

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5846

As of February 20, 2007

Title: An act relating to authorizing the use of hotel and motel tax proceeds for public safety activities directed toward certain tourism areas.

Brief Description: Authorizing the use of hotel and motel tax proceeds for public safety activities directed towards certain tourism areas.

Sponsors: Senators Hargrove, Hatfield, Sheldon, Delvin and Shin.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Economic Development, Trade & Management: 2/16/07.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRADE & MANAGEMENT

Staff: Jacob White (786-7448)

Background: Lodging tax revenues can be used for activities and expenditures designed to increase tourism, including tourism-related facilities.

The lodging tax may not exceed 2 percent on the sale of or charge made for the furnishing of lodging.

Summary of Bill: In towns with a population of less than 10,000, lodging tax revenues may also be used for the cost of salaries and equipment acquisition or maintenance of public safety activities directed towards tourism.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

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

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