

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5251

As of January 22, 2025

Title: An act relating to lodging tax revenues.

Brief Description: Concerning lodging tax revenues.

Sponsors: Senators Christian, Chapman and Frame.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Business, Financial Services & Trade: 1/23/25.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Expands the uses of lodging tax revenues to include capital expenditures on tourism-related facilities owned by nonprofit organizations.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, FINANCIAL SERVICES & TRADE

Staff: Clint McCarthy (786-7319)

Background: Lodging tax revenue collected by short term rentals or hotels may be used by municipalities, convention and visitors bureaus, or a destination marketing organization for the following purposes:

- tourism marketing;
- marketing and operations costs incurred to support special events or festivals;
- supporting the operating and capital expenditures of tourism related facilities owned or operated by a municipality or a public facilities district; or
- supporting the operating expenditures of tourism related facilities owned or operated by nonprofit organizations.

Summary of Bill: The permissible uses of lodging tax revenue is expanded to include capital expenditures that support tourism related facilities that are owned by nonprofit organizations.

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Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.