



BRIEFING REPORT

# 2022 Lodging Tax Expenditures Update



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# Municipalities required to report lodging tax expenditures to JLARC since 2013

*Municipalities may collect a tax for lodging stays at hotels, motels, and similar facilities.*

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## 1967

Lodging tax introduced in King County.

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## 2007

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

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## 2013

Municipalities required to report information about expenditures to JLARC.

# Municipalities distribute funds locally and report data to JLARC

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- MUNICIPALITIES** Levy lodging tax
1. Collect a tax of up to 2% as a credit against state sales tax
  2. Collect an additional sales tax of up to 2%
- DOR** Collects lodging tax revenue
- Distributes to municipalities
- MUNICIPALITIES** Spend revenue on tourism-related activities, directly or through local organizations
- Report and verify expenditure data to JLARC staff
- JLARC STAFF** Make data publicly available

# In 2022, 196 municipalities reported spending \$70 million in lodging tax revenue

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	2022	2021
Reporting compliance	98%	96%
Funded activities	1,554	1,206
Attendees	101 million	58 million
Paid lodging nights	16 million	12 million

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