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By Senators Hewitt, Rolfes, Keiser, Schoesler, Hobbs, and McAuliffe

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1 AN ACT Relating to modifying the definition of tourist for the
2 purposes of the lodging tax; 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 and expenditures designed
8 to increase tourism, including but not limited to advertising,
9 publicizing, or otherwise distributing information for the purpose of
10 attracting and welcoming tourists; developing strategies to expand
11 tourism; operating tourism promotion agencies; and funding marketing of
12 special events and festivals designed to attract tourists.

13 (7) "Tourism-related facility" means real or tangible personal
14 property with a usable life of three or more years, or constructed with
15 volunteer labor, and used to support tourism, performing arts, or to
16 accommodate tourist activities.

17 (8) "Tourist" means a person who travels (~~((from a place of~~
18 ~~residence to a different town, city, county, state, or country, for~~
19 ~~purposes of business, pleasure, recreation, education, arts, heritage,~~
20 ~~or culture))~~ for business or pleasure on a trip: Away from their place
21 of residence or business and stays overnight in paid accommodations; or
22 to a place fifty miles or more one way from their place of residence or
23 their business for the day or stays overnight.

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