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3 By Representative

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Affordable and accessible housing is of
8 great concern and importance to the legislature and the people of this
9 state. The legislature recognizes the important role housing
10 authorities serve in creating and maintaining housing for low-income
11 persons and senior citizens. The legislature finds that tribal housing
12 authorities should be afforded the same exemptions from tax as all
13 other housing authorities and extends the exemption from state and
14 local tax to tribal housing authorities.

15 **Sec. 2.** RCW 35.82.210 and 1965 c 7 s 35.82.210 are each amended to
16 read as follows:

17 (1) The property of an authority is declared to be public property
18 used for essential public and governmental purposes and such property
19 and an authority shall be exempt from all taxes and special assessments
20 of the city, the county, the state or any political subdivision
21 thereof: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That in lieu of such taxes an authority
22 may agree to make payments to the city or the county or any such
23 political subdivision for improvements, services and facilities
24 furnished by such city, county or political subdivision for the benefit
25 of a housing project, but in no event shall such payments exceed the
26 amount last levied as the annual tax of such city, county or political
27 subdivision upon the property included in said project prior to the
28 time of its acquisition by the authority.

29 (2) For the sole purpose of the exemption from tax under this
30 section:

31 (a) "Authority," in addition to the meaning in RCW 35.82.020, also
32 means tribal housing authorities and intertribal housing authorities.

33 (b) "Intertribal housing authority" means a housing authority
34 created by a consortium of tribal governments to operate and administer

1 housing programs for persons of low income or senior citizens for and
2 on behalf of such tribes.

3 (c) "Tribal government" means the governing body of a federally
4 recognized Indian tribe.

5 (d) "Tribal housing authority" means the tribal government or an
6 agency or branch of the tribal government that operates and administers
7 housing programs for persons of low income or senior citizens.

8 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2000."

9 Correct the title.

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