

1-1 By: Birdwell S.B. No. 2779
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 14, 2025; April 3, 2025, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Economic Development;
1-4 April 16, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 1; April 16, 2025,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7	COMMITTEE VOTE				
1-8		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	King	X			
1-10	Sparks	X			
1-11	Alvarado	X			
1-12	Johnson		X		
1-13	Schwertner	X			

1-14 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 2779 By: Sparks

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the allocation and use of certain hotel occupancy tax
1-18 revenues.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Section 156.2511, Tax Code, is amended by adding
1-21 Subsections (a-1) and (b-1) and amending Subsection (b) to read as
1-22 follows:

1-23 (a-1) An eligible coastal municipality that receives a
1-24 warrant issued under Subsection (a) shall transfer the full amount
1-25 of the warrant to the park board of trustees created by the
1-26 municipality not later than the last day of the calendar month
1-27 immediately following the date the municipality received the
1-28 warrant.

1-29 (b) Money [An eligible coastal municipality may use money]
1-30 received under this section may be used only to clean and maintain
1-31 public beaches in the eligible coastal [that] municipality.

1-32 (b-1) The comptroller may issue a warrant under this section
1-33 only if the eligible coastal municipality has:

1-34 (1) allocated at least one percent of the tax imposed
1-35 by the municipality under Chapter 351 to clean and maintain public
1-36 beaches in the municipality;

1-37 (2) either:

1-38 (A) applied for state funds under Subchapter C,
1-39 Chapter 61, Natural Resources Code; or

1-40 (B) made available to the comptroller the same
1-41 information required to be contained in an application under
1-42 Section 61.069, Natural Resources Code; and

1-43 (3) on the request of the comptroller, submitted to
1-44 the comptroller:

1-45 (A) financial data necessary to demonstrate that
1-46 the municipality has satisfied the requirements of Subdivision (1);
1-47 and

1-48 (B) a signed attestation stating that the
1-49 municipality has satisfied the requirements of this subsection.

1-50 SECTION 2. Section 351.101, Tax Code, is amended by adding
1-51 Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

1-52 (b-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), revenue derived from
1-53 the tax authorized by this chapter may not be expended in a manner
1-54 or by a program or activity that discriminates or prioritizes on the
1-55 basis of race, color, disability, sex, religion, age, or national
1-56 origin.

1-57 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

1-58 * * * * *