Washington State	**BILL**
House of Representatives	**ANALYSIS**
Office of Program Research	

Finance Committee

HB 2675

Brief Description: Providing for a property tax exemption for the administrative offices of certain nonprofit organizations.

Sponsors: Representatives Hasegawa and Chase.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Property tax exemption for offices of a nonprofit community housing or development organization.

Hearing Date: 1/25/08

Staff: Don Taylor (786-7388).

Background:

Property tax exemptions are currently provided for a variety of nonprofit organizations. However, the only exemption which applies to administrative offices is for religious organizations.

Summary of Bill:

Provides a new property tax exemption for community-based development or community housing development organizations; the exemption applies to both real and personal property owned by an eligible entity. The exemption is restricted to administrative offices that deal with low and moderate-income housing programs of the organization. To qualify, the organization must be nonprofit - 501(c)(e) of the Internal Revenue Code - and be a community-based development organization (CBDO) or a community housing development organization (CHDO), pursuant to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development definitions.

There are currently 10 community-based development organizations in the state - nine are in King County and one is in Spokane County. Community housing development organizations total 43; these are located in Chelan, Clark, King, Kitsap, Pierce, Skagit, Snohomish, Spokane, and Thurston counties. In addition, there are four combined CBDO and CHDO organizations located in King County.

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Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on 1/15/08.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.