

Impose 5% state admissions tax with optional exemptions

- Description** This proposal would impose a state admissions tax on charges for events and performances.
- The tax rate would be 5% of the admission charge.
 - Admission charges subject to the tax would include movies, sporting events, plays, concerts, operas, dance performances, art exhibits, fairs, and any other event charging for admission *unless* the event was put on by an organization eligible for exemption.

This proposal provides three alternative exemptions:

- **Option 155** - Events put on by elementary and secondary schools and nonprofit youth organizations;
 - **Option 156** - Events included in a), plus events put on by colleges; or
 - **Option 157** - Events included in a) and b), plus events put on by all nonprofit organization.
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- Current Law**
- There is no state admissions tax.
 - Cities, towns, counties, and public facilities districts are authorized to impose an admissions tax.
 - Local admissions taxes are capped at 5%, except that King County may levy a 10% admissions tax for events at Safeco Field, Century Link Field, and the Century Link Field Events Center.
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Revenue Impact

General Fund Impacts (\$ millions):

Option	Fiscal Year 2012	Fiscal Year 2013	2011-2013 Biennium
155	\$0	\$39.8	\$39.8
156	\$0	\$37.5	\$37.5
157	\$0	\$28.9	\$28.9

Notes:

- *This estimate is based on collections for local admission taxes. Thus, any level of non-compliance at the local level is reflected in the estimate.*
 - *Estimates assume a July 1, 2012 effective date, representing 11 months of collections for FY 2013.*
 - *Estimates reflect the September 2011 Economic & Revenue Forecast Council revenue forecast.*
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Continued**Expenditure
Impact**

Option	Fiscal Year 2012	Fiscal Year 2013	2011-2013 Biennium
155	\$157,300	\$619,000	\$776,300
156	\$157,300	\$619,000	\$776,300
157	\$155,400	\$619,000	\$774,400
