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By Representatives Takko, Bailey, Springer, Skinner, Blake, Haler, Miloscia, McIntire, Ericks, Chase, Pearson, Kenney and Dunn

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1            AN ACT Relating to clarifying the use of existing lodging tax  
2 revenues for tourism promotion; and amending RCW 67.28.080.

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

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

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

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

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

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

18            (4) "Person" means the federal government or any agency thereof,

1 the state or any agency, subdivision, taxing district or municipal  
2 corporation thereof other than county, city or town, any private  
3 corporation, partnership, association, or individual.

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

7 (6) "Tourism promotion" means activities, operations, and  
8 expenditures designed to increase tourism, including but not limited to  
9 advertising, publicizing, or otherwise distributing information for the  
10 purpose of attracting and welcoming tourists; developing strategies to  
11 expand tourism; operating tourism promotion agencies; and funding  
12 (~~marketing of~~) and operating special events and festivals designed to  
13 attract tourists.

14 (7) "Tourism-related facility" means real or tangible personal  
15 property with a usable life of three or more years, or constructed with  
16 volunteer labor(~~(7)~~) that is: (a) Owned by a public entity or a  
17 nonprofit organization described under section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(6)  
18 of the federal internal revenue code of 1986, as amended and (b) used  
19 to support tourism, performing arts, or to accommodate tourist  
20 activities.

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

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