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1 AN ACT Relating to providing tax incentives for the construction of
2 tsunami resistant structures; adding a new section to chapter 82.04
3 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 82.08 RCW; adding a new section to
4 chapter 82.12 RCW; creating a new section; and declaring an emergency.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that tsunamis present
7 a great danger to coastal communities in Washington state. The
8 legislature further finds that coastal communities lack adequate
9 tsunami resistant structures to protect human lives. It is therefore
10 the intent of the legislature to provide incentives to construct
11 tsunami resistant structures. It is further the intent of the
12 legislature that these tsunami resistant structures be used for other
13 purposes when not in use for emergency shelter such as training for
14 emergency responders.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 82.04 RCW
16 to read as follows:

17 (1) This chapter does not apply to amounts received as payment for

1 the engineering, planning, design, or construction of a tsunami
2 resistant structure.

3 (2) For the purposes of this section, the following definitions
4 apply:

5 (a) "Coastal county" means any county that borders the Pacific
6 ocean.

7 (b) "Local government" means a coastal county, or a city, town, or
8 Indian tribe within the county.

9 (c) "Tsunami resistant structure" means a structure that:

10 (i) Meets construction standards adopted by a local government
11 pursuant to guidelines issued by the national oceanic and atmospheric
12 administration under the national tsunami hazard mitigation program as
13 of January 1, 2005;

14 (ii) Is designed for the primary purpose of providing emergency
15 shelter to the residents of the local government in the event of a
16 tsunami;

17 (iii) Is not suitable for long-term residential habitation; and

18 (iv) May be used as a training site for emergency responders.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 82.08 RCW
20 to read as follows:

21 (1) The tax levied by RCW 82.08.020 does not apply to the
22 construction of a tsunami resistant structure, including materials,
23 services, and labor used in the construction of the structure.

24 (2) The definitions in section 2 of this act apply to this section.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 82.12 RCW
26 to read as follows:

27 (1) The provisions of this chapter do not apply with respect to the
28 use of materials, services, or labor for the purpose of constructing a
29 tsunami resistant structure.

30 (2) The definitions in section 2 of this act apply to this section.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act is necessary for the immediate
32 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
33 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect

1 immediately.

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