

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

By Representative Barnard

NOT CONSIDERED 03/07/2024

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

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

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

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

13 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 43.31 RCW
14 to read as follows:

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

23 (2) "Tourism-dependent" means a county, city, or town that has 10
24 percent of more of the jobs within the county, city, or town generated
25 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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