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SENATE BILL 5946

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By Senators West, McCaslin, Hochstatter, Schow and Long

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1 AN ACT Relating to lowering public utility tax rates; and amending  
2 RCW 82.16.020.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 82.16.020 and 1989 c 302 s 204 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) There is levied and there shall be collected from every person  
7 a tax for the act or privilege of engaging within this state in any one  
8 or more of the businesses herein mentioned. The tax shall be equal to  
9 the gross income of the business, multiplied by the rate set out after  
10 the business, as follows:

11 (a) Railroad, express, railroad car, sewerage collection, and  
12 telegraph businesses: Three and six-tenths percent;

13 (b) Light and power business: Three and (~~sixty-two one-~~  
14 ~~hundredths~~) six-tenths percent;

15 (c) Gas distribution business: Three and six-tenths percent;

16 (d) Urban transportation business: Six-tenths of one percent;

17 (e) Vessels under sixty-five feet in length, except tugboats,  
18 operating upon the waters within the state: Six-tenths of one percent;

1 (f) Motor transportation and tugboat businesses, and all public  
2 service businesses other than ones mentioned above: One and eight-  
3 tenths of one percent;

4 (g) Water distribution business: (~~Four and seven tenths~~) Three  
5 and six-tenths percent.

6 (2) An additional tax is imposed equal to the rate specified in RCW  
7 82.02.030 multiplied by the tax payable under subsection (1) of this  
8 section.

9 (3) Twenty percent of the moneys collected under subsection (1) of  
10 this section on water distribution businesses and sixty percent of the  
11 moneys collected under subsection (1) of this section on sewerage  
12 collection businesses shall be deposited in the public works assistance  
13 account created in RCW 43.155.050.

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