

## Notes from April 24, 2006 Stakeholder Meeting

### Excerpt

#### **Requested information: Overview/synopsis of current tax structure where it may relate to visitors (economy category)**

Sitka Convention and visitors Bureau (SCVB) receives most of the bed tax – provided from SCVB; FY 06 projected bed tax is 320,000 – SCVB budget is 321,000

Bed tax goes into general fund – 320,000 out of general goes to SCVB

Can look at FY 05 – actual numbers – SCVB did not receive 61,780 of bed tax – that stays in general fund

Visitors pay 6% in bed tax, on top of sales tax

Q: so bed tax and increased sales tax are the only taxes focused on visitors?

A: don't know if they're the only

SEDA also funded by general fund –

Rental car tax, airport tax are also visitor industry taxes; there are others

*Everyone understand what's been presented?*

- When you look at these numbers, i.e. ambulance – should be a column next to it that show revenues next to expenses – keep an open mind about costs and expenses

*Strike anything from the report?*

- Update some of the SEDA numbers

*Other question/ more info?*

- Want to see data from other communities that focus on tourists – what do they collect for taxes on some of these things – are we in the ballpark?
- % of bed tax that SCVB gets, what goes into general fund –
  - o no set % has been decided for year-to-year between assembly and SCVB; SCVB would like to propose that they give the SCVB the prior year's collected amount – not set in stone
  - o possible to get an average – that's in Wendy's report
- know what people are paying for access to infrastructure – i.e. what tour businesses are paying in user fees – in another
- we should include the current tax cap
- how much revenue falls outside of the tax cap

*Topic goes back to committee*