

**SSB 5647 - H AMD 640**

By Representative Bailey

**WITHDRAWN 4/12/2007**

1           Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3           "**Sec. 1.** RCW 67.28.080 and 1997 c 452 s 2 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

5           The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter  
6 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

7           (1) "Acquisition" includes, but is not limited to, siting,  
8 acquisition, design, construction, refurbishing, expansion, repair,  
9 and improvement, including paying or securing the payment of all or  
10 any portion of general obligation bonds, leases, revenue bonds, or  
11 other obligations issued or incurred for such purpose or purposes  
12 under this chapter.

13           (2) "Municipality" means any county, city or town of the state  
14 of Washington.

15           (3) "Operation" includes, but is not limited to, operation,  
16 management, and marketing.

17           (4) "Person" means the federal government or any agency  
18 thereof, the state or any agency, subdivision, taxing district or  
19 municipal corporation thereof other than county, city or town, any  
20 private corporation, partnership, association, or individual.

21           (5) "Tourism" means economic activity resulting from tourists,  
22 which may include sales of overnight lodging, meals, tours, gifts,  
23 or souvenirs.

24           (6) "Tourism promotion" means activities and expenditures  
25 designed to increase tourism, including but not limited to  
26 advertising, publicizing, or otherwise distributing information for  
27 the purpose of attracting and welcoming tourists; developing  
28 strategies to expand tourism; operating tourism promotion agencies;  
29 and funding marketing of special events and festivals designed to  
30 attract tourists.

1 (7) "Tourism-related facility" means real or tangible personal  
2 property with a usable life of three or more years, or constructed  
3 with volunteer labor((7)) that is: (a) Owned by a public entity,  
4 a nonprofit organization described under 501(c)(6) of the federal  
5 internal revenue code of 1986, as amended, a business organization,  
6 a destination marketing organization, a main street organization,  
7 a lodging association or a chamber of commerce; and (b) used to  
8 support tourism, including visitor information centers, performing  
9 arts, or to accommodate tourist activities.

10 (8) "Tourist" means a person who travels from a place of  
11 residence to a different town, city, county, state, or country, for  
12 purposes of business, pleasure, recreation, education, arts,  
13 heritage, or culture.

14 (9) "Visitor information center" means real property which is  
15 owned or leased by a municipality, a nonprofit organization under  
16 section 501(c)(6) of the federal internal revenue code of 1986, as  
17 amended, a business organization, a destination marketing  
18 organization, a main street organization, a lodging association or  
19 a chamber of commerce and is used for the purpose of providing  
20 information to tourists.

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

23 All revenue from taxes imposed under this chapter shall be  
24 credited to a special fund in the treasury of the municipality  
25 imposing such tax and used solely for the purpose of paying all or  
26 any part of the cost of tourism promotion, acquisition of tourism-  
27 related facilities, or operation of tourism-related facilities.  
28 Municipalities may, under chapter 39.34 RCW, agree to the  
29 utilization of revenue from taxes imposed under this chapter for  
30 the purposes of funding a multijurisdictional tourism-related  
31 facility. In addition, municipalities may contract with a  
32 nonprofit organization described under 501(c)(6) of the federal  
33 internal revenue code of 1986, as amended, for tourism promotion  
34 activities, a business organization, a destination marketing  
35 organization, a main street organization, a lodging association, or  
36 a chamber of commerce."

37 Correct the title.

**EFFECT:**

(1) Eliminates authorization for the lodging tax revenues to be used for tourism-related facilities owned by 501(c)(3) organizations.

(2) Eliminates authorization for the lodging tax revenues to be used for the operating costs associated with tourism promotion or a tourism related facility.

(3) Eliminates the authorization for the lodging tax revenues to be used for the operating costs of festivals and special events.

(4) Adds 501(c)(6) like organizations to the list of tourism-related facilities owners.

(5) Adds 501(c)(6) like organization to the list of the type of organization that a municipality may contract with for tourism promotion activities.

(6) Adds a definition of visitors center.