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By House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Day, Heavey, Lisk, Grant, R. Meyers, Fuhrman, R. Fisher, D. Sommers, Wilson, Rayburn, Franklin, Wynne, Wood, Hochstatter and May)

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1 AN ACT Relating to bank concentration levels; adding a new section
2 to chapter 19.86 RCW; creating a new section; and declaring an
3 emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature to
6 retain a competitive financial base within the banking industry in
7 Washington state. It is also the intent of the legislature to protect
8 the best interests of the people and businesses in Washington by
9 retaining competitive banking services throughout the state.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 19.86 RCW
11 to read as follows:

12 (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of RCW 19.86.170 and 19.86.920,
13 an acquisition of a commercial bank doing business within the state

1 shall be presumed to substantially lessen competition in violation of
2 RCW 19.86.060 if such acquisition would give the acquiring entity
3 control over thirty percent or more of the deposits held by commercial
4 banks in the state.

5 (2) The provisions of this section are retroactive and shall apply
6 to any acquisition of a commercial bank closing after January 1, 1992.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If any provision of this act or its
8 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
9 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
10 persons or circumstances is not affected.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate
12 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
13 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
14 effect immediately.