

1277-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives B. Thomas, Dunshee, Carrell, Thompson and D. Schmidt; by request of Department of Revenue)

Brief Title: Providing for confidentiality of property tax information.

HB 1277-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Does not prohibit the department from: (1) Disclosing tax information to any county assessor or county treasurer;

(2) disclosing tax information in a civil or criminal judicial proceeding or an administrative proceeding;

(3) disclosing tax information with the written permission of the taxpayer;

(4) disclosing tax information to the proper officer of the tax department of any state responsible for the imposition or collection of property taxes;

(5) disclosing tax information that is also maintained by another Washington state or local governmental agency as a public record available for inspection and copying; or

(6) disclosing tax information to a peace officer as defined in RCW 9A.04.110 or county prosecutor, for official purposes.

Makes a violation of the act a gross misdemeanor offense.

Provides an exemption for names of individuals residing in emergency or transitional housing that are furnished to the department of revenue or a county assessor in order to substantiate a claim for property tax exemption under RCW 84.36.043.