



2017 Lodging Tax Expenditures Update

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Municipalities required to report lodging tax expenditures to JLARC since 2013

Lodging tax is a tax credited against the state retail tax for lodging at hotels, motels, and similar facilities.

1967

Lodging tax introduced in King County.

2007

Legislature clarified the types of activities that could be funded by lodging tax revenue.

2013

Municipalities required to report information about expenditures to JLARC.

Municipalities distribute funds locally and report data to JLARC



In 2017, 198 municipalities reported spending \$56 million in lodging tax revenue

2017

1,600

funded
activities

60 million

attendees

26 million

paid lodging
nights

97%

reporting
compliance

2016

1,579

funded
activities

57 million

attendees

8.5 million

paid lodging
nights

98%

reporting
compliance

JLARC report is interactive



<http://leg.wa.gov/jlarc/reports/JLARCLodgingTax/default.html>

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