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SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1290

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By House Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Maxwell, Rodne, Kenney, Green, Clibborn, Lias, Anderson, and Hunter)

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1 AN ACT Relating to local tourism promotion areas; amending RCW  
2 35.101.010; and adding a new section to chapter 35.101 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 35.101.010 and 2003 c 148 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in  
7 this section apply throughout this chapter.

8 (1) "Area" means a tourism promotion area.

9 (2) "Legislative authority" means the legislative authority of any  
10 county with a population greater than forty thousand (~~but less than~~  
11 ~~one million~~), or of any city or town within such a county, including  
12 unclassified cities or towns operating under special charters.  
13 However, in any county with a population of one million or more, the  
14 legislative authority shall be comprised of two or more jurisdictions  
15 acting jointly as the legislative authority under an interlocal  
16 agreement created under chapter 39.34 RCW for the joint establishment  
17 and operation of a tourism promotion area.

18 (3) "Lodging business" means a person that furnishes lodging

1 taxable by the state under chapter 82.08 RCW that has forty or more  
2 lodging units.

3 (4) "Tourism promotion" means activities and expenditures designed  
4 to increase tourism and convention business, including but not limited  
5 to advertising, publicizing, or otherwise distributing information for  
6 the purpose of attracting and welcoming tourists, and operating tourism  
7 destination marketing organizations.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 35.101 RCW  
9 to read as follows:

10 (1) A legislative authority shall contract, prior to the effective  
11 date of an ordinance imposing a lodging charge under RCW 35.101.050,  
12 for the administration and collection of the charge by the state  
13 department of revenue. The department may deduct a percentage amount,  
14 as provided by contract, for the administration and collection expenses  
15 incurred by the department.

16 (2) This section only applies to a legislative authority  
17 consisting of a county with a population of one million or more or a  
18 city or town within such a county.

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