

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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H.B. 970  
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Economic Development  
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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Efforts to promote sporting events have encouraged economic development by bringing hundreds of thousands of sports participants and their families to host communities like the City of Round Rock, where such visitors stay in local hotels, eat at local restaurants, and shop at local retail destinations.

H.B. 970 seeks to facilitate the economic development efforts of certain municipalities by authorizing a municipality with a population of at least 90,000 but less than 120,000 that is located in two counties, at least one of which contains the headwaters of the San Gabriel River, to use the municipal hotel occupancy tax for capital improvements to and the operation and maintenance of a coliseum or multiuse facility.

H.B. 970 amends current law relating to the use of municipal hotel occupancy tax revenue to enhance and upgrade coliseums and multiuse facilities in certain municipalities.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Reenacts Section 351.101(a), Tax Code, as amended by Chapters 402 (H.B. 1789), 1220 (S.B. 1247), and 1322 (H.B. 3098), Acts of the 81st Legislature, Regular Session, 2009, and amends it to authorize revenue from the municipal hotel occupancy tax to be used only to promote tourism and the convention and hotel industry, and that use is limited to certain expenses, including the construction, improvement, enlarging, equipping, repairing, operation, and maintenance of a coliseum or multiuse facility, if the municipality has a population of at least 90,000 but less than 120,000, and is located in two counties, at least one of which contains the headwaters of the San Gabriel River.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2011.