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HOUSE BILL 1637

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By Representatives Koster, Carrell, Cairnes, Benson and Dunn

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1            AN ACT Relating to the excise tax on real estate sales; amending  
2 RCW 82.45.060; and adding a new section to chapter 82.45 RCW.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 82.45.060 and 1987 c 472 s 14 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            (~~(1)~~) There is imposed an excise tax upon each sale of real  
7 property at the rate of one and twenty-eight one-hundredths percent of  
8 the (~~selling price~~) net value. An amount equal to seven and seven-  
9 tenths percent of the proceeds of this tax to the state treasurer shall  
10 be deposited in the public works assistance account created in RCW  
11 43.155.050.

12            (~~(2) There is imposed an additional excise tax through June 30,~~  
13 ~~1989, upon each sale of real property at the rate of six one-hundredths~~  
14 ~~of one percent of the selling price. The tax imposed under this~~  
15 ~~subsection shall be deposited in the conservation area account under~~  
16 ~~RCW 79.71.110.~~)

17            NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 82.45 RCW  
18 to read as follows:

1       As used in this chapter, "net value" means the selling price less  
2 the basis in the property conveyed. The "net value" will never be less  
3 than zero when determining the excise tax under RCW 82.45.060. The  
4 basis equals the selling price, as defined in RCW 82.45.030, that the  
5 seller offered as consideration to acquire the property. A real estate  
6 developer may include service and material costs directly related to  
7 the development of the property conveyed as part of the basis.

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