

inches in height, and in addition shall be equipped with visual signals meeting the requirements of RCW 46.37.190.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 11. A new section is added to Title 28A RCW to read as follows:

On highways divided into separate roadways as provided in RCW 46-.61.150 and highways with three or more marked traffic lanes, public school district bus routes and private school bus routes shall serve each side of the highway so that students do not have to cross the highway, unless there is a traffic control signal as defined in RCW 46.04.600 or an adult crossing guard within three hundred feet of the bus stop to assist students while crossing such multiple-lane highways.

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CHAPTER 242

[House Bill No. 2475]

LODGING TAX—LIMITATIONS ON USES OF REVENUES

AN ACT Relating to a limitation on license fees and taxes; amending RCW 67.40.100; and creating a new section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Sec. 1. Section 10, chapter 34, Laws of 1982 as amended by section 25, chapter 1, Laws of 1988 ex. sess. and RCW 67.40.100 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Except as provided in chapters 67.28 and 82.14 RCW and subsection (2) of this section, after January 1, 1983, no city, town, or county in which the tax under RCW 67.40.090 is imposed may impose a license fee or tax on the act or privilege of engaging in business to furnish lodging by a hotel, rooming house, tourist court, motel, trailer camp, or similar facilities in excess of the rate imposed upon other persons engaged in the business of making sales at retail as that term is defined in chapter 82.04 RCW.

(2) A city incorporated before January 1, 1982, with a population over sixty thousand located in a county with a population over one million, other than the city of Seattle, may impose a special excise tax under the following conditions:

(a) The proceeds of the tax must be used (~~solely~~) for the acquisition, design, (~~and~~) construction, and marketing of convention and trade facilities and may be used for and pledged to the payment of bonds, leases, or other obligations issued or incurred for such purposes. The proceeds of the tax may be used for maintenance and operation only as part of a budget which includes the use of the tax for debt service and marketing.

(b) The legislative body of the city, before imposing the tax, must authorize a complete study and investigation of the desirability and economic feasibility of the proposed convention and trade facilities.

(c) The rate of the tax shall not exceed three percent.

(d) The tax shall be imposed on the sale of or charge made for the furnishing of lodging by a hotel, rooming house, tourist court, motel, or trailer camp, and the granting of any similar license to use real property, as distinguished from the renting or leasing of real property, except that no such tax may be levied on any premises having fewer than sixty lodging units.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This 1990 amendment applies to all proceeds of the tax authorized under RCW 67.40.100(2), regardless of when levied or collected.

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CHAPTER 243

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 5450]

PACIFIC RIM LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP

AN ACT Relating to education in Pacific Rim languages; amending RCW 28A.67.020; adding a new section to Title 28A RCW; adding a new chapter to Title 28B RCW; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The legislature finds that it is important to the economic future of Washington state to promote international awareness and understanding. The legislature intends to complement the provisions of chapter 28A.125 RCW by encouraging high school students to study Pacific Rim languages, promote teacher exchanges with Pacific Rim nations, and allow nonimmigrant aliens to serve as exchange teachers for more than one year.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter.

(1) "Washington state Pacific Rim language scholarship" means a scholarship awarded, for a period not to exceed one year, to a student proficient in speaking one of the following languages: Spanish, Russian, Chinese, and Japanese.

(2) "Institution of higher education" or "institution" means a college or university in the state of Washington that is accredited by an accrediting association recognized as such by rule of the higher education coordinating board.