HOUSE BACKGROUND SUMMARY
SHB 1258

As Passed House:
March 1, 2023

Title: An act relating to increasing tourism to Washington state through enhancement of the statewide tourism marketing account and changing necessary match requirements.

Brief Description: Increasing tourism to Washington state through enhancement of the statewide tourism marketing account and changing necessary match requirements.

Sponsors: House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Ryu, Volz, Steele, Walen, Reeves, Waters, Chambers, Reed, Christian, Cortes, Callan, Schmidt, Barkis and Fosse).

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Innovation, Community & Economic Development, & Veterans: 1/17/23, 1/20/23 [DP];

Appropriations: 2/1/23, 2/8/23 [DPS].

Floor Activity:

Passed House: 3/1/23, 96-0.

Voting Yea: Representatives Abbarno, Alvarado, Barkis, Barnard, Bateman, Berg, Bergquist, Berry, Bronoske, Caldier, Callan, Chambers, Chandler, Chapman, Cheney, Chopp, Christian, Connors, Corry, Cortes, Couture, Davis, Dent, Doglio, Donaghy, Duerr, Dye, Entenman, Eslick, Farivar, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Fosse, Goehner, Goodman, Graham, Gregerson, Griffey, Hackney, Hansen, Harris, Hutchins, Jacobsen, Kloba, Kretz, Leavitt, Lekanoff, Low, Macri, Maycumber, McClintock, McEntire, Mena, Morgan, Mosbrucker, Orcutt, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Peterson, Pollet, Ramel, Ramos, Reed, Reeves, Riccelli, Robertson, Rude, Rule, Ryu, Sandlin, Santos, Schmick, Schmidt, Senn, Shavers, Simmons, Slatter, Springer, Stearns, Steele, Stokesbary, Stonier, Street, Taylor, Thai, Tharinger, Timmons, Volz, Walen, Walsh, Waters, Wilcox, Wylie, Ybarra and Jinkins

Voting Nay:

Absent:

Excused: Representatives Klicker and Paul

Persons Testifying (Innovation, Community & Economic Development, & Veterans): Representative Cindy Ryu, prime sponsor; David Blandford, State of Washington Tourism and Washington Tourism Alliance; Josh McDonald; Sherrye Wyatt; Shelly Stevens; Julia Gorton, Washington Hospitality Association; Ron Oh, Holiday Inn Express; and Representative Mike Steele.

Persons Testifying (Appropriations): Representative Cindy Ryu, prime sponsor; Julia Gorton, Washington Hospitality Association; Fred Felleman, Port of Seattle Commissioner; John Cooper, Yakima Valley Tourism; David Blandford, State of Washington Tourism; Shelly Stevens; Josh McDonald, Washington Wine Institute; and Gabriel Neuman, Greater Seattle Business Association.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying (Innovation, Community & Economic Development, & Veterans): None.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying (Appropriations): None.