
HOUSE BILL 2347

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By Representatives Thomas and Van Luven

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1 AN ACT Relating to extending to Indian housing authorities the
2 exemption from state and local tax currently applicable to other
3 housing authorities; amending RCW 35.82.210; creating a new section;
4 and providing an effective date.

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

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

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

16 (1) The property of an authority is declared to be public property
17 used for essential public and governmental purposes and such property
18 and an authority shall be exempt from all taxes and special assessments

1 of the city, the county, the state or any political subdivision
2 thereof: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That in lieu of such taxes an authority
3 may agree to make payments to the city or the county or any such
4 political subdivision for improvements, services and facilities
5 furnished by such city, county or political subdivision for the benefit
6 of a housing project, but in no event shall such payments exceed the
7 amount last levied as the annual tax of such city, county or political
8 subdivision upon the property included in said project prior to the
9 time of its acquisition by the authority.

10 (2) For the purposes of this section:

11 (a) "Authority" includes tribal housing authorities and intertribal
12 housing authorities.

13 (b) "Intertribal housing authority" means a housing authority
14 created by a consortium of tribal governments to operate and administer
15 housing programs for and on behalf of such tribes.

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

18 (d) "Tribal housing authority" means the tribal government or an
19 agency or branch of the tribal government that operates and administers
20 housing programs.

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

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