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By Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development
(originally sponsored by Senators Rasmussen, Hewitt, Berkey, Oke,
Benson, Deccio, Delvin and Jacobsen)

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1 AN ACT Relating to maintenance and repair of minor league baseball
2 facilities; adding a new section to chapter 67.70 RCW; adding a new
3 section to chapter 82.14 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 35.21
4 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that minor league
7 baseball is a wholesome, affordable family-oriented activity that has
8 a rich history in the state of Washington. The legislature desires to
9 provide local governments with assistance to ensure that this important
10 pastime remains available to Washington citizens.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 67.70 RCW
12 to read as follows:

13 (1) The minor league baseball account is created in the state
14 treasury. Money in the minor league baseball account shall be
15 distributed only after appropriation, and only to a governmental agency
16 responsible for the operation of a minor league baseball stadium as
17 defined under subsection (2) of this section. Money shall be
18 distributed on a per capita basis based on the population of the city

1 in which the minor league baseball stadium is located as determined by
2 the office of financial management on the effective date of this act.
3 Money distributed from the minor league baseball account shall be used
4 solely for the purpose of paying for the capital improvement,
5 rehabilitation, financing, equipping, and reequipping of a minor league
6 baseball stadium and associated parking facilities.

7 (2) "Minor league baseball stadium" is any public facility existing
8 and in use on the effective date of this act in which a minor league
9 baseball team affiliated with a major league baseball club has operated
10 for at least a portion of the previous two years.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 82.14 RCW
12 to read as follows:

13 (1) The legislative authority of a county in which a minor league
14 baseball team plays in an existing minor league baseball stadium may
15 impose a special stadium sales and use tax upon retail car rentals
16 within the county that are taxable by the state under chapters 82.08
17 and 82.12 RCW. The rate of the tax shall not exceed two percent of the
18 selling price in the case of a sales tax, or rental value of the
19 vehicle in the case of a use tax. The tax imposed under this section
20 is in addition to any other taxes authorized by law and shall not be
21 credited against any other tax imposed upon the same taxable event.
22 The revenue generated by the tax imposed in this section shall be used
23 solely for the purpose of paying for the operation, maintenance,
24 repair, rehabilitation, financing, equipping, and reequipping of a
25 minor league baseball stadium and associated parking facilities.

26 (2) "Minor league baseball stadium" has the same meaning as
27 provided in section 2 of this act.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 35.21 RCW
29 to read as follows:

30 (1) The legislative authority of a city or town in which a minor
31 league baseball team plays in an existing minor league baseball stadium
32 may impose a tax of up to one cent on twenty cents or fraction thereof
33 to be paid by the person who pays an admission charge to the events in
34 the minor league baseball stadium. The tax authorized in this section
35 may also be imposed on any parking charges or fees imposed in parking
36 facilities associated with the minor league baseball stadium. The

1 revenue generated by the tax imposed in this section shall be used
2 solely for the purpose of paying for the operation, maintenance,
3 repair, rehabilitation, financing, equipping, and reequipping of a
4 minor league baseball stadium and associated parking facilities. The
5 tax authorized in this section is in addition to any other taxes on
6 admission levied by the city.

7 (2) "Minor league baseball stadium" has the same meaning as
8 provided in section 2 of this act.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** If any provision of this act or its
10 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
11 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
12 persons or circumstances is not affected.

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