

---

HOUSE BILL 2112

---

State of Washington                      57th Legislature                      2001 Regular Session

By Representatives Marine, Edmonds, Conway, Bush and Santos

Read first time 02/14/2001. Referred to Committee on Finance.

1            AN ACT Relating to excise tax credits for employer-provided  
2 child care benefits; adding a new section to chapter 82.04 RCW;  
3 and providing an effective date.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 82.04  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7            (1) A taxpayer may claim a credit against the tax imposed by  
8 this chapter, equal to fifty percent of the amount of state-  
9 approved child care benefits provided to employees of the  
10 taxpayer.

11            (2) Before claiming a credit under this section, a taxpayer  
12 must obtain approval of the proposed child care benefit from the  
13 department of social and health services. A request for approval  
14 must include a description of the child care benefit provided to  
15 the employee and the costs of the proposed child care benefit to  
16 the taxpayer and employee. The department of social and health  
17 services must approve a request if the department finds that the

1 proposed child care benefit is consistent with the purposes and  
2 requirements of chapter 74.15 RCW.

3 (3) Application for credits under this section must be made to  
4 the department of revenue in a form and manner as required by the  
5 department. A credit must be claimed in the year in which the  
6 expenditure is made. Credits may not exceed the amount of tax that  
7 would otherwise be due under this chapter for a reporting  
8 period. Unused credits may be carried forward and used in future  
9 reporting periods.

10 (4) As used in this section, "child care benefit" means one or  
11 more of the following: (a) The value of an employer-provided  
12 voucher that can be used to pay part or all of the cost of child  
13 care in a state licensed facility; (b) the cost of construction of  
14 an employer-provided child care facility; or (c) the cost of  
15 operation and maintenance of an employer-provided child care  
16 facility.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act takes effect October 1, 2001.

--- END ---

