- 2 EHB 2680 S COMM AMD
- 3 By Committee on Ways & Means
- 4 ADOPTED AS AMENDED 3/5/92
- 5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
- 6 following:
- 7 "Sec. 1. RCW 82.04.170 and 1985 c 135 s 1 are each amended to read
- 8 as follows:
- 9 "Tuition fee" includes library, laboratory, health service and
- 10 other special fees, and amounts charged for room and board by an
- 11 educational institution when the property or service for which such
- 12 charges are made is furnished exclusively to the students or faculty of
- 13 such institution. "Educational institution," as used in this section,
- 14 means only those institutions created or generally accredited as such
- 15 by the state, or defined as a degree granting institution under RCW
- 16 ((28B.05.030(10))) 28B.85.010(3) and accredited by an accrediting
- 17 association recognized by the United States secretary of education, and
- 18 offering to students an educational program of a general academic
- 19 nature or those institutions which are not operated for profit and
- 20 which are privately endowed under a deed of trust to offer instruction
- 21 in trade, industry, and agriculture, but not including specialty
- 22 schools, business colleges, other trade schools, or similar
- 23 institutions."
- 24 "Sec. 2. RCW 82.08.050 and 1986 c 36 s 1 are each amended to read
- 25 as follows:
- The tax hereby imposed shall be paid by the buyer to the seller,
- 27 and each seller shall collect from the buyer the full amount of the tax

1 payable in respect to each taxable sale in accordance with the schedule

2 of collections adopted by the department pursuant to the provisions of

3 RCW 82.08.060. The tax required by this chapter, to be collected by

4 the seller, shall be deemed to be held in trust by the seller until

5 paid to the department, and any seller who appropriates or converts the

6 tax collected to his or her own use or to any use other than the

7 payment of the tax to the extent that the money required to be

8 collected is not available for payment on the due date as prescribed in

9 this chapter shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

the state for the amount of the tax.

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In case any seller fails to collect the tax herein imposed or having collected the tax, fails to pay it to the department in the manner prescribed by this chapter, whether such failure is the result of his <u>or her</u> own acts or the result of acts or conditions beyond his <u>or her</u> control, he <u>or she</u> shall, nevertheless, be personally liable to

The amount of tax, until paid by the buyer to the seller or to the 16 17 department, shall constitute a debt from the buyer to the seller and any seller who fails or refuses to collect the tax as required with 18 19 intent to violate the provisions of this chapter or to gain some advantage or benefit, either direct or indirect, and any buyer who 20 refuses to pay any tax due under this chapter shall be guilty of a 21 misdemeanor. The tax required by this chapter to be collected by the 22 seller shall be stated separately from the selling price in any sales 23 24 invoice or other instrument of sale. On all retail sales through 25 vending machines, the tax need not be stated separately from the selling price or collected separately from the buyer. For purposes of 26 determining the tax due from the buyer to the seller and from the 27 28 seller to the department it shall be conclusively presumed that the 29 selling price quoted in any price list, sales document, contract or other agreement between the parties does not include the tax imposed by 30

- 1 this chapter, but if the seller advertises the price as including the
- 2 tax or that the seller is paying the tax, the advertised price shall
- 3 not be considered the selling price.
- 4 Where a buyer has failed to pay to the seller the tax imposed by
- 5 this chapter and the seller has not paid the amount of the tax to the
- 6 department, the department may, in its discretion, proceed directly
- 7 against the buyer for collection of the tax, in which case a penalty of
- 8 ten percent may be added to the amount of the tax for failure of the
- 9 buyer to pay the same to the seller, regardless of when the tax may be
- 10 collected by the department; and all of the provisions of chapter 82.32
- 11 RCW, including those relative to interest and penalties, shall apply in
- 12 addition; and, for the sole purpose of applying the various provisions
- 13 of chapter 82.32 RCW, the ((fifteenth)) twenty-fifth day of the month
- 14 following the tax period in which the purchase was made shall be
- 15 considered as the due date of the tax."
- 16 "Sec. 3. RCW 82.32.090 and 1991 c 142 s 11 are each amended to
- 17 read as follows:
- 18 (1) If payment of any tax due on a return to be filed by a taxpayer
- 19 is not received by the department of revenue by the due date, there
- 20 shall be assessed a penalty of five percent of the amount of the tax;
- 21 and if the tax is not received within thirty days after the due date,
- 22 there shall be assessed a total penalty of ten percent of the amount of
- 23 the tax; and if the tax is not received within sixty days after the due
- 24 date, there shall be assessed a total penalty of twenty percent of the
- 25 amount of the tax. No penalty so added shall be less than five
- 26 dollars.
- 27 (2) If payment of any tax assessed by the department of revenue is
- 28 not received by the department by the due date specified in the notice,
- 29 or any extension thereof, the department shall add a penalty of ten

- 1 percent of the amount of the additional tax found due. No penalty so
- 2 added shall be less than five dollars.
- 3 (3) If a warrant be issued by the department of revenue for the
- 4 collection of taxes, increases, and penalties, there shall be added
- 5 thereto a penalty of five percent of the amount of the tax, but not
- 6 less than ten dollars.
- 7 (4) If the department finds that all or any part of a deficiency
- 8 resulted from the disregard of specific written instructions as to
- 9 reporting or tax liabilities, the department shall add a penalty of ten
- 10 percent of the amount of the additional tax found due because of the
- 11 failure to follow the instructions. A taxpayer disregards specific
- 12 written instructions when the department of revenue has informed the
- 13 taxpayer in writing of the taxpayer's tax obligations and the taxpayer
- 14 fails to act in accordance with those instructions unless the
- 15 department has not issued final instructions because the matter is
- 16 under appeal pursuant to this chapter or departmental regulations. The
- 17 department shall not assess the penalty under this section upon any
- 18 taxpayer who has made a good faith effort to comply with the specific
- 19 written instructions provided by the department to that taxpayer.
- 20 Specific written instructions may be given as a part of a tax
- 21 assessment, audit, determination, or closing agreement, provided that
- 22 such specific written instructions shall apply only to the taxpayer
- 23 addressed or referenced on such documents. Any specific written
- 24 instructions by the department of revenue shall be clearly identified
- 25 as such and shall inform the taxpayer that failure to follow the
- 26 instructions may subject the taxpayer to the penalties imposed by this
- 27 subsection.
- 28 (5) If the department finds that all or any part of the deficiency
- 29 resulted from an intent to evade the tax payable hereunder, a further

- 1 penalty of fifty percent of the additional tax found to be due shall be
- 2 added.
- 3 (6) The aggregate of penalties imposed under this section for
- 4 failure to pay a tax due on a return by the due date, late payment of
- 5 any tax, increase, or penalty, or issuance of a warrant shall not
- 6 exceed thirty-five percent of the tax due, or twenty dollars, whichever
- 7 is greater.
- 8 (7) The department of revenue may not impose both the evasion
- 9 penalty and the penalty for disregarding specific written instructions
- 10 on the same tax found to be due."
- 11 "Sec. 4. RCW 82.32.180 and 1989 c 378 s 23 are each amended to
- 12 read as follows:
- 13 Any person, except one who has failed to keep and preserve books,
- 14 records, and invoices as required in this chapter and chapter 82.24
- 15 RCW, having paid any tax as required and feeling aggrieved by the
- 16 amount of the tax may appeal to the superior court of Thurston county,
- 17 within the time limitation for a refund provided in chapter 82.32 RCW
- 18 or, if an application for refund has been made to the department within
- 19 that time limitation, then within thirty days after rejection of the
- 20 application, whichever time limitation is later. In the appeal the
- 21 taxpayer shall set forth the amount of the tax imposed upon the
- 22 taxpayer which the taxpayer concedes to be the correct tax and the
- 23 reason why the tax should be reduced or abated. The appeal shall be
- 24 perfected by serving a copy of the notice of appeal upon the department
- 25 within the time herein specified and by filing the original thereof
- 26 with proof of service with the clerk of the superior court of Thurston
- 27 county. ((Within ten days after filing the notice of appeal, the
- 28 taxpayer shall file with the clerk of the superior court a good and
- 29 sufficient surety bond payable to the state in the sum of two hundred

- 1 dollars, conditioned to diligently prosecute the appeal and pay the
- 2 state all costs that may be awarded if the appeal of the taxpayer is
- 3 not sustained.))
- 4 The trial in the superior court on appeal shall be de novo and
- 5 without the necessity of any pleadings other than the notice of appeal.
- 6 The burden shall rest upon the taxpayer to prove that the tax as paid
- 7 by the taxpayer is incorrect, either in whole or in part, and to
- 8 establish the correct amount of the tax. In such proceeding the
- 9 taxpayer shall be deemed the plaintiff, and the state, the defendant;
- 10 and both parties shall be entitled to subpoena the attendance of
- 11 witnesses as in other civil actions and to produce evidence that is
- 12 competent, relevant, and material to determine the correct amount of
- 13 the tax that should be paid by the taxpayer. Either party may seek
- 14 appellate review in the same manner as other civil actions are appealed
- 15 to the appellate courts.
- 16 It shall not be necessary for the taxpayer to protest against the
- 17 payment of any tax or to make any demand to have the same refunded or
- 18 to petition the director for a hearing in order to appeal to the
- 19 superior court, but no court action or proceeding of any kind shall be
- 20 maintained by the taxpayer to recover any tax paid, or any part
- 21 thereof, except as herein provided.
- The provisions of this section shall not apply to any tax payment
- 23 which has been the subject of an appeal to the board of tax appeals
- 24 with respect to which appeal a formal hearing has been elected."
- 25 "Sec. 5. RCW 67.28.183 and 1988 c 61 s 2 are each amended to read
- 26 as follows:
- 27 (1) The ((tax)) taxes levied ((by RCW 67.28.180 and 67.28.182))
- 28 under this chapter shall not apply to emergency lodging provided for
- 29 homeless persons for a period of <u>less than</u> thirty consecutive days

- 1 under a shelter voucher program administered by an eligible
- 2 organization.
- 3 (2) For the purposes of this exemption, an eligible organization
- 4 includes only cities, towns, and counties, or their respective
- 5 agencies, and groups providing emergency food and shelter services."
- 6 "Sec. 6. RCW 82.29A.020 and 1986 c 285 s 1 are each amended to
- 7 read as follows:
- 8 As used in this chapter the following terms shall be defined as
- 9 follows, unless the context otherwise requires:
- 10 (1) "Leasehold interest" shall mean an interest in publicly owned
- 11 real or personal property which exists by virtue of any lease, permit,
- 12 license, or any other agreement, written or verbal, between the public
- 13 owner of the property and a person who would not be exempt from
- 14 property taxes if that person owned the property in fee, granting
- 15 possession and use, to a degree less than fee simple ownership:
- 16 PROVIDED, That no interest in personal property (excluding land or
- 17 buildings) which is owned by the United States, whether or not as
- 18 trustee, or by any foreign government shall constitute a leasehold
- 19 interest hereunder when the right to use such property is granted
- 20 pursuant to a contract solely for the manufacture or production of
- 21 articles for sale to the United States or any foreign government. The
- 22 term "leasehold interest" shall include the rights of use or occupancy
- 23 by others of property which is owned in fee or held in trust by a
- 24 public corporation, commission, or authority created under RCW
- 25 35.21.730 or 35.21.660 if the property is listed on or is within a
- 26 district listed on any federal or state register of historical sites.
- 27 The term "leasehold interest" shall not include road or utility
- 28 easements or rights of access, occupancy or use granted solely for the

- 1 purpose of removing materials or products purchased from a public owner
- 2 or the lessee of a public owner.
- 3 (2) "Taxable rent" shall mean contract rent as defined in
- 4 subsection (a) of this subsection in all cases where the lease or
- 5 agreement has been established or renegotiated through competitive
- 6 bidding, or negotiated or renegotiated in accordance with statutory
- 7 requirements regarding the rent payable, or negotiated or renegotiated
- 8 under circumstances, established by public record, clearly showing that
- 9 the contract rent was the maximum attainable by the lessor: PROVIDED,
- 10 That after January 1, 1986, with respect to any lease which has been in
- 11 effect for ten years or more without renegotiation, taxable rent may be
- 12 established by procedures set forth in subsection (b) of this
- 13 subsection. All other leasehold interests shall be subject to the
- 14 determination of taxable rent under the terms of subsection (b) of this
- 15 subsection.
- 16 (a) "Contract rent" shall mean the amount of consideration due as
- 17 payment for a leasehold interest, including: The total of cash
- 18 payments made to the lessor or to another party for the benefit of the
- 19 lessor according to the requirements of the lease or agreement,
- 20 including any rents paid by a sublessee; expenditures for the
- 21 protection of the lessor's interest when required by the terms of the
- 22 lease or agreement; and expenditures for improvements to the property
- 23 to the extent that such improvements become the property of the lessor.
- 24 Where the consideration conveyed for the leasehold interest is made in
- 25 combination with payment for concession or other rights granted by the
- 26 lessor, only that portion of such payment which represents
- 27 consideration for the leasehold interest shall be part of contract
- 28 rent.
- 29 "Contract rent" shall not include: (i) Expenditures made by the
- 30 lessee, which under the terms of the lease or agreement, are to be

reimbursed by the lessor to the lessee or expenditures for improvements 1 2 and protection made pursuant to a lease or an agreement which requires that the use of the improved property be open to the general public and 3 4 that no profit will inure to the lessee from the lease; (ii) expenditures made by the lessee for the replacement or repair of 5 6 facilities due to fire or other casualty including payments for insurance to provide reimbursement for losses or payments to a public 7 or private entity for protection of such property from damage or loss 8 9 or for alterations or additions made necessary by an action of government taken after the date of the execution of the lease or 10 agreement; (iii) improvements added to publicly owned property by a 11 12 sublessee under an agreement executed prior to January 1, 1976, which 13 have been taxed as personal property of the sublessee prior to January 14 1, 1976, or improvements made by a sublessee of the same lessee under a similar agreement executed prior to January 1, 1976, and such 15 improvements shall be taxable to the sublessee as personal property; 16 17 (iv) improvements added to publicly owned property if such improvements

19 Any prepaid contract rent shall be considered to have been paid in 20 the year due and not in the year actually paid with respect to prepayment for a period of more than one year. Expenditures for 21 improvements with a useful life of more than one year which are 22 23 included as part of contract rent shall be treated as prepaid contract rent and prorated over the useful life of the improvement or the 24 25 remaining term of the lease or agreement if the useful life is in excess of the remaining term of the lease or agreement. Rent prepaid 26 prior to January 1, 1976, shall be prorated from the date of 27 28 prepayment.

are being taxed as personal property to any person.

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29 With respect to a "product lease", the value of agricultural 30 products received as rent shall be the value at the place of delivery

- 1 as of the fifteenth day of the month of delivery; with respect to all
- 2 other products received as contract rent, the value shall be that value
- 3 determined at the time of sale under terms of the lease.
- 4 (b) If it shall be determined by the department of revenue, upon
- 5 examination of a lessee's accounts or those of a lessor of publicly
- 6 owned property, that a lessee is occupying or using publicly owned
- 7 property in such a manner as to create a leasehold interest and that
- 8 such leasehold interest has not been established through competitive
- 9 bidding, or negotiated in accordance with statutory requirements
- 10 regarding the rent payable, or negotiated under circumstances,
- 11 established by public record, clearly showing that the contract rent
- 12 was the maximum attainable by the lessor, the department may establish
- 13 a taxable rent computation for use in determining the tax payable under
- 14 authority granted in this chapter based upon the following criteria:
- 15 (i) Consideration shall be given to rental being paid to other lessors
- 16 by lessees of similar property for similar purposes over similar
- 17 periods of time; (ii) consideration shall be given to what would be
- 18 considered a fair rate of return on the market value of the property
- 19 leased less reasonable deductions for any restrictions on use, special
- 20 operating requirements or provisions for concurrent use by the lessor,
- 21 another person or the general public.
- 22 (3) "Product lease" as used in this chapter shall mean a lease of
- 23 property for use in the production of agricultural or marine products
- 24 to the extent that such lease provides for the contract rent to be paid
- 25 by the delivery of a stated percentage of the production of such
- 26 agricultural or marine products to the credit of the lessor or the
- 27 payment to the lessor of a stated percentage of the proceeds from the
- 28 sale of such products.
- 29 (4) "Renegotiated" means a change in the lease agreement which
- 30 changes the agreed time of possession, restrictions on use, the rate of

- 1 the cash rental or of any other consideration payable by the lessee to
- 2 or for the benefit of the lessor, other than any such change required
- 3 by the terms of the lease or agreement, except that a lease for ten
- 4 years or longer that calls for changes in rent on a set schedule of at
- 5 <u>least every five years shall be considered a renegotiated lease, if the</u>
- 6 change in rent is based on a standard state or federal index such as
- 7 the consumer price index. In addition "renegotiated" shall mean a
- 8 continuation of possession by the lessee beyond the date when, under
- 9 the terms of the lease agreement, the lessee had the right to vacate
- 10 the premises without any further liability to the lessor.
- 11 (5) "City" means any city or town."
- 12 "Sec. 7. RCW 82.29A.130 and 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 61 s 13 are each
- 13 amended to read as follows:
- 14 The following leasehold interests shall be exempt from taxes
- 15 imposed pursuant to RCW 82.29A.030 and 82.29A.040:
- 16 (1) All leasehold interests constituting a part of the operating
- 17 properties of any public utility which is assessed and taxed as a
- 18 public utility pursuant to chapter 84.12 RCW.
- 19 (2) All leasehold interests in facilities owned or used by a
- 20 school, college or university which leasehold provides housing for
- 21 students and which is otherwise exempt from taxation under provisions
- 22 of RCW 84.36.010 and 84.36.050.
- 23 (3) All leasehold interests of subsidized housing where the fee
- 24 ownership of such property is vested in the government of the United
- 25 States, or the state of Washington or any political subdivision thereof
- 26 but only if income qualification exists for such housing.
- 27 (4) All leasehold interests used for fair purposes of a nonprofit
- 28 fair association that sponsors or conducts a fair or fairs which
- 29 receive support from revenues collected pursuant to RCW 67.16.100 and

- 1 allocated by the director of the department of agriculture where the
- 2 fee ownership of such property is vested in the government of the
- 3 United States, the state of Washington or any of its political
- 4 subdivisions: PROVIDED, That this exemption shall not apply to the
- 5 leasehold interest of any sublessee of such nonprofit fair association
- 6 if such leasehold interest would be taxable if it were the primary
- 7 lease.
- 8 (5) All leasehold interests in any property of any public entity
- 9 used as a residence by an employee of that public entity who is
- 10 required as a condition of employment to live in the publicly owned
- 11 property.
- 12 (6) All leasehold interests held by enrolled Indians of lands owned
- 13 or held by any Indian or Indian tribe where the fee ownership of such
- 14 property is vested in or held in trust by the United States and which
- 15 are not subleased to other than to a lessee which would qualify
- 16 pursuant to this chapter, RCW 84.36.451 and 84.40.175.
- 17 (7) All leasehold interests in any real property of any Indian or
- 18 Indian tribe, band, or community that is held in trust by the United
- 19 States or is subject to a restriction against alienation imposed by the
- 20 United States: PROVIDED, That this exemption shall apply only where it
- 21 is determined that contract rent paid is greater than or equal to
- 22 ninety percent of fair market rental, to be determined by the
- 23 department of revenue using the same criteria used to establish taxable
- 24 rent in RCW 82.29A.020(2)(b).
- 25 (8) All leasehold interests for which annual taxable rent is less
- 26 than two hundred fifty dollars per year. For purposes of this
- 27 subsection leasehold interests held by the same lessee in contiguous
- 28 properties owned by the same lessor shall be deemed a single leasehold
- 29 interest.

- 1 (9) All leasehold interests which give use or possession of the
- 2 leased property for a continuous period of less than thirty days:
- 3 PROVIDED, That for purposes of this subsection, successive leases or
- 4 lease renewals giving substantially continuous use of possession of the
- 5 same property to the same lessee shall be deemed a single leasehold
- 6 interest: PROVIDED FURTHER, That no leasehold interest shall be deemed
- 7 to give use or possession for a period of less than thirty days solely
- 8 by virtue of the reservation by the public lessor of the right to use
- 9 the property or to allow third parties to use the property on an
- 10 occasional, temporary basis.
- 11 (10) All leasehold interests under month-to-month leases in
- 12 residential units rented for residential purposes of the lessee pending
- 13 destruction or removal for the purpose of constructing a public highway
- 14 or building.
- 15 (11) All leasehold interests in any publicly owned real or personal
- 16 property to the extent such leasehold interests arises solely by virtue
- 17 of a contract for public improvements or work executed under the public
- 18 works statutes of this state or of the United States between the public
- 19 owner of the property and a contractor.
- 20 (12) All leasehold interests held by a lessee who would qualify for
- 21 a senior citizen property tax exemption, if the leasehold property was
- 22 <u>held in fee simple ownership: PROVIDED, That a lessee who qualifies</u>
- 23 for a partial senior citizen property tax exemption shall receive a
- 24 <u>leasehold excise tax reduction of an equal percentage.</u>"
- 25 "Sec. 8. RCW 82.29A.060 and 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 61 s 6 are each
- 26 amended to read as follows:
- 27 All administrative provisions <u>and appeal procedures</u> in chapters
- 28 82.02 and 82.32 RCW, as now or hereafter amended shall be applicable to
- 29 taxes imposed pursuant to this chapter: PROVIDED, That this section

- 1 shall not authorize the issuance of any levy upon any property owned by
- 2 the public lessor.
- 3 In selecting leasehold excise tax returns for audit the department
- 4 of revenue shall give priority to any return an audit of which is
- 5 specifically requested in writing by the county assessor or treasurer
- 6 or other chief financial officer of any city or county affected by such
- 7 return. Notwithstanding the provisions of RCW 82.32.330, findings of
- 8 fact and determinations of the amount of taxable rent made pursuant to
- 9 the provisions of this chapter shall be open to public inspection at
- 10 all reasonable times."
- 11 "Sec. 9. RCW 82.29A.050 and 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 61 s 5 are each
- 12 amended to read as follows:
- 13 (1) The leasehold excise taxes provided for in RCW 82.29A.030 and
- 14 82.29A.040 shall be paid by the lessee to the lessor and the lessor
- 15 shall collect such tax and remit the same to the department of revenue.
- 16 The tax shall be payable at the same time as payments are due to the
- 17 lessor for use of the property from which the leasehold interest
- 18 arises, and in the case of payment of contract rent to a person other
- 19 than the lessor, at the time of payment. The tax payment shall be
- 20 accompanied by such information as the department of revenue may
- 21 require. In the case of prepaid contract rent the payment may be
- 22 prorated in accordance with instructions of the department of revenue
- 23 and the prorated portion of the tax shall be due, one-half not later
- 24 than May 31 and the other half not later than November 30 each year.
- 25 (2) The lessor receiving taxes payable under the provisions of this
- 26 chapter shall remit the same together with a return provided by the
- 27 department, to the department of revenue on or before the ((fifteenth))
- 28 <u>last</u> day of the month following the month in which the tax is
- 29 collected. The department may relieve any taxpayer or class of

- 1 taxpayers from the obligation of filing monthly returns and may require
- 2 the return to cover other reporting periods, but in no event shall
- 3 returns be filed for a period greater than one year. The lessor shall
- 4 be fully liable for collection and remittance of the tax. The amount
- 5 of tax until paid by the lessee to the lessor shall constitute a debt
- 6 from the lessee to the lessor. The tax required by this chapter shall
- 7 be stated separately from contract rent, and if not so separately
- 8 stated for purposes of determining the tax due from the lessee to the
- 9 lessor and from the lessor to the department, the contract rent does
- 10 not include the tax imposed by this chapter. Where a lessee has failed
- 11 to pay to the lessor the tax imposed by this chapter and the lessor has
- 12 not paid the amount of the tax to the department, the department may,
- 13 in its discretion, proceed directly against the lessee for collection
- 14 of the tax: PROVIDED, That taxes due where contract rent has not been
- 15 paid shall be reported by the lessor to the department and the lessee
- 16 alone shall be liable for payment of the tax to the department.
- 17 (3) Each person having a leasehold interest subject to the tax
- 18 provided for in this chapter arising out of a lease of federally owned
- 19 or federal trust lands shall report and remit the tax due directly to
- 20 the department of revenue in the same manner and at the same time as
- 21 the lessor would be required to report and remit the tax if such lessor
- 22 were a state public entity."
- 23 "Sec. 10. RCW 82.04.300 and 1983 c 3 s 213 are each amended to
- 24 read as follows:
- 25 This chapter shall apply to any person engaging in any business
- 26 activity taxable under RCW 82.04.230, 82.04.240, 82.04.250, 82.04.260,
- 27 82.04.270, 82.04.280 and 82.04.290 other than those whose value of
- 28 products, gross proceeds of sales, or gross income of the business is
- 29 less than one thousand dollars per month: PROVIDED, That where one

- 1 person engages in more than one business activity and the combined
- 2 measures of the tax applicable to such businesses equal or exceed one
- 3 thousand dollars per month, no exemption or deduction from the amount
- 4 of tax is allowed by this section.
- 5 Any person claiming exemption under the provisions of this section
- 6 may be required, according to rules adopted by the department, to file
- 7 returns even though no tax may be due((: PROVIDED, FURTHER, That)).
- 8 The department of revenue may allow exemptions, by general rule or
- 9 regulation, in those instances in which quarterly, semiannual, or
- 10 annual returns are permitted. Exemptions for such periods shall be
- 11 equivalent in amount to the total of exemptions for each month of a
- 12 reporting period."
- 13 "Sec. 11. RCW 82.32.030 and 1982 1st ex.s. c 4 s 1 are each
- 14 amended to read as follows:
- 15 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, if any
- 16 person engages in any business or performs any act upon which a tax is
- 17 imposed by the preceding chapters, he or she shall, ((whether taxable
- 18 or not,)) under such rules ((and regulations)) as the department of
- 19 revenue shall prescribe, apply for and obtain from the department a
- 20 registration certificate upon payment of fifteen dollars. Such
- 21 registration certificate shall be personal and nontransferable and
- 22 shall be valid as long as the taxpayer continues in business and pays
- 23 the tax accrued to the state. In case business is transacted at two or
- 24 more separate places by one taxpayer, a separate registration
- 25 certificate for each place at which business is transacted with the
- 26 public shall be required, but, for such additional certificates no
- 27 additional payment shall be required. Each certificate shall be
- 28 numbered and shall show the name, residence, and place and character of
- 29 business of the taxpayer and such other information as the department

- 1 of revenue deems necessary and shall be posted in a conspicuous place
- 2 at the place of business for which it is issued. Where a place of
- 3 business of the taxpayer is changed, the taxpayer must return to the
- 4 department the existing certificate, and a new certificate will be
- 5 issued for the new place of business free of charge. No person
- 6 required to be registered under this section shall engage in any
- 7 business taxable hereunder without <u>first</u> being <u>so</u> registered ((<del>in</del>
- 8 compliance with the provisions of this section, except that)). The
- 9 department, by ((general regulation)) rule, may provide for the
- 10 issuance of certificates of registration, without requiring payment, to
- 11 temporary places of business ((without requiring payment)) or to
- 12 persons who are exempt from tax under RCW 82.04.300.
- 13 (2) Registration under this section is not required if the
- 14 <u>following conditions are met:</u>
- 15 (a) A person's value of products, gross proceeds of sales, or gross
- 16 <u>income of the business is below the tax reporting threshold provided in</u>
- 17 RCW 82.04.300;
- 18 (b) The person is not required to collect or pay to the department
- 19 of revenue any other tax which the department is authorized to collect;
- 20 <u>and</u>
- 21 (c) The person is not otherwise required to obtain a license
- 22 subject to the master application procedure provided in chapter 19.02
- 23 <u>RCW</u>."
- 24 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 12. A new section is added to chapter 82.08
- 25 RCW to read as follows:
- 26 The tax levied by RCW 82.08.020 shall not apply to sales of
- 27 clothing when the following applies:
- 28 (1) The purchaser is a nonprofit corporation or association which
- 29 is exempt from federal income taxation under the internal revenue code;

- 1 (2) The seller sells such clothing at cost to the purchaser; and
- 2 (3) The clothing is purchased solely for donation to low-income
- 3 persons."
- 4 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 13. A new section is added to chapter 82.12
- 5 RCW to read as follows:
- 6 The provisions of this chapter shall not apply in respect to the
- 7 use of any article of clothing by a purchasing organization or its
- 8 donees when the clothing has been obtained by purchase under the
- 9 following conditions:
- 10 (1) The purchaser is a nonprofit corporation or association which
- 11 is exempt from federal taxation under the internal revenue code;
- 12 (2) The seller has sold such clothing at cost to the purchaser; and
- 13 (3) The clothing has been purchased solely for donation to low-
- 14 income persons."
- 15 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 14. A new section is added to chapter 82.08
- 16 RCW to read as follows:
- 17 (1) The tax levied by RCW 82.08.020 shall not apply to sales to
- 18 free hospitals of items reasonably necessary for the operation of, and
- 19 provision of health care by, free hospitals.
- 20 (2) As used in this section, "free hospital" means a hospital that
- 21 does not charge any patient for health care provided by the hospital."
- 22 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 15. A new section is added to chapter 82.12
- 23 RCW to read as follows:
- 24 (1) The provisions of this chapter shall not apply in respect to
- 25 the use by free hospitals of items reasonably necessary for the
- 26 operation of, and provision of health care by, free hospitals.

- 1 (2) As used in this section, "free hospital" means a hospital that
- 2 does not charge any patient for health care provided by the hospital."
- 3 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 16. A new section is added to chapter 82.04
- 4 RCW to read as follows:
- 5 This chapter shall not apply to the initial wholesale or retail
- 6 sale in this state by commercial fishers of fish and shellfish caught
- 7 outside the waters of this state. This exemption applies only to the
- 8 sale of unprocessed fish, shellfish, and fish eggs."
- 9 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 17. RCW 82.32.040 and 1971 ex.s. c 299 s 15
- 10 & 1961 c 15 s 82.32.040 are each repealed."
- 11 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 18. This act shall take effect July 1, 1992,
- 12 except sections 10 and 11 of this act which shall take effect January
- 13 1, 1993."
- 14 **EHB 2680** S COMM AMD
- 15 By Committee on Ways & Means
- 16 ADOPTED AS AMENDED 3/5/92
- On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "taxes;" strike the remainder
- 18 of the title and insert "amending RCW 82.04.170, 82.08.050, 82.32.090,
- 19 82.32.180, 67.28.183, 82.29A.020, 82.29A.130, 82.29A.060, 82.29A.050,
- 20 82.04.300, and 82.32.030; adding a new section to chapter 82.04 RCW;
- 21 adding new sections to chapter 82.08 RCW; adding new sections to
- 22 chapter 82.12 RCW; repealing RCW 82.32.040; and providing effective
- 23 dates."