

SSB 5909 - S AMD 238
By Senator Brown

3/18/03 NOT ADOPTED

1 On page 6, after line 25, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** A new section is added to chapter
3 43.136 RCW to read as follows:

4 (1) The department of revenue shall design a priorities of
5 government process for evaluating the effectiveness and priorities of
6 tax preferences. In designing the process, the department shall be
7 guided by the highest priority functions of state government provided
8 in section 2 of this act and the procedures used by the office of
9 financial management in developing the governor's 2003-05 biennial
10 budget proposal under chapter 43.88 RCW. This process shall be
11 designed to develop criteria to evaluate the continued viability of
12 each tax preference in the context of the objective for which it was
13 originally enacted, consistent with the performance audits and activity
14 assessments performed under sections 4 and 5 of this act.

15 (2) The department shall report its recommendations to the house
16 finance committee and the senate ways and means committee by December
17 1, 2003.

18 (2) As used in this section, "tax preference" means an exemption,
19 exclusion, or deduction from the base of a state tax; a credit against
20 a state tax; a deferral of a state tax; or a preferential state tax
21 rate."

22 Renumber the sections consecutively and correct any internal
23 references accordingly.

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4 On page 1, on line 2 of the title, after "43.131 RCW;", insert
5 "adding a new section to chapter 43.136 RCW"

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EFFECT: Requires DOR to establish a POG procedure for tax preferences.