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By Senators Fraser, Zarelli, and Kastama

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1            AN ACT Relating to the information required to be reported in the  
2 annual economic impact report on lodging tax revenues; and amending RCW  
3 67.28.1816.

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

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 67.28.1816 and 2007 c 497 s 2 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7            (1) Lodging tax revenues under this chapter may be used, directly  
8 by local jurisdictions or indirectly through a convention and visitors  
9 bureau or destination marketing organization, for the marketing and  
10 operations of special events and festivals and to support the  
11 operations and capital expenditures of tourism-related facilities owned  
12 by nonprofit organizations described under (~~{section}~~) section  
13 501(c)(3) and (~~{section}~~) section 501(c)(6) of the internal revenue  
14 code of 1986, as amended.

15            (2) Local jurisdictions that use the lodging tax revenues under  
16 this section must submit an annual economic impact report for these  
17 expenditures to the department of community, trade, and economic  
18 development beginning January 1, 2008. These expenditures must include  
19 what is used by the local jurisdiction for tourism promotion purposes

1 and what is used by a nonprofit organization exempt from taxation under  
2 26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(6). This economic impact report, at  
3 a minimum, must include: (a) The total revenue received under this  
4 chapter for each year; (b) the list of festivals, special events, or  
5 nonprofit 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(6) organizations that received funds  
6 under this chapter; (c) the amount of revenue expended on each  
7 festival, special event, or tourism-related facility owned by a  
8 nonprofit 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(6) organization or local jurisdiction;  
9 (d) the estimated number of tourists, persons traveling over fifty  
10 miles to the destination, persons remaining at the destination  
11 overnight, and lodging stays generated per festival, special event, or  
12 tourism-related facility owned by a nonprofit 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(6)  
13 organization or local jurisdiction; and (e) ~~((an estimated increase in~~  
14 ~~sales and use tax revenues attributable to the special event, festival,~~  
15 ~~or tourism-related facility owned by a nonprofit 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(6)~~  
16 ~~organization; and (f))~~) any other measurements the local government  
17 finds that demonstrate the impact of the increased tourism attributable  
18 to the festival, special event, or tourism-related facility owned by a  
19 nonprofit 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(6) organization.

20 (3) The joint legislative audit and review committee must report to  
21 the legislature and the governor on the use and economic impact of  
22 lodging tax revenues by local jurisdictions since July 22, 2007, to  
23 support festivals, special events, and tourism-related facilities owned  
24 by a nonprofit organization under section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(6) of the  
25 internal revenue code of 1986, as amended, and the economic impact  
26 generated by these festivals, events, and facilities. This report  
27 shall be due September 1, 2012.

28 (4) Reporting under this section must begin with calendar year  
29 2008.

30 (5) This section expires June 30, 2013.

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