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**ESSB 5334** - H AMD TO LG COMM AMD (H-3365.1/24) **1241**

By Representative Barnard

**NOT CONSIDERED 03/07/2024**

 On page 1, line 5 of the striking amendment, after "a" insert "tourism-dependent"

 On page 3, after line 12 of the striking amendment, insert the following:

 "(c) "Tourism-dependent" means a county, city, or town that has been determined by the department of commerce under section 4 of this act to have 10 percent of more of the jobs within the county, city, or town generated by tourism."

 On page 5, after line 2 of the striking amendment, insert the following:

 "NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  A new section is added to chapter 43.31 RCW to read as follows:

 (1) Beginning December 1, 2024, and each year thereafter, the department of commerce must prepare an annual report on counties, cities, and towns that are tourism-dependent. In preparing this report, the department must utilize a definition it has adopted, by rule, for determining whether a job is generated by tourism. This definition shall include both jobs directly affected by the tourism industry and those jobs that are indirectly affected by the tourism to a substantial degree.

 (2) "Tourism-dependent" means a county, city, or town that has 10 percent of more of the jobs within the county, city, or town generated by tourism."

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|  |  EFFECT:   * Limits the counties, cities, and towns that can impose the short-term rental excise tax to those that are tourism-dependent.
* Requires the Department of Commerce to produce an annual report on which jurisdictions are tourism-dependent, and to adopt a definition by rule for determining whether a job is generated by tourism.
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