

**SSB 6592 - S AMD 1108**

By Senator Short

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1 On page 2, beginning on line 22, strike all of section 2 and  
2 insert the following:

3 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 35.101  
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) In addition to the two dollar charge authorized by RCW  
6 35.101.050, a legislative authority may impose an additional charge  
7 of up to three dollars per night of stay on the furnishing of lodging  
8 by a lodging business located in the area.

9 (2) This section expires July 1, 2027."

10 On page 3, line 13, after "RCW 35.101.050" insert "or section 2  
11 of this act"

12 On page 3, line 20, after "authorized in" strike "RCW  
13 35.101.050(4)" and insert "section 2 of this act"

14 On page 3, after line 20, insert the following:

15 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 35.101  
16 RCW to read as follows:

17 Each tourism promotion area must conduct a program review of the  
18 additional tourism promotion area charge established in section 2 of  
19 this act. The review must be completed and submitted to the  
20 appropriate committees of the legislature by January 1, 2026. The  
21 review must:

22 (1) Analyze how tourism promotion area charge funds were used  
23 during the period when the additional charge was imposed;

24 (2) Identify additional marketing and promotional measures  
25 conducted or purchased with additional funds beyond the current two  
26 dollar charge;

27 (3) Assess whether additional tourism promotion area charges  
28 above two dollars contributed to an actual increase in the number of  
29 tourists, as defined in RCW 35.101.010; and

1 (4) Assess the average additional cost per visit per tourist due  
2 to additional tourism promotion area charges above two dollars."

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3 On page 1, beginning on line 1 of the title, after "authorities;"  
4 strike all material through "35.101.130" on line 2 and insert  
5 "amending RCW 35.101.010 and 35.101.130; adding new sections to  
6 chapter 35.101 RCW; and providing an expiration date"

EFFECT: Establishes the additional tourism promotion area charge as its own section and sets an expiration date of July 1, 2027. Requires each tourism promotion area to conduct a program review of the additional tourism promotion area charge. The review must be completed and submitted to the appropriate committees of the Legislature by January 1, 2026, and must: (1) Analyze how tourism promotion area charge funds were used during the period when the additional charge was in place; (2) identify additional marketing and promotional measures conducted or purchased with additional funds beyond the current two dollar charge; (3) assess whether additional tourism promotion area charges above two dollars contributed to an actual increase in the number of tourists; and (4) assess the average additional cost per visit per tourist due to additional tourism promotion area charges above two dollars.

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