flannigan, Conway, Grant, Pettigrew and Sells

Read first time . Referred to .

1            AN ACT Relating to community stadiums; adding a new section to  
2 chapter 35.21 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that community  
5 stadiums provide a venue for wholesome, affordable, family-oriented  
6 activities, including minor league baseball. The legislature intends  
7 to provide local governments with assistance to ensure that these  
8 important venues remain available to Washington citizens.

9            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 35.21 RCW  
10 to read as follows:

11            (1) The legislative authority of a city or town in which a minor  
12 league baseball team plays in a community stadium may impose a tax of  
13 up to one cent on twenty cents or fraction thereof to be paid by the  
14 person who pays an admission charge to the events in the minor league  
15 baseball stadium. The tax authorized in this section may also be  
16 imposed on any parking charges or fees imposed in parking facilities  
17 associated with the community stadium. The revenue generated by the  
18 tax imposed in this section shall be used solely for the purpose of

1 paying for the operation, maintenance, repair, rehabilitation,  
2 financing, equipping, and reequipping of a community stadium and  
3 associated parking facilities. The tax authorized in this section is  
4 in addition to any other taxes on admission levied by the city.

5 (2) "Community stadium" is any public facility existing and in use  
6 on the effective date of this act which provides a venue for community  
7 events and may have a minor league baseball team affiliated with a  
8 major league baseball club operating in it for at least a portion of  
9 the previous two years.

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