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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Community Affairs (Latvala) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment

Delete lines 12 - 61
and insert:

Section 1. Paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (5) and subsection (7) of section 125.0104, Florida Statutes, are 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



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13 that county for the following purposes only:

14 1. To acquire, construct, extend, enlarge, remodel, repair,
15 improve, maintain, operate, or promote one or more:

16 a. Publicly owned and operated convention centers, sports
17 stadiums, sports arenas, coliseums, or auditoriums within the
18 boundaries of the county or subcounty special taxing district in
19 which the tax is levied; or

20 b. Aquariums, ~~or~~ museums that are publicly owned and
21 operated or owned and operated by not-for-profit organizations
22 and open to the public, within the boundaries of the county or
23 subcounty special taxing district in which the tax is levied.

24 2. Tax revenues received pursuant to this section may also
25 be used for promotion of zoological parks that are publicly
26 owned and operated or owned and operated by not-for-profit
27 organizations and open to the public. However, these purposes
28 may be implemented through service contracts and leases with
29 lessees that have ~~with~~ sufficient expertise or financial
30 capability to operate such facilities;

31 ~~3.2.~~ To promote and advertise tourism in this state ~~the~~
32 ~~State of Florida~~ and nationally and internationally; however, if
33 tax revenues are expended for an activity, service, venue, or
34 event, the activity, service, venue, or event must ~~shall~~ have as
35 one of its main purposes the attraction of tourists as evidenced
36 by the promotion of the activity, service, venue, or event to
37 tourists;

38 ~~4.3.~~ To fund convention bureaus, tourist bureaus, tourist
39 information centers, and news bureaus as county agencies or by
40 contract with the chambers of commerce or similar associations
41 in the county, which may include any indirect administrative



42 costs for services performed by the county on behalf of the
43 promotion agency; or

44 ~~5.4.~~ To finance beach park facilities or beach improvement,
45 maintenance, renourishment, restoration, and erosion control,
46 including shoreline protection, enhancement, cleanup, or
47 restoration of inland lakes and rivers to which there is public
48 access as those uses relate to the physical preservation of the
49 beach, shoreline, or inland lake or river. However, any funds
50 identified by a county as the local matching source for beach
51 renourishment, restoration, or erosion control projects included
52 in the long-range budget plan of the state's Beach Management
53 Plan, pursuant to s. 161.091, or funds contractually obligated
54 by a county in the financial plan for a federally authorized
55 shore protection project may not be used or loaned for any other
56 purpose. In counties of fewer ~~less~~ than 100,000 population, up
57 to ~~no more than~~ 10 percent of the revenues from the tourist
58 development tax may be used for beach park facilities.

59 (c) The revenues to be derived from the tourist development
60 tax may be pledged to secure and liquidate revenue bonds issued
61 by the county for the purposes set forth in subparagraphs (a)1.,
62 2., and 5. ~~4.~~ or for the purpose of refunding bonds previously
63 issued for such purposes, or both; however, no more than 50
64 percent of the revenues from the tourist development tax may be
65 pledged to secure and liquidate revenue bonds or revenue
66 refunding bonds issued for the purposes set forth in
67 subparagraph (a)5. ~~(a)4.~~ Such revenue bonds and revenue
68 refunding bonds may be authorized and issued in such principal
69 amounts, with such interest rates and maturity dates, and
70 subject to such other terms, conditions, and covenants as the



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71 governing board of the county shall provide. The Legislature
72 intends that this paragraph ~~shall~~ be full and complete authority
73 for accomplishing such purposes, but such authority is ~~shall be~~
74 supplemental and additional to, and not in derogation of, any
75 powers now existing or later conferred under law.