2   **SSB 6404** – S AMD – 256
3   By   Senators Benton, Sheahan, Johnson, Rossi, Honeyford and
4   Stevens

5   NOT ADOPTED 3/5/00; ROLL CALL VOTE 21-27

6   On page 261, after line 28, insert the following:

7   "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1046.** A new section is added to chapter 43.135
8   RCW to read as follows:
9   (1) Any tax increase imposed by the state requires voter approval.
10   (2) For the purposes of this section, "tax" includes, but is not
11   necessarily limited to, sales and use taxes, property taxes, business
12   and occupation taxes, excise taxes, fuel taxes, impact fees, license
13   fees, permit fees, and any monetary charge by government.
14   (3) For the purposes of this section, "tax" does not include:
15   (a) Higher education tuition; and
16   (b) Civil and criminal fines and other charges collected in cases
17   of restitution or violation of law or contract.
18   (4) For the purposes of this section, "tax increase" includes, but
19   is not necessarily limited to, a new tax, a monetary increase in an
20   existing tax, a tax rate increase, an expansion in the legal definition
21   of a tax base, and an extension of an expiring tax.
22   (5) For the purposes of this section, "state" includes, but is not
23   necessarily limited to, the state itself and all its departments and
24   agencies, any city, county, special district, and other political
25   subdivision or governmental instrumentality of or within the state.
26   (6) This section does not apply to any specific emergency measure
27   authorized by vote of two-thirds of the members of each house of the
28   legislature and expiring not later than twelve months from the
29   effective date of the emergency act.
30   (7) This section is intended to add to, and not replace, the
31   requirements for tax increases set forth in Initiative 601, the
32   Taxpayer Protection Act, RCW 43.135.035.

33   NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1047.** The provisions of this act are to be
34   liberally construed to effectuate the policies and purposes of this
35   act.

1   NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1048.**   If any provision of this act or its
2   application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
3   remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
4   persons or circumstances is not affected."

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9   On page 1, on line 18 of the title, after "RCW;" insert "adding a
10 new section to chapter 43.135 RCW; creating a new section;"

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    EFFECT: Requires a vote of the people for any tax increase.