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CHAMBER ACTION

The Committee on Finance & Tax recommends the following:

**Committee Substitute**

Remove the entire bill and insert:

A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to beach improvement; amending s.  
125.0104, F.S.; prohibiting use or loan of moneys  
designated for beach improvement, maintenance,  
renourishment, restoration, or erosion control for other  
purposes; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section  
125.0104, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

125.0104 Tourist development tax; procedure for levying;  
authorized uses; referendum; enforcement.--

(5) AUTHORIZED USES OF REVENUE.--

(a) All tax revenues received pursuant to this section by  
a county imposing the tourist development tax shall be used by  
that county for the following purposes only:



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28 | 1. To acquire, construct, extend, enlarge, remodel,  
29 | repair, improve, maintain, operate, or promote one or more  
30 | publicly owned and operated convention centers, sports stadiums,  
31 | sports arenas, coliseums, or auditoriums, or museums that are  
32 | publicly owned and operated or owned and operated by not-for-  
33 | profit organizations and open to the public, within the  
34 | boundaries of the county or subcounty special taxing district in  
35 | which the tax is levied. Tax revenues received pursuant to this  
36 | section may also be used for promotion of zoological parks that  
37 | are publicly owned and operated or owned and operated by not-  
38 | for-profit organizations and open to the public. However, these  
39 | purposes may be implemented through service contracts and leases  
40 | with lessees with sufficient expertise or financial capability  
41 | to operate such facilities;

42 | 2. To promote and advertise tourism in the State of  
43 | Florida and nationally and internationally; however, if tax  
44 | revenues are expended for an activity, service, venue, or event,  
45 | the activity, service, venue, or event shall have as one of its  
46 | main purposes the attraction of tourists as evidenced by the  
47 | promotion of the activity, service, venue, or event to tourists;

48 | 3. To fund convention bureaus, tourist bureaus, tourist  
49 | information centers, and news bureaus as county agencies or by  
50 | contract with the chambers of commerce or similar associations  
51 | in the county, which may include any indirect administrative  
52 | costs for services performed by the county on behalf of the  
53 | promotion agency; or

54 | 4. To finance beach park facilities or beach improvement,  
55 | maintenance, renourishment, restoration, and erosion control,



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56 including shoreline protection, enhancement, cleanup, or  
57 restoration of inland lakes and rivers to which there is public  
58 access as those uses relate to the physical preservation of the  
59 beach, shoreline, or inland lake or river. However, any funds  
60 identified by a county as the local matching source for beach  
61 renourishment, restoration, or erosion control projects included  
62 in the long-range budget for the state's beach management plan  
63 pursuant to s. 161.091 or funds contractually obligated by a  
64 county in the financial plan for a federally authorized shore  
65 protection project may not be used or loaned for any other  
66 purpose. In counties of less than 100,000 population, no more  
67 than 10 percent of the revenues from the tourist development tax  
68 may be used for beach park facilities.

69 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.