#### SENATE BILL 6873

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1 AN ACT Relating to increasing state revenues to preserve funding 2. for essential public services by preventing abusive tax avoidance 3 transactions, narrowing or eliminating certain tax preferences, and 4 providing equitable tax treatment; amending RCW 82.04.220, 82.04.2907, 82.04.460, 82.32.090, 82.12.020, 82.45.033, 82.45.070, 5 82.45.080, 6 82.45.100, 82.45.220, 43.07.390, 82.04.4292, 82.08.0273, 82.04.423, 7 82.04.4266, 82.04.250, 82.04.250, 82.04.298, 82.04.334, 82.04.4463, 82.08.806, 82.32.545, 82.32.550, 82.32.630, 82.32.632, 82.45.195, 8 9 35.102.150, 48.14.080, 82.48.010, 82.48.020, 82.48.030, 82.48.070, 82.48.080, 82.48.110, 82.45.010, 82.45.080, 10 82.32.145, 82.60.020, 11 82.62.010, 82.16.020, 82.16.020, 82.04.4282, 82.08.037, 82.12.037, 12 82.12.010, 82.14.230, 82.16.110, 82.08.890, 82.12.890, 54.28.011, 13 82.08.010, 82.08.962, and 82.12.962; reenacting and amending RCW 82.45.010, 82.04.260, 82.04.261, 82.04.440, 82.04.360, 82.04.050, and 14 15 82.04.050; adding new sections to chapter 82.04 RCW; adding new 16 sections to chapter 82.32 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 82.48 17 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 82.08 RCW; adding a new section to 18 chapter 82.12 RCW; creating new sections; repealing RCW 82.04.44525, 82.04.272, 82.04.062, 82.08.811, 82.12.811, and 82.04.394; providing 19 20 effective dates; providing contingent effective dates; providing

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- 1 expiration dates; and declaring an emergency.
- 2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

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# 4 Minimum Nexus Standards

**Sec. 101.** (1) The legislature finds that out-of-NEW SECTION. state businesses that do not have a physical presence in Washington earn significant income from Washington residents from providing services or collecting royalties on the use of intangible property in this state. The legislature further finds that these businesses receive significant benefits and opportunities provided by the state, such as: Laws providing protection of business interests or regulating consumer credit; access to courts and judicial process to enforce business rights, including debt collection and intellectual property rights; an orderly and regulated marketplace; and police and fire protection and a transportation system benefiting in-state agents and other representatives of out-of-state businesses. Therefore, the legislature intends to extend the state's business and occupation tax to these companies to ensure that they pay their fair share of the cost of services that this state renders and the infrastructure it provides.

- (2)(a) The legislature also finds that the current cost apportionment method in RCW 82.04.460(1) for apportioning most service income has been difficult for both taxpayers and the department to apply due in large part (i) to the difficulty in assigning certain costs of doing business inside or outside of this state, and (ii) to its dissimilarity with the apportionment methods used in other states for their business activity taxes.
- (b) The legislature further finds that there is a trend among states to adopt a single factor apportionment formula based on sales. The legislature recognizes that adoption of a sales factor only apportionment method has the advantages of simplifying apportionment and making Washington a more attractive place for businesses to expand their property and payroll. For these reasons, the legislature adopts single factor sales apportionment for purposes of apportioning royalty income and certain service income.

- (c) Nothing in this act may be construed, however, to authorize 1 2 apportionment of the gross income or value of products taxable under the following business and occupation tax classifications: Retailing, 3 wholesaling, manufacturing, processing for hire, extracting, extracting 4 5 for hire, printing, government contracting, public road construction, the classifications in RCW 82.04.280 (2), (4), (6), and (7), and any 6 7 other activity not specifically included in the definition apportionable activities in RCW 82.04.460. 8
- 9 **Sec. 102.** RCW 82.04.220 and 1961 c 15 s 82.04.220 are each amended to read as follows:
- 11 (1) There is levied and ((shall be)) collected from every person
  12 that has a substantial nexus with this state a tax for the act or
  13 privilege of engaging in business activities. ((Such)) The tax ((shall
  14 be)) is measured by the application of rates against value of products,
  15 gross proceeds of sales, or gross income of the business, as the case
  16 may be.
- (2) A person who has a substantial nexus with this state in any tax year will be deemed to have a substantial nexus with this state for the following four tax years.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 103. A new section is added to chapter 82.04 21 RCW to read as follows:
- "Engaging within this state" and "engaging within the state," when used in connection with any apportionable activity as defined in RCW 82.04.460, means that a person generates gross income of the business from sources within this state, such as customers or intangible property located in this state, regardless of whether the person is physically present in this state.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 104. A new section is added to chapter 82.04 29 RCW to read as follows:
- 30 (1) A person engaging in business is deemed to have a substantial nexus with this state if the person is:
- 32 (a) An individual and is a resident or domiciliary of this state;
- 33 (b) A business entity and is organized or commercially domiciled in this state; or

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1 (c) A nonresident individual or a business entity that is organized or commercially domiciled outside this state, and in any tax year the 2 3 person has:

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- (i) More than fifty thousand dollars of property in this state;
- (ii) More than fifty thousand dollars of payroll in this state;
- (iii) More than five hundred thousand dollars of receipts from this 6 7 state; or
- (iv) At least twenty-five percent of the person's total property, 9 total payroll, or total receipts in this state.
  - (2)(a) Property counting toward the thresholds in subsection (1)(c)(i) and (iv) of this section is the average value of the taxpayer's property, including intangible property, owned or rented and used in this state during the tax year.
  - (b)(i) Property owned by the taxpayer, other than loans and credit card receivables owned by the taxpayer, is valued at its original cost Loans and credit card receivables owned by the taxpayer are valued at their outstanding principal balance, without regard to any reserve for bad debts. However, if a loan or credit card receivable is charged off in whole or in part for federal income tax purposes, the portion of the loan or credit card receivable charged off is deducted from the outstanding principal balance.
  - (ii) Property rented by the taxpayer is valued at eight times the net annual rental rate. For purposes of this subsection, "net annual rental rate" means the annual rental rate paid by the taxpayer less any annual rental rate received by the taxpayer from subrentals.
  - (c) The average value of property must be determined by averaging the values at the beginning and ending of the tax year; but the department may require the averaging of monthly values during the tax year if reasonably required to properly reflect the average value of the taxpayer's property.
  - (d)(i) For purposes of this subsection (2), loans and credit card receivables are deemed owned and used in this state as follows:
  - (A) Loans secured by real property, personal property, or both real and personal property, are deemed owned and used in the state if the real property or personal property securing the loan is located within this state. If the property securing the loan is located both within this state and one or more other states, the loan is deemed owned and used in this state if more than fifty percent of the fair market value

of the real or personal property is located within this state. If more than fifty percent of the fair market value of the real or personal property is not located within any one state, then the loan is deemed owned and used in this state if the borrower is located in this state. The determination of whether the real or personal property securing a loan is located within this state must be made, as of the time the original agreement was made, and any and all subsequent substitutions of collateral must be disregarded.

(B) Loans not secured by real or personal property are deemed owned and used in this state if the borrower is located in this state.

- (C) Credit card receivables are deemed owned and used in this state if the billing address of the cardholder is in this state.
- (ii) The definitions in section 106 of this act apply to this subsection.
- (e) Notwithstanding anything else to the contrary in this subsection, property counting toward the thresholds in subsection (1)(c)(i) and (iv) of this section does not include a person's ownership of, or rights in, computer software as defined in RCW 82.04.215, including computer software used in providing a digital automated service; master copies of software; and digital goods and digital codes residing on servers located in this state.
- (3)(a) Payroll counting toward the thresholds in subsection (1)(c)(ii) and (iv) of this section is the total amount paid by the taxpayer for compensation in this state during the tax year plus nonemployee compensation paid to representative third parties in this state. Nonemployee compensation paid to representative third parties includes the gross amount paid to nonemployees who represent the taxpayer in interactions with the taxpayer's clients and includes sales commissions.
- (b) Compensation is paid in this state if the compensation is properly reportable to this state for unemployment compensation tax purposes, regardless of whether the compensation was actually reported to this state.
- (c) Nonemployee compensation is paid in this state if the service performed by the representative third party occurs entirely or primarily within this state.
- (d) For purposes of this subsection, "compensation" means wages, salaries, commissions, and any other form of remuneration paid to

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- 1 employees or nonemployees and defined as gross income under 26 U.S.C.
- 2 Sec. 61 of the federal internal revenue code of 1986, as existing on
- 3 July 1, 2010.

- (4) Receipts counting toward the thresholds in subsection (1)(c)(iii) and (iv) of this section are:
- (a) Those amounts included in the numerator of the receipts factor under sections 105 and 106 of this act;
- (b) Gross proceeds of sales of the taxpayer in this state, which include only retail sales and wholesale sales. For purposes of this subsection (4)(b), gross proceeds of sales are in this state if the sale is sourced to this state under RCW 82.32.730 for sales tax purposes or would have been sourced to this state under RCW 82.32.730 if the sale had been taxable under chapter 82.08 RCW;
- (c) Gross income of the business of the taxpayer, not otherwise included within (a) or (b) of this subsection (4), if the gross income is attributed to this state. For purposes of determining whether gross income is attributed to this state under this subsection (4)(c), the provisions of section 105(3)(b) of this act apply; and
- (d) The value of products manufactured or extracted in this state by the taxpayer either directly or by contracting with a processor for hire or an extractor for hire for the necessary labor or mechanical services, less any amounts already included in the receipts factor in (b) of this subsection (4) with respect to the sale of the products manufactured or extracted in this state.
- (5)(a) Each December, the department must review the cumulative percentage change in the consumer price index. The department must adjust the thresholds in subsection (1)(c)(i) through (iii) of this section if the consumer price index has changed by five percent or more since the later of July 1, 2010, or the date that the thresholds were last adjusted under this subsection. For purposes of determining the cumulative percentage change in the consumer price index, the department must compare the consumer price index available as of December 1st of the current year with the consumer price index as of the later of July 1, 2010, or the date that the thresholds were last adjusted under this subsection. The thresholds must be adjusted to reflect that cumulative percentage change in the consumer price index. The adjusted thresholds must be rounded to the nearest one thousand

dollars. Any adjustment will apply to tax periods that begin after the adjustment is made.

- (b) As used in this subsection, "consumer price index" means the consumer price index for all urban consumers (CPI-U) available from the bureau of labor statistics of the United States department of labor.
- (6) A person with a substantial nexus with this state under the provisions of subsection (1) of this section based on the amount of receipts in this state is nevertheless not subject to taxes imposed under this chapter on any activity not included in the definition of apportionable activities in RCW 82.04.460, unless the person has a physical presence in this state, which need only be demonstrably more than a slightest presence. For purposes of this subsection, a person is physically present in this state if the person has property or employees in this state or the person, either directly or through an agent or other representative, engages in activities in this state that are significantly associated with the person's ability to establish or maintain a market for its products in this state.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 105. A new section is added to chapter 82.04
RCW to read as follows:

- (1) The apportionable income of a person within the scope of RCW 82.04.460(1) is apportioned to Washington by multiplying its apportionable income by the receipts factor. Persons who are subject to tax under more than one of the tax classifications enumerated in RCW 82.04.460(3)(a) (i) through (ix) must calculate a separate receipts factor for each tax classification that the person is taxable under.
- (2) For purposes of subsection (1) of this section, the receipts factor is a fraction and is calculated as provided in subsections (3) and (4) of this section and section 106 of this act.
- (3)(a) The numerator of the receipts factor is the total gross income of the business of the taxpayer attributable to this state during the tax year from engaging in an apportionable activity. The denominator of the receipts factor is the total gross income of the business of the taxpayer from engaging in an apportionable activity everywhere in the world during the tax year.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, for purposes of computing the receipts factor, gross income of the business generated from each apportionable activity is attributable to the state:

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(i) Where the customer received the benefit of the taxpayer's service or, in the case of gross income from royalties, where the customer used the taxpayer's intangible property.

- (ii) If the customer received the benefit of the service or used the intangible property in more than one state, gross income of the business must be attributed to the state in which the benefit of the service was primarily received or in which the intangible property was primarily used.
- (iii) If the taxpayer is unable to attribute gross income of the business under the provisions of (b)(i) or (ii) of this subsection (3), gross income of the business must be attributed to the state from which the customer ordered the service or, in the case of royalties, the office of the customer from which the royalty agreement with the taxpayer was negotiated.
- (iv) If the taxpayer is unable to attribute gross income of the business under the provisions of (b)(i), (ii), or (iii) of this subsection (3), gross income of the business must be attributed to the state to which the billing statements or invoices are sent to the customer by the taxpayer.
- (v) If the taxpayer is unable to attribute gross income of the business under the provisions of (b)(i), (ii), (iii), or (iv) of this subsection (3), gross income of the business must be attributed to the state from which the customer sends payment to the taxpayer.
- (vi) If the taxpayer is unable to attribute gross income of the business under the provisions of (b)(i), (ii), (iii), (iv), or (v) of this subsection (3), gross income of the business must be attributed to the state where the customer is located as indicated by the customer's address: (A) Shown in the taxpayer's business records maintained in the regular course of business; or (B) obtained during consummation of the sale or the negotiation of the contract for services or for the use of the taxpayer's intangible property, including any address of a customer's payment instrument when readily available to the taxpayer and no other address is available.
- (vii) If the taxpayer is unable to attribute gross income of the business under the provisions of (b)(i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), or (vi) of this subsection (3), gross income of the business must be attributed to the commercial domicile of the taxpayer.

(viii) For purposes of this subsection (3)(b), "customer" means a person or entity to whom the taxpayer makes a sale or renders services or from whom the taxpayer otherwise receives gross income of the business. "Customer" includes anyone who pays royalties or charges in the nature of royalties for the use of the taxpayer's intangible property.

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- (c) Gross income of the business from engaging in an apportionable activity must be excluded from the denominator of the receipts factor if, in respect to such activity, at least some of the activity is performed in this state, and the gross income is attributable under (b) of this subsection (3) to a state in which the taxpayer is not taxable. For purposes of this subsection (3)(c), "not taxable" means that the taxpayer is not subject to a business activities tax by that state, except that a taxpayer is taxable in a state in which it would be deemed to have a substantial nexus with that state under the standards in section 104(1) of this act regardless of whether that state imposes such a tax. "Business activities tax" means a tax measured by the amount of, or economic results of, business activity conducted in a state. The term includes taxes measured in whole or in part on net income or gross income or receipts. "Business activities tax" does not include a sales tax, use tax, or a similar transaction tax, imposed on sale or acquisition of goods or services, whether or not denominated a gross receipts tax or a tax imposed on the privilege of doing business.
  - (d) This subsection (3) does not apply to financial institutions with respect to apportionable income taxable under RCW 82.04.290. Financial institutions must calculate the receipts factor as provided in section 106 of this act and subsection (4) of this section with respect to apportionable income taxable under RCW 82.04.290. For purposes of this subsection, "financial institution" has the same meaning as in section 106 of this act.
  - (4) A taxpayer may calculate the receipts factor for the current tax year based on the most recent calendar year for which information is available for the full calendar year. If a taxpayer does not calculate the receipts factor for the current tax year based on previous calendar year information as authorized in this subsection, the business must use current year information to calculate the receipts factor for the current tax year. In either case, a taxpayer

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must correct the reporting for the current tax year when complete 1 2 information is available to calculate the receipts factor for that year, but not later than October 31st of the following tax year. 3 Interest will apply to any additional tax due on a corrected tax 4 Interest must be assessed at the rate provided for delinquent 5 excise taxes under chapter 82.32 RCW, retroactively to the date the 6 7 original return was due, and will accrue until the additional taxes are 8 Penalties as provided in RCW 82.32.090 will apply to any such 9 additional tax due only if the current tax year reporting is not 10 corrected and the additional tax is not paid by October 31st of the following tax year. Interest as provided in RCW 82.32.060 will apply 11 12 to any tax paid in excess of that properly due on a return as a result of a taxpayer using previous calendar year data or incomplete current-13 14 year data to calculate the receipts factor.

- 15 (5) Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions 16 in this subsection apply throughout this section.
- 17 (a) "Apportionable activities" and "apportionable income" have the same meaning as in RCW 82.04.460.
  - (b) "State" has the same meaning as in section 106 of this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 106. A new section is added to chapter 82.04 21 RCW to read as follows:

- (1) A financial institution must, for purposes of apportioning gross income of the business taxable under RCW 82.04.290 using the apportionment method provided in section 105(1) of this act, calculate the receipts factor as provided in this section and section 105(4) of this act. Financial institutions that are subject to tax under any other tax classification enumerated in RCW 82.04.460(3)(a) (i) through (v) and (vii) through (ix) must calculate a separate receipts factor, as provided in section 105 of this act, for each of the other tax classifications that the financial institution is taxable under.
- (2)(a)(i) The numerator of the receipts factor includes gross income from interest, fees, and penalties on loans secured by real property, personal property, or both real and personal property, if the real or personal property is located within this state. If the property securing the loan is located both within this state and one or more other states, the income described in this subsection (2)(a)(i) is included in the numerator of the receipts factor if more than fifty

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percent of the fair market value of the real or personal property is located within this state. If more than fifty percent of the fair market value of the real or personal property is not located within any one state, then the income described in this subsection (2)(a)(i) is included in the numerator of the receipts factor if the borrower is located in this state.

- (ii) The denominator of the receipts factor includes gross income from interest, fees, and penalties on loans secured by real property, personal property, or both real and personal property, wherever the property is located.
- (iii) The determination of whether the real or personal property securing a loan is located within this state must be made as of the time the original agreement was made and any and all subsequent substitutions of collateral must be disregarded.
- (b) The numerator of the receipts factor includes gross income from interest, fees, and penalties on loans not secured by real or personal property if the borrower is located in this state. The denominator of the receipts factor includes gross income from interest, fees, and penalties on loans that are not secured by real or personal property, regardless of where the borrower is located.
- (c) The receipts factor includes gross income from net gains, which may not be less than zero, on the sale of loans. Net gains on the sale of loans includes income recorded under the coupon stripping rules of 26 U.S.C. Sec. 1286 of the federal internal revenue code of 1986, as existing on July 1, 2010.
- (i) The amount of net gains, which may not be less than zero, on the sale of loans secured by real property, personal property, or both real and personal property, included in the numerator of the receipts factor is determined by multiplying such net gains by a fraction. The numerator of the fraction is the amount included in the numerator of the receipts factor under (a) of this subsection (2). The denominator of the fraction is the amount included in the denominator of the receipts factor under (a) of this subsection (2).
- (ii) The amount of net gains, which may not be less than zero, from the sale of loans not secured by real or personal property included in the numerator of the receipts factor is determined by multiplying such net gains by a fraction. The numerator of the fraction is the amount included in the numerator of the receipts factor under (b) of this

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subsection (2). The denominator of the fraction is the amount included in the denominator of the receipts factor under (b) of this subsection (2).

- (iii) The denominator of the receipts factor includes gross income from net gains, which may not be less than zero, on all sales of loans.
- (d) Loan servicing fees are included in the receipts factor as provided in (d)(i) and (ii) of this subsection (2).
- (i)(A)(I) The numerator of the receipts factor includes gross income from loan servicing fees derived from loans secured by real property, personal property, or both real and personal property, multiplied by a fraction. The numerator of the fraction is the amount included in the numerator of the receipts factor under (a) of this subsection (2). The denominator of the fraction is the amount included in the denominator of the receipts factor under (a) of this subsection (2).
- (II) The denominator of the receipts factor includes gross income from all loan servicing fees derived from loans secured by real property, personal property, or both real and personal property.
- (B)(I) The numerator of the receipts factor includes gross income from loan servicing fees derived from loans not secured by real or personal property multiplied by a fraction. The numerator of the fraction is the amount included in the numerator of the receipts factor under (b) of this subsection (2). The denominator of the fraction is the amount included in the denominator of the receipts factor under (b) of this subsection (2).
- (II) The denominator of the receipts factor includes gross income from all loan servicing fees derived from loans not secured by real or personal property.
- (ii) If the financial institution receives loan servicing fees for servicing either the secured or the unsecured loans of another, the numerator of the receipts factor includes such fees if the borrower is located in this state. The denominator of the receipts factor includes all such fees.
- (e)(i) Interest, dividends, net gains (which may not be less than zero), and other income from investment assets and activities and from trading assets and activities, as provided in this subsection (2)(e), are included in the receipts factor. Investment assets and activities and trading assets and activities include but are not limited to:

Investment securities; trading account assets; federal funds; securities purchased and sold under agreements to resell or repurchase; options; futures contracts; forward contracts; notional principal contracts such as swaps; equities; and foreign currency transactions.

- (ii) The numerator of the receipts factor includes gross income from interest, dividends, net gains (which may not be less than zero), and other receipts from investment assets and activities and from trading assets and activities described in (e)(i) of this subsection (2) that are attributable to this state. The denominator of the receipts factor includes all such gross income wherever earned.
- (A) The amount of interest, dividends, net gains (which may not be less than zero), and other income from investment assets and activities in the investment account to be attributed to this state and included in the numerator of the receipts factor is determined by multiplying all such income from such assets and activities by a fraction. The numerator of the fraction is the average value of such assets that are properly assigned to a regular place of business of the financial institution within this state. The denominator of the fraction is the average value of all such assets.
- (B)(I) The amount of interest from federal funds sold and purchased and from securities purchased under resale agreements and securities sold under repurchase agreements attributable to this state and included in the numerator of the receipts factor is determined by multiplying the amount described in (e)(ii)(B)(II) of this subsection (2) from such funds and such securities by a fraction. The numerator of the fraction is the average value of federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell that are properly assigned to a regular place of business of the financial institution within this state. The denominator of the fraction is the average value of all such funds and such securities.
- (II) The amount used for purposes of making the calculation in (e)(ii)(B)(I) of this subsection (2) is the amount by which interest from federal funds sold and securities purchased under resale agreements exceeds interest expense on federal funds purchased and securities sold under repurchase agreements.
- (C)(I) The amount of interest, dividends, gains and other income from trading assets and activities, including but not limited to assets and activities in the matched book, in the arbitrage book, and foreign

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- currency transactions, but excluding amounts described in (e)(ii)(A) or (B) of this subsection (2), attributable to this state and included in the numerator of the receipts factor is determined by multiplying the amount described in (e)(ii)(C)(II) of this subsection (2) by a The numerator of the fraction is the average value of such fraction. trading assets that are properly assigned to a regular place of business of the financial institution within this The denominator of the fraction is the average value of all such assets.
  - (II) The amount used for purposes of making the calculation in (e)(ii)(C)(I) of this subsection (2) is the amount by which interest, dividends, gains and other receipts from trading assets and activities, including but not limited to assets and activities in the matched book, in the arbitrage book, and foreign currency transactions, exceed amounts paid in lieu of interest, amounts paid in lieu of dividends, and losses from such assets and activities.
  - (D) For purposes of this subsection (2)(e)(ii), average value must be determined using the rules for determining the average value of property set forth in section 104(2) of this act.
  - (iii) In lieu of using the method set forth in (e)(ii) of this subsection (2), the financial institution may elect, or the department may require, in order to fairly represent the business activity of the financial institution in this state, the use of the method set forth in this subsection (2)(e)(iii).
  - (A) The amount of interest, dividends, net gains (which may not be less than zero), and other income from investment assets and activities in the investment account to be attributed to this state and included in the numerator of the receipts factor is determined by multiplying all such income from such assets and activities by a fraction. The numerator of the fraction is the gross income from such assets and activities that are properly assigned to a regular place of business of the financial institution within this state. The denominator of the fraction is the gross income from all such assets and activities.
  - (B) The amount of interest from federal funds sold and purchased and from securities purchased under resale agreements and securities sold under repurchase agreements attributable to this state and included in the numerator of the receipts factor is determined by multiplying the amount described in (e)(ii)(B)(II) of this subsection (2) from such funds and such securities by a fraction. The numerator

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of the fraction is the gross income from such funds and such securities that are properly assigned to a regular place of business of the financial institution within this state. The denominator of the fraction is the gross income from all such funds and such securities.

- (C) The amount of interest, dividends, gains and other receipts from trading assets and activities, including but not limited to assets and activities in the matched book, in the arbitrage book, and foreign currency transactions, but excluding amounts described in (e)(ii)(A) or (B) of this subsection (2), attributable to this state and included in the numerator of the receipts factor is determined by multiplying the amount described in (e)(ii)(C)(II) of this subsection (2) by a fraction. The numerator of the fraction is the gross income from such trading assets and activities that are properly assigned to a regular place of business of the financial institution within this state. The denominator of the fraction is the gross income from all such assets and activities.
- (iv) If the financial institution elects or is required by the department to use the method set forth in (e)(iii) of this subsection (2), it must use this method for subsequent tax returns unless the financial institution receives prior permission from the department to use, or the department requires, a different method.
- (v) The financial institution has the burden of proving that an investment asset or activity or trading asset or activity was properly assigned to a regular place of business outside of this state by demonstrating that the day-to-day decisions regarding the asset or activity occurred at a regular place of business outside this state. If the day-to-day decisions regarding an investment asset or activity or trading asset or activity occur at more than one regular place of business and one such regular place of business is in this state and one such regular place of business is outside this state, such asset or activity is considered to be located at the regular place of business of the financial institution where the investment or trading policies or guidelines with respect to the asset or activity are established. Such policies and guidelines are presumed, subject to rebuttal by preponderance of the evidence, to be established at the commercial domicile of the financial institution.
- (f) The numerator of the receipts factor includes gross income from interest, fees, and penalties on credit card receivables, and gross

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income from fees charged to cardholders, such as annual fees, if the billing address of the cardholder is in this state. The denominator of the receipts factor includes gross income from interest, fees, and penalties on all credit card receivables, and gross income from fees charged to all cardholders, such as annual fees.

- (g)(i) The numerator of the receipts factor includes gross income from net gains, which may not be less than zero, from the sale of credit card receivables multiplied by a fraction. The numerator of the fraction is the amount included in the numerator of the receipts factor under (f) of this subsection (2). The denominator of the fraction is the amount included in the denominator of the receipts factor under (f) of this subsection (2).
- (ii) The denominator of the receipts factor includes gross income from net gains, which may not be less than zero, from all sales of credit card receivables.
- (h)(i) The numerator of the receipts factor includes gross income from all credit card issuer's reimbursement fees multiplied by a fraction. The numerator of the fraction is the amount included in the numerator of the receipts factor under (f) of this subsection (2). The denominator of the fraction is the amount included in the denominator of the receipts factor under (f) of this subsection (2).
- (ii) The denominator of the receipts factor includes gross income from all credit card issuer's reimbursement fees.
- (i) The numerator of the receipts factor includes gross income from merchant discounts if the commercial domicile of the merchant is in this state. The denominator of the receipts factor includes gross income from all merchant discounts. For purposes of this subsection (2)(i), gross income must be computed net of any cardholder charge backs but may not be reduced by any interchange transaction fees or by any issuer's reimbursement fees paid to another for charges made by its cardholders.
- (j) Apportionable income that would be attributable under this subsection (2) to a state in which the financial institution is not taxable must be excluded from the denominator of the receipts factor if at least some of the activity that generated the income is performed in this state, and the gross income is attributable under this subsection (2) to a state in which the taxpayer is not taxable. For purposes of

this subsection (2)(j), "not taxable" has the same meaning as in section 105 of this act.

- (k)(i) The numerator of the receipts factor includes apportionable income taxable under RCW 82.04.290 and not otherwise included in the receipts factor under this subsection (2) if the activity producing the apportionable income is performed in this state. If the activity is performed both inside and outside this state, the numerator of the receipts factor includes apportionable income taxable under RCW 82.04.290 and not otherwise included in the receipts factor under this subsection (2) if a greater proportion of the activity producing the apportionable income is performed in this state based on cost of performance.
- (ii) The denominator of the receipts factor includes apportionable income taxable under RCW 82.04.290 from activities performed everywhere, where the apportionable income taxable under RCW 82.04.290 is not otherwise included in the receipts factor under this subsection (2).
- (3) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4) of this section, the definitions in the multistate tax commission's recommended formula for the apportionment and allocation of net income of financial institutions, adopted November 17, 1994, as existing on the effective date of this section, apply to this section.
- 23 (4) Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions 24 in this subsection apply throughout this section.
- 25 (a) "Apportionable income" has the same meaning as in RCW 26 82.04.460.
  - (b) "Credit card" means a card or device existing for the purpose of obtaining money, property, labor, or services on credit.
  - (c) "Financial institution" has the same meaning as in WAC 458-20-14601. However, the department may not make any substantive changes to the definition of "financial institution" in WAC 458-20-14601 unless the changes implement a legislative amendment to this definition of financial institution.
- 34 (d) "State" means a state of the United States, the District of 35 Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, any territory or possession 36 of the United States, or any foreign country or political subdivision 37 of a foreign country.

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**Sec. 107.** RCW 82.04.2907 and 2009 c 535 s 407 are each amended to read as follows:

- (1) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business of receiving income from royalties ((or charges in the nature of royalties for the granting of intangible rights, such as copyrights, licenses, patents, or franchise fees)), the amount of tax with respect to ((such)) the business ((shall be)) is equal to the gross income from royalties ((or charges in the nature of royalties from the business)) multiplied by the rate of 0.484 percent.
- (2) For the purposes of this section, "gross income from royalties" means compensation for the use of intangible property, ((such as)) including charges in the nature of royalties, regardless of where the intangible property will be used. For purposes of this subsection, "intangible property" includes copyrights, patents, licenses, franchises, trademarks, trade names, and similar items. ((It)) "Gross income from royalties" does not include compensation for any natural resource, the licensing of prewritten computer software to the end user, or the licensing ((or use)) of digital goods, digital codes, or digital automated services to the end user as defined in RCW 82.04.190(11).
- **Sec. 108.** RCW 82.04.460 and 2004 c 174 s 6 are each amended to 22 read as follows:
- (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, any person ((rendering services)) earning apportionable income taxable under ((RCW 82.04.290 or 82.04.2908)) this chapter and ((maintaining places of business both within and without this state which contribute to the rendition of such services shall)) also taxable in another state, must, for the purpose of computing tax liability under ((RCW 82.04.290 or 82.04.2908)) this chapter, apportion to this state, in accordance with <u>section 105 of this act</u>, that portion of the person's ((gross)) apportionable income ((which is)) derived from ((services rendered)) business activities performed within this state. ((Where such apportionment cannot be accurately made by separate accounting methods, the taxpayer shall apportion to this state that proportion of the taxpayer's total income which the cost of doing business within the state bears to the total cost of doing business both within and without the state.))

- (2) ((Notwithstanding the provision of subsection (1) of this section, persons doing business both within and without the state who receive gross income from service charges, as defined in RCW 63.14.010 (relating to amounts charged for granting the right or privilege to make deferred or installment payments) or who receive gross income from engaging in business as financial institutions within the scope of chapter 82.14A RCW (relating to city taxes on financial institutions) shall apportion or allocate gross income taxable under RCW 82.04.290 to this state pursuant to rules promulgated by the department consistent with uniform rules for apportionment or allocation developed by the states.
- (3)) The department ((shall)) may by rule provide a method or methods of apportioning or allocating gross income derived from sales of telecommunications service and competitive telephone service((s)) taxed under this chapter, if the gross proceeds of sales subject to tax under this chapter do not fairly represent the extent of the taxpayer's income attributable to this state. ((The rules shall be, so far as feasible, consistent with the methods of apportionment contained in this section and shall require the consideration of those facts, circumstances, and apportionment factors as will result in an equitable and constitutionally permissible division of the services.)) The rule must provide for an equitable and constitutionally permissible division of the tax base.
- (3) For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply unless the context clearly requires otherwise:
- (a) "Apportionable income" means gross income of the business generated from engaging in apportionable activities, including income received from apportionable activities performed outside this state if the income would be taxable under this chapter if received from activities in this state, less the exemptions and deductions allowable under this chapter. For purposes of this subsection, "apportionable activities" means only those activities taxed under:
- (i) RCW 82.04.255;

- 34 (ii) RCW 82.04.260 (3), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), and (13);
- 35 <u>(iii) RCW 82.04.280(5);</u>
- 36 (iv) RCW 82.04.285;
- 37 (v) RCW 82.04.286;
- 38 <u>(vi) RCW 82.04.290;</u>

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- 1 (vii) RCW 82.04.2907;
- 2 (viii) RCW 82.04.2908; and
- (ix) RCW 82.04.260(14), 82.04.263, and 82.04.280(1), but only to the extent of any activity that would be taxable under any of the provisions enumerated under (a)(i) through (viii) of this subsection (3) if the tax classifications in RCW 82.04.260(14), 82.04.263, and
- 7 82.04.280(1) did not exist.
- 8 (b)(i) "Taxable in another state" means that the taxpayer is
  9 subject to a business activities tax by another state on its income
  10 received from engaging in apportionable activities; or the taxpayer is
  11 not subject to a business activities tax by another state on its income
  12 received from engaging in apportionable activities, but any other state
  13 has jurisdiction to subject the taxpayer to a business activities tax
  14 on such income under the substantial nexus standards in section 104(1)
- 15 of this act.

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- (ii) For purposes of this subsection (3)(b):
- 17 <u>(A) "Business activities tax" has the same meaning as in section</u>
  18 105 of this act; and
- 19 (B) "State" has the same meaning as in section 106 of this act.

20 PART II

### 21 Abusive Tax Transactions

- NEW SECTION. Sec. 201. A new section is added to chapter 82.32 RCW to read as follows:
  - (1) The department must disregard, for tax purposes, abusive tax avoidance transactions. In disregarding an abusive tax avoidance transaction, the department may:
  - (a) Recharacterize the nature of income, such as recharacterizing dividends received from a related entity as income received for providing services to that entity;
  - (b) Disregard the form of a corporate or other entity, even when legal formalities have been observed, when the form of entity is used as part of an abusive tax avoidance transaction;
  - (c) Treat the tax effects of the transaction, plan, or arrangement according to its underlying substance rather than its form;
- 35 (d) Treat a series of formally separate steps as a single transaction or a single transaction as a series of transactions; and

(e) Take any other reasonable steps necessary to deny the tax benefit that would otherwise arise as a result of the abusive tax avoidance transaction.

- (2) For purposes of this section, "abusive tax avoidance transaction" means the avoidance of any tax collected by the department under the provisions of this chapter by means of a transaction, plan, or arrangement that lacks economic substance.
- (3)(a) A transaction, plan, or arrangement will be considered as having economic substance only if:
- (i) The transaction, plan, or arrangement changes in a meaningful way, apart from its tax effects, the taxpayer's economic position;
- (ii) The taxpayer has a substantial nontax purpose for entering into the transaction, plan, or arrangement; and
- (iii) The transaction, plan, or arrangement is an objectively reasonable means of accomplishing the substantial nontax purpose.
  - (b) A transaction, plan, or arrangement that carries some risk of loss and profit potential may nevertheless be found to lack economic substance if the economic risks and profit potential are so insignificant when compared to the tax benefits that a reasonable person would conclude that the taxpayer would not have engaged in the transaction, plan, or arrangement absent its tax effects.
  - (c) An objective of achieving favorable financial accounting benefits arising from tax savings is not deemed to be a substantial nontax purpose for entering into a transaction, plan, or arrangement.
  - (d)(i) Except as provided in (d)(ii) of this subsection (3) the burden is on the department to establish that a transaction, plan, or arrangement lacks economic substance.
  - (ii) If the taxpayer fails to produce records requested by the department that are relevant in determining whether a transaction, plan, or arrangement has economic substance, the burden is on the taxpayer to establish that the transaction, plan, or arrangement has economic substance.
  - (4)(a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this section, the department may not disregard or recharacterize transactions as provided in subsection (1)(a) through (e) of this section between affiliated persons, except where the form of the transaction or a related series of transactions is adopted for the purpose of disguising:

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1 (i) Income received, or otherwise avoiding tax on the receipt of income, from a person that is not affiliated with the taxpayer; or

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- (ii) The purchase or sale of property or services from or to a person that is not affiliated with the taxpayer.
- (b) For purposes of this subsection, "affiliated" means under common control. "Control" means the possession, directly or indirectly, of more than fifty percent of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a person, whether through the ownership of voting shares, by contract, or otherwise.
- (5) The provisions of this section are cumulative and nonexclusive and do not affect any other remedies provided to the department under statutory or common law.
- 13 (6) The department must by rule, and as resources allow, provide 14 guidance on what it considers to be an abusive tax avoidance transaction. The adoption of a rule as required under this subsection 15 is not a condition precedent for the department to use the authority 16 17 in this section to disregard abusive tax 18 transactions. Any rules adopted under this section must include 19 examples of abusive tax avoidance transactions.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 202. A new section is added to chapter 82.32 RCW to read as follows:
  - (1)(a) The department may not use section 201 of this act to disregard any transaction, plan, or arrangement initiated before July 1, 2010, if, in respect to such transaction, plan, or arrangement, the taxpayer had reported its tax liability in conformance with either specific written instructions provided by the department to the taxpayer, a determination published under the authority of RCW 82.32.410, or other document published by the department.
  - (b) This section does not apply if the transaction, plan, or arrangement engaged in by the taxpayer differs materially from the transaction, plan, or arrangement that was addressed in the specific written instructions, published determination, or other published document.
- 34 (2) For purposes of this section, "specific written instructions" 35 means tax reporting instructions provided to a taxpayer and which 36 specifically identifies the taxpayer to whom the instructions apply.

Specific written instructions may be provided as part of an audit, tax assessment, determination, closing agreement, or in response to a binding ruling request.

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- **Sec. 203.** RCW 82.32.090 and 2006 c 256 s 6 are each amended to read as follows:
- (1) If payment of any tax due on a return to be filed by a taxpayer is not received by the department of revenue by the due date, there ((shall be)) is assessed a penalty of five percent of the amount of the tax; and if the tax is not received on or before the last day of the month following the due date, there ((shall be)) is assessed a total penalty of fifteen percent of the amount of the tax under this subsection; and if the tax is not received on or before the last day of the second month following the due date, there ((shall be)) is assessed a total penalty of twenty-five percent of the amount of the tax under this subsection. No penalty so added shall be less than five dollars.
- (2) If the department of revenue determines that any tax has been substantially underpaid, there ((shall be)) is assessed a penalty of five percent of the amount of the tax determined by the department to be due. If payment of any tax determined by the department to be due is not received by the department by the due date specified in the notice, or any extension thereof, there ((shall be)) is assessed a total penalty of fifteen percent of the amount of the tax under this subsection; and if payment of any tax determined by the department to be due is not received on or before the thirtieth day following the due date specified in the notice of tax due, or any extension thereof, there ((shall be)) is assessed a total penalty of twenty-five percent of the amount of the tax under this subsection. No penalty so added ((shall)) may be less than five dollars. As used in this section, "substantially underpaid" means that the taxpayer has paid less than eighty percent of the amount of tax determined by the department to be due for all of the types of taxes included in, and for the entire period of time covered by, the department's examination, and the amount of underpayment is at least one thousand dollars.
- (3) If a warrant ((be)) <u>is</u> issued by the department ((<del>of revenue</del>))

  for the collection of taxes, increases, and penalties, there ((<del>shall</del>

  be)) <u>is</u> added thereto a penalty of ten percent of the amount of the

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(4) If the department finds that a person has engaged in any business or performed any act upon which a tax is imposed under this title and that person has not obtained from the department a registration certificate as required by RCW 82.32.030, the department ((shall)) must impose a penalty of five percent of the amount of tax due from that person for the period that the person was not registered as required by RCW 82.32.030. The department ((shall)) may not impose the penalty under this subsection (4) if a person who has engaged in business taxable under this title without first having registered as required by RCW 82.32.030, prior to any notification by the department of the need to register, obtains a registration certificate from the department.

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- (5) If the department finds that all or any part of a deficiency resulted from the disregard of specific written instructions as to reporting or tax liabilities, the department ((shall)) must add a penalty of ten percent of the amount of the additional tax found due because of the failure to follow the instructions. disregards specific written instructions when the department ((of revenue)) has informed the taxpayer in writing of the taxpayer's tax obligations and the taxpayer fails to act in accordance with those instructions unless the department has not issued final instructions because the matter is under appeal pursuant to this chapter or departmental regulations. The department ((shall)) may not assess the penalty under this section upon any taxpayer who has made a good faith effort to comply with the specific written instructions provided by the department to that taxpayer. Specific written instructions may be given as a part of a tax assessment, audit, determination, or closing agreement, provided that such specific written instructions ((shall)) apply only to the taxpayer addressed or referenced on such documents. Any specific written instructions by the department ((of revenue shall)) <u>must</u> be clearly identified as such and ((shall)) <u>must</u> inform the taxpayer that failure to follow the instructions may subject the taxpayer to the penalties imposed by this subsection.
- (6) If the department finds that all or any part of a deficiency resulted from engaging in an abusive tax avoidance transaction, as defined in section 201 of this act, the department must assess a penalty of thirty-five percent of the additional tax found to be due as a result of engaging in the abusive tax avoidance transaction. The

penalty provided in this subsection may be assessed together with any other applicable penalties provided in this section on the same tax found to be due, except for the evasion penalty provided in subsection (7) of this section. The department may not assess the penalty under this subsection if, before the department discovers the taxpayer's use of an abusive tax avoidance transaction, the taxpayer discloses its participation in the abusive tax avoidance transaction to the department.

(7) If the department finds that all or any part of the deficiency resulted from an intent to evade the tax payable ((hereunder)), a further penalty of fifty percent of the additional tax found to be due ((shall)) must be added.

 $((\frac{7}{}))$  (8) The penalties imposed under subsections (1) through (4) of this section can each be imposed on the same tax found to be due. This subsection does not prohibit or restrict the application of other penalties authorized by law.

((8)) (9) The department ((of revenue)) may not impose both the evasion penalty and the penalty for disregarding specific written instructions or the penalty provided in subsection (6) of this section on the same tax found to be due.

((+9))) (10) For the purposes of this section, "return" means any document a person is required by the state of Washington to file to satisfy or establish a tax or fee obligation that is administered or collected by the department ((+9)), and that has a statutorily defined due date.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 204. (1) The legislature finds that this state's tax policy with respect to the taxation of transactions between affiliated entities and the income derived from such transactions (intercompany transactions) has motivated some taxpayers to engage in transactions designed solely or primarily to minimize the tax effects of intercompany transactions. The legislature further finds that some intercompany transactions result from taxpayers that are required to establish affiliated entities to comply with regulatory mandates and that transactions between such affiliates effectively increases the tax burden in this state on the affiliated group of entities.

(2) Therefore, as existing resources allow, the department of revenue is directed to conduct a review of the state's tax policy with

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respect to the taxation of intercompany transactions. The review must include the impacts of such transactions under the state's business and occupation tax and state and local sales and use taxes. The department may include other taxes in the review as it deems appropriate.

- (3) In conducting the review, the department must examine how this state's tax policy compares to the tax policy of other states with respect to the taxation of intercompany transactions. The department's review must include an analysis of potential alternatives to the current policy of taxing intercompany transactions, including their estimated revenue impacts if practicable.
- (4) In conducting this review, the department may seek input from members of the business community and others as it deems appropriate.
- 13 (5) The department must report its findings to the fiscal committees of the house of representatives and senate by December 1, 2010. However, if the department has not completed its review by December 1, 2010, the department must provide the fiscal committees of the legislature with a brief status report by December 1, 2010, and the final report by December 1, 2011.
- **Sec. 205.** RCW 82.12.020 and 2009 c 535 s 305 are each amended to 20 read as follows:
  - (1) There is ((hereby)) levied and ((there shall be)) collected from every person in this state a tax or excise for the privilege of using within this state as a consumer any:
  - (a) Article of tangible personal property ((purchased at retail, or)) acquired by ((lease, gift, repossession, or bailment, or extracted or produced or manufactured by the person so using the same, or otherwise furnished to a person engaged in any business taxable under RCW 82.04.280 (2) or (7))) the user in any manner, including tangible personal property acquired at a casual or isolated sale, and including by-products used by the manufacturer thereof, except as otherwise provided in this chapter, irrespective of whether the article or similar articles are manufactured or are available for purchase within this state;
- 34 (b) Prewritten computer software, regardless of the method of 35 delivery, but excluding prewritten computer software that is either 36 provided free of charge or is provided for temporary use in viewing 37 information, or both;

- 1 (c) Services defined as a retail sale in RCW 82.04.050 (2) (a) or 2 (g), (3)(a), or (6)(b), excluding services defined as a retail sale in RCW 82.04.050(6)(b) that are provided free of charge;
  - (d) Extended warranty; or

- (e)(i) Digital good, digital code, or digital automated service, including the use of any services provided by a seller exclusively in connection with digital goods, digital codes, or digital automated services, whether or not a separate charge is made for such services.
- (ii) With respect to the use of digital goods, digital automated services, and digital codes acquired by purchase, the tax imposed in this subsection (1)(e) applies in respect to:
- (A) Sales in which the seller has granted the purchaser the right of permanent use;
- (B) Sales in which the seller has granted the purchaser a right of use that is less than permanent;
- (C) Sales in which the purchaser is not obligated to make continued payment as a condition of the sale; and
- (D) Sales in which the purchaser is obligated to make continued payment as a condition of the sale.
- (iii) With respect to digital goods, digital automated services, and digital codes acquired other than by purchase, the tax imposed in this subsection (1)(e) applies regardless of whether or not the consumer has a right of permanent use or is obligated to make continued payment as a condition of use.
- (2) The provisions of this chapter do not apply in respect to the use of any article of tangible personal property, extended warranty, digital good, digital code, digital automated service, or service taxable under RCW 82.04.050 (2) (a) or (g), (3)(a), or (6)(b), if the sale to, or the use by, the present user or the present user's bailor or donor has already been subjected to the tax under chapter 82.08 RCW or this chapter and the tax has been paid by the present user or by the present user's bailor or donor.
- (3)(a) Except as provided in this section, payment of the tax imposed by this chapter or chapter 82.08 RCW by one purchaser or user of tangible personal property, extended warranty, digital good, digital code, digital automated service, or other service does not have the effect of exempting any other purchaser or user of the same property,

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extended warranty, digital good, digital code, digital automated service, or other service from the taxes imposed by such chapters.

(b) The tax imposed by this chapter does not apply:

- (i) If the sale to, or the use by, the present user or his or her bailor or donor has already been subjected to the tax under chapter 82.08 RCW or this chapter and the tax has been paid by the present user or by his or her bailor or donor;
- (ii) In respect to the use of any article of tangible personal property acquired by bailment and the tax has once been paid based on reasonable rental as determined by RCW 82.12.060 measured by the value of the article at time of first use multiplied by the tax rate imposed by chapter 82.08 RCW or this chapter as of the time of first use;
- (iii) In respect to the use of any article of tangible personal property acquired by bailment, if the property was acquired by a previous bailee from the same bailor for use in the same general activity and the original bailment was prior to June 9, 1961; or
- (iv) To the use of digital goods or digital automated services, which were obtained through the use of a digital code, if the sale of the digital code to, or the use of the digital code by, the present user or the present user's bailor or donor has already been subjected to the tax under chapter 82.08 RCW or this chapter and the tax has been paid by the present user or by the present user's bailor or donor.
- (4)(a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection (4), the tax is levied and must be collected in an amount equal to the value of the article used, value of the digital good or digital code used, value of the extended warranty used, or value of the service used by the taxpayer, multiplied by the applicable rates in effect for the retail sales tax under RCW 82.08.020.
- (b) In the case of a seller required to collect use tax from the purchaser, the tax must be collected in an amount equal to the purchase price multiplied by the applicable rate in effect for the retail sales tax under RCW 82.08.020.
- 33 (5) For purposes of the tax imposed in this section, "person"
  34 includes anyone within the definition of "buyer," "purchaser," and
  35 "consumer" in RCW 82.08.010.
- **Sec. 206.** RCW 82.45.010 and 2008 c 116 s 3 and 2008 c 6 s 701 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

(1) As used in this chapter, the term "sale" ((shall have)) has its ordinary meaning and ((shall)) includes any conveyance, grant, assignment, quitclaim, or transfer of the ownership of or title to real property, including standing timber, or any estate or interest therein for a valuable consideration, and any contract for such conveyance, grant, assignment, quitclaim, or transfer, and any lease with an option to purchase real property, including standing timber, or any estate or interest therein or other contract under which possession of the property is given to the purchaser, or any other person at the purchaser's direction, and title to the property is retained by the vendor as security for the payment of the purchase price. The term also includes the grant, assignment, quitclaim, sale, or transfer of improvements constructed upon leased land.

- (2)(a) The term "sale" also includes the transfer or acquisition within any twelve-month period of a controlling interest in any entity with an interest in real property located in this state for a valuable consideration.
- (b) For the sole purpose of determining whether, pursuant to the exercise of an option, a controlling interest was transferred or acquired within a twelve-month period, the date that the option agreement was executed is the date on which the transfer or acquisition of the controlling interest is deemed to occur. For all other purposes under this chapter, the date upon which the option is exercised is the date of the transfer or acquisition of the controlling interest.
- (c) For purposes of this subsection, all acquisitions of persons acting in concert ((shall)) must be aggregated for purposes of determining whether a transfer or acquisition of a controlling interest has taken place. The department ((of revenue shall)) must adopt standards by rule to determine when persons are acting in concert. In adopting a rule for this purpose, the department ((shall)) must consider the following:
- $((\frac{a}{a}))$  (i) Persons  $(\frac{shall}{a})$  must be treated as acting in concert when they have a relationship with each other such that one person influences or controls the actions of another through common ownership; and
- $((\frac{b}{b}))$  (ii) When persons are not commonly owned or controlled, they  $(\frac{shall}{b})$  must be treated as acting in concert only when the unity with which the purchasers have negotiated and will consummate the

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- 1 transfer of ownership interests supports a finding that they are acting
- 2 as a single entity. If the acquisitions are completely independent,
- 3 with each purchaser buying without regard to the identity of the other
- 4 purchasers, then the acquisitions ((shall be)) are considered separate acquisitions.
  - (3) The term "sale" ((<del>shall</del>)) <u>does</u> not include:

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- (a) A transfer by gift, devise, or inheritance.
- 8 (b) A transfer of any leasehold interest other than of the type 9 mentioned above.
  - (c) A cancellation or forfeiture of a vendee's interest in a contract for the sale of real property, whether or not such contract contains a forfeiture clause, or deed in lieu of foreclosure of a mortgage.
  - (d) The partition of property by tenants in common by agreement or as the result of a court decree.
    - (e) The assignment of property or interest in property from one spouse or one domestic partner to the other spouse or other domestic partner in accordance with the terms of a decree of dissolution of marriage or state registered domestic partnership or in fulfillment of a property settlement agreement.
    - (f) The assignment or other transfer of a vendor's interest in a contract for the sale of real property, even though accompanied by a conveyance of the vendor's interest in the real property involved.
    - (g) Transfers by appropriation or decree in condemnation proceedings brought by the United States, the state or any political subdivision thereof, or a municipal corporation.
    - (h) A mortgage or other transfer of an interest in real property merely to secure a debt, or the assignment thereof.
    - (i) Any transfer or conveyance made pursuant to a deed of trust or an order of sale by the court in any mortgage, deed of trust, or lien foreclosure proceeding or upon execution of a judgment, or deed in lieu of foreclosure to satisfy a mortgage or deed of trust.
    - (j) A conveyance to the federal housing administration or veterans administration by an authorized mortgagee made pursuant to a contract of insurance or guaranty with the federal housing administration or veterans administration.
- 37 (k) A transfer in compliance with the terms of any lease or

contract upon which the tax as imposed by this chapter has been paid or where the lease or contract was entered into prior to the date this tax was first imposed.

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- (1) The sale of any grave or lot in an established cemetery.
- (m) A sale by the United States, this state or any political subdivision thereof, or a municipal corporation of this state.
- (n) A sale to a regional transit authority or public corporation under RCW 81.112.320 under a sale/leaseback agreement under RCW 81.112.300.
- (o) A transfer of real property, however effected, if it consists of a mere change in identity or form of ownership of an entity where there is no change in the beneficial ownership. These include transfers to a corporation or partnership which is wholly owned by the transferor and/or the transferor's spouse or domestic partner or children of the transferor or the transferor's spouse or domestic partner((: PROVIDED, That)). However, if thereafter such transferee corporation or partnership voluntarily transfers such real property, or such transferor, spouse or domestic partner, or children of the transferor or the transferor's spouse or domestic partner voluntarily transfer stock in the transferee corporation or interest in the transferee partnership capital, as the case may be, to other than  $((\frac{1}{1}))$  (i) the transferor and/or the transferor's spouse or domestic partner or children of the transferor or the transferor's spouse or domestic partner,  $((\frac{2}{2}))$  (ii) a trust having the transferor and/or the transferor's spouse or domestic partner or children of the transferor the transferor's spouse or domestic partner as the beneficiaries at the time of the transfer to the trust, or  $((\frac{3}{3}))$ (iii) a corporation or partnership wholly owned by the original transferor and/or the transferor's spouse or domestic partner or children of the transferor or the transferor's spouse or domestic partner, within three years of the original transfer to which this exemption applies, and the tax on the subsequent transfer has not been paid within sixty days of becoming due, excise taxes ((shall)) become due and payable on the original transfer as otherwise provided by law.
  - (p)(i) A transfer that for federal income tax purposes does not involve the recognition of gain or loss for entity formation, liquidation or dissolution, and reorganization, including but not

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limited to nonrecognition of gain or loss because of application of ((section)) 26 U.S.C. Sec. 332, 337, 351, 368(a)(1), 721, or 731 of the internal revenue code of 1986, as amended.

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- 4 (ii) However, the transfer described in (p)(i) of this subsection cannot be preceded or followed within a twelve-month period by another 5 transfer or series of transfers, that, when combined with the otherwise 6 7 exempt transfer or transfers described in (p)(i) of this subsection, 8 results in the transfer of a controlling interest in the entity for valuable consideration, and in which one or more persons previously 9 10 holding a controlling interest in the entity receive cash or property in exchange for any interest the person or persons acting in concert 11 hold in the entity. This subsection (3)(p)(ii) does not apply to that 12 13 part of the transfer involving property received that is the real 14 property interest that the person or persons originally contributed to the entity or when one or more persons who did not contribute real 15 property or belong to the entity at a time when real property was 16 17 purchased receive cash or personal property in exchange for that person 18 or persons' interest in the entity. The real estate excise tax under this subsection (3)(p)(ii) is imposed upon the person or persons who 19 previously held a controlling interest in the entity. 20
- 21 (q) A qualified sale of a manufactured/mobile home community, as 22 defined in RCW 59.20.030, that takes place on or after June 12, 2008, 23 but before December 31, 2018.
- 24 **Sec. 207.** RCW 82.45.033 and 1993 sp.s. c 25 s 505 are each amended to read as follows:
  - (1) As used in this chapter, the term "controlling interest" has the following meaning:
    - $((\frac{1}{1}))$  (a) In the case of a corporation, either fifty percent or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the corporation entitled to vote, or fifty percent of the capital, profits, or beneficial interest in the voting stock of the corporation; and
    - $((\frac{(2)}{(2)}))$  (b) In the case of a partnership, association, trust, or other entity, fifty percent or more of the capital, profits, or beneficial interest in such partnership, association, trust, or other entity.
- 36 (2) The department may, at the department's option, enforce the

obligation of the seller under this chapter as provided in this subsection (2):

- (a) In the transfer or acquisition of a controlling interest as defined in subsection (1)(a) of this section, either against the corporation in which a controlling interest is transferred or acquired, against the person or persons who acquired the controlling interest in the corporation or, when the corporation is not a publicly traded company, against the person or persons who transferred the controlling interest in the corporation; and
- 10 (b) In the transfer or acquisition of a controlling interest as
  11 defined in subsection (1)(b) of this section, either against the entity
  12 in which a controlling interest is transferred or acquired or against
  13 the person or persons who transferred or acquired the controlling
  14 interest in the entity.
- **Sec. 208.** RCW 82.45.070 and 1969 ex.s. c 223 s 28A.45.070 are each amended to read as follows:
- The tax ((herein)) provided for <u>in this chapter</u> and any interest or penalties thereon ((shall be)) <u>is</u> a specific lien upon each ((piece)) parcel of real property <u>located in this state that is either</u> sold or that is owned by an entity in which a controlling interest has been transferred or acquired. The lien attaches from the time of sale until the tax ((shall have been)) <u>is</u> paid, which lien may be enforced in the manner prescribed for the foreclosure of mortgages.
- **Sec. 209.** RCW 82.45.080 and 1980 c 154 s 3 are each amended to 25 read as follows:
  - (1) The tax levied under this chapter ((shall be)) is the obligation of the seller and the department ((of revenue)) may, at the department's option, enforce the obligation through an action of debt against the seller or the department may proceed in the manner prescribed for the foreclosure of mortgages ((and resort to)). The department's use of one course of enforcement ((shall)) is not ((be)) an election not to pursue the other.
- 33 (2) For purposes of this section and notwithstanding any other 34 provisions of law, the seller is the parent corporation of a wholly 35 owned subsidiary, when such subsidiary is the transferor to a third-

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- party transferee and the subsidiary is dissolved before paying the tax
  imposed under this chapter.
  - Sec. 210. RCW 82.45.100 and 2007 c 111 s 112 are each amended to read as follows:

- (1) Payment of the tax imposed under this chapter is due and payable immediately at the time of sale, and if not paid within one month thereafter ((shall)) will bear interest from the time of sale until the date of payment.
- (a) Interest imposed before January 1, 1999, ((shall be)) <u>is</u> computed at the rate of one percent per month.
  - (b) Interest imposed after December 31, 1998,  $((shall\ be))$  is computed on a monthly basis at the rate as computed under RCW 82.32.050(2). The rate so computed ((shall)) must be adjusted on the first day of January of each year for use in computing interest for that calendar year. The department  $((of\ revenue\ shall))$  must provide written notification to the county treasurers of the variable rate on or before December 1st of the year preceding the calendar year in which the rate applies.
- (2) In addition to the interest described in subsection (1) of this section, if the payment of any tax is not received by the county treasurer or the department of revenue, as the case may be, within one month of the date due, there ((shall be)) is assessed a penalty of five percent of the amount of the tax; if the tax is not received within two months of the date due, there ((shall)) will be assessed a total penalty of ten percent of the amount of the tax; and if the tax is not received within three months of the date due, there ((shall)) will be assessed a total penalty of twenty percent of the amount of the tax. The payment of the penalty described in this subsection ((shall be)) is collectible from the seller only, and RCW 82.45.070 does not apply to the penalties described in this subsection.
- (3) If the tax imposed under this chapter is not received by the due date, the transferee (( $\frac{\text{shall be}}{\text{o}}$ )) is personally liable for the tax, along with any interest as provided in subsection (1) of this section, unless(( $\div$
- $\frac{(a)}{a}$ ) <u>an</u> instrument evidencing the sale is recorded in the official real property records of the county in which the property conveyed is located(( $\frac{1}{a}$ ) or

(b) Either the transferor or transferee notifies the department of revenue in writing of the occurrence of the sale within thirty days following the date of the sale)).

- (4) If upon examination of any affidavits or from other information obtained by the department or its agents it appears that all or a portion of the tax is unpaid, the department ((shall)) must assess against the taxpayer the additional amount found to be due plus interest and penalties as provided in subsections (1) and (2) of this section. The department ((shall)) must notify the taxpayer by mail, or electronically as provided in RCW 82.32.135, of the additional amount and the same ((shall)) becomes due and ((shall)) must be paid within thirty days from the date of the notice, or within such further time as the department may provide.
- 14 (5) No assessment or refund may be made by the department more than 15 four years after the date of sale except upon a showing of:
  - (a) Fraud or misrepresentation of a material fact by the taxpayer;
  - (b) A failure by the taxpayer to record documentation of a sale or otherwise report the sale to the county treasurer; or
- 19 (c) A failure of the transferor or transferee to report the sale 20 under RCW 82.45.090(2).
  - (6) Penalties collected on taxes due under this chapter under subsection (2) of this section and RCW 82.32.090 (2) through (7) ((shall)) <u>must</u> be deposited in the housing trust fund as described in chapter 43.185 RCW.
- **Sec. 211.** RCW 82.45.220 and 2005 c 326 s 3 are each amended to 26 read as follows:
  - (1) An organization that fails to report a transfer of the controlling interest in the organization under RCW 43.07.390 to the secretary of state and is later determined to be subject to real estate excise taxes due to the transfer, ((shall be)) is subject to the provisions of RCW 82.45.100 as well as the evasion penalty in RCW 82.32.090(((6))) (7).
- (2) Subsection (1) of this section also applies to the failure to report to the secretary of state the granting of an option to acquire an interest in the organization if the exercise of the option would result in a sale as defined in RCW 82.45.010(2).

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- 1 **Sec. 212.** RCW 43.07.390 and 2005 c 326 s 2 are each amended to 2 read as follows:
  - (1)(a) The secretary of state ((shall)) must adopt rules requiring any entity that is required to file an annual report with the secretary of state, including entities under Titles 23, 23B, 24, and 25 RCW, to disclose: (i) Any transfer ((in)) of the controlling interest ((of)) in the entity ((and any interest in real property)); and (ii) the granting of any option to acquire an interest in the entity if the exercise of the option would result in a sale as defined in RCW 82.45.010(2).
- 11 (b) The disclosure requirement in this subsection only applies to 12 entities owning an interest in real property located in this state.
  - (2) This information ((shall)) <u>must</u> be made available to the department of revenue upon request for the purposes of tracking the transfer of the controlling interest in <u>entities owning</u> real property and to determine when the real estate excise tax is applicable in such cases.
- 18 (3) For the purposes of this section, "controlling interest" has 19 the same meaning as provided in RCW 82.45.033.

# 20 PART III

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# Modifying and Placing a Cap on the First Mortgage Deduction

NEW SECTION. Sec. 301. In 1980, the legislature adopted a business and occupation tax deduction to financial businesses for amounts derived from interest received on investments or loans primarily secured by first mortgages or trust deeds on nontransient residential properties which was codified in RCW 82.04.4292. However, the Washington state supreme court in Homestreet, Inc. v. Dep't of Revenue, 166 Wn.2d 444 (2009) held that a mortgage lender was entitled to a business and occupation tax deduction under RCW 82.04.4292 for the portion of interest it retained for servicing loans and mortgage-backed securities that it sold on a service-retained basis on the secondary market. The legislature finds that inclusion of interest retained for servicing loans and mortgage-backed securities was not within the legislative intent when the deduction provided in 82.04.4292 was adopted in 1980. Therefore, by this act, the legislature declares that

- the deduction provided by RCW 82.04.4292 does not apply to fees that are received in exchange for services, regardless of whether the source
- 3 of the fees is or may have been interest when paid by a borrower.

- **Sec. 302.** RCW 82.04.4292 and 1980 c 37 s 12 are each amended to read as follows:
  - (1) In computing tax there may be deducted from the measure of tax by those engaged in banking, loan, security or other financial businesses, amounts derived from interest received on investments or loans primarily secured by first mortgages or trust deeds on nontransient residential properties.
  - (2) Interest deductible under this section includes the portion of fees charged to borrowers, including points and loan origination fees, that is recognized over the life of the loan as an adjustment to yield in the taxpayer's books and records according to generally accepted accounting principles.
  - (3) Subsections (1) and (2) of this section notwithstanding, the following is a nonexclusive list of items that are not deductible under this section:
  - (a) Fees for specific services such as: Document preparation fees; finder fees; brokerage fees; title examination fees; fees for credit checks; notary fees; loan application fees; interest lock-in fees if the loan is not made; servicing fees, including servicing fees received by lenders when they sell loans or mortgage-backed or mortgage-related securities in the secondary market while retaining the right to service the loans or securities and receive a portion of the interest payments as the servicing fee; and similar fees or amounts;
  - (b) Fees received in consideration for an agreement to make funds available for a specific period of time at specified terms, commonly referred to as commitment fees;
  - (c) Any other fees, or portion of a fee, that is not recognized over the life of the loan as an adjustment to yield in the taxpayer's books and records according to generally accepted accounting principles; and
- 34 (d) Gains on the sale of valuable rights such as:
- 35 <u>(i) Service release premiums, which are amounts received when</u> 36 servicing rights are sold; and
  - (ii) Gains on the sale of loans.

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1 (4) The total amount a person may deduct under this section for any calendar year may not exceed one hundred million dollars.

3 PART IV

## Modifying the Nonresident Sales Tax Exemption

- **Sec. 401.** RCW 82.08.0273 and 2009 c 535 s 512 are each amended to read as follows:
  - (1) <u>Subject to the conditions and limitations in this section, an exemption from the tax levied by RCW 82.08.020 ((does not apply to)) in the form of a remittance from the department is provided for sales to nonresidents of this state of tangible personal property, digital goods, and digital codes, when such property is for use outside this state((, and)). The exemption applies only if the purchaser:</u>
  - (a) <u>I</u>s a bona fide resident of a state or possession or Province of Canada other than the state of Washington and such state, possession, or Province of Canada does not impose a retail sales tax or use tax of three percent or more or, if imposing such a tax, permits Washington residents exemption from otherwise taxable sales by reason of their residence( $(\frac{1}{7})$ ); and
  - (b)  $\underline{A}$ grees, when requested, to grant the department of revenue access to such records and other forms of verification at (( $\frac{his}{or}$ )) the purchaser's place of residence to assure that such purchases are not first used substantially in the state of Washington.
  - (2) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this chapter, if parts or other tangible personal property are installed by the seller during the course of repairing, cleaning, altering, or improving motor vehicles, trailers, or campers and the seller makes a separate charge for the tangible personal property, the tax levied by RCW 82.08.020 does not apply to the separately stated charge to a nonresident purchaser for the tangible personal property but only if the separately stated charge does not exceed either the seller's current publicly stated retail price for the tangible personal property or, if no publicly stated retail price is available, the seller's cost for the tangible personal property. However, the exemption provided by this section does not apply if tangible personal property is installed by the seller during the course of repairing, cleaning, altering, or improving motor vehicles, trailers, or campers and the seller makes a

single nonitemized charge for providing the tangible personal property and service. All of the ((requirements)) provisions in subsections (1) and (3) through (((6))) (7) of this section apply to this subsection.

- (3)(a) Any person claiming exemption from retail sales tax under the provisions of this section must ((display)) pay the state and local sales tax to the seller at the time of purchase and then request a remittance from the department in accordance with this subsection and subsection (4) of this section. A request for remittance must include proof of ((his or her current nonresident)) the person's status as ((provided in this section)) a nonresident at the time of the purchase for which a remittance is requested. The request for a remittance must also include any additional information and documentation as required by the department, which may include a description of the item purchased for which a remittance is requested, the sales price of the item, the amount of state and local sales tax paid on the item, the date of the purchase, the name of the seller and the physical address where the sale took place, and copies of sales receipts showing the qualified purchases.
- (b) Acceptable proof of a nonresident person's status includes one piece of identification such as a valid driver's license from the jurisdiction in which the out-of-state residency is claimed or a valid identification card which has a photograph of the holder and is issued by the out-of-state jurisdiction. Identification under this subsection (3)(b) must show the holder's residential address and have as one of its legal purposes the establishment of residency in that out-of-state jurisdiction.
- (4) ((Nothing in this section requires the vendor to make tax exempt retail sales to nonresidents. A vendor may choose to make sales to nonresidents, collect the sales tax, and remit the amount of sales tax collected to the state as otherwise provided by law. If the vendor chooses to make a sale to a nonresident without collecting the sales tax, the vendor shall, in good faith, examine the proof of nonresidence, determine whether the proof is acceptable under subsection (3)(b) of this section, and maintain records for each nontaxable sale which shall show the type of proof accepted, including any identification numbers where appropriate, and the expiration date, if any)) (a)(i) Beginning January 1, 2011, through December 31, 2011,

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a person may request a remittance from the department for state and local sales taxes paid by the person on qualified retail purchases made in Washington between July 1, 2010, and December 31, 2010.

- (ii) Beginning January 1, 2012, a person may request a remittance from the department during any calendar year for state and local sales taxes paid by the person on qualified retail purchases made in Washington during the immediately preceding calendar year only. No application may be made with respect to purchases made before the immediately preceding calendar year.
- (b) The remittance request, including proof of nonresident status and any other documentation and information required by the department, must be made using an electronic application process as prescribed by the department. Only one remittance request may be made by a person per calendar year.
- (c) The total amount of a remittance request must be at least twenty-five dollars. The department must deny any request for a remittance that is less than twenty-five dollars.
- (d) The department will examine the applicant's proof of nonresident status and any other documentation and information as required in the application to determine whether the applicant is entitled to a remittance under this section.
- (5)(a) Any person making fraudulent statements to the department, which includes the offer of fraudulent or fraudulently procured identification or ((fraudulently procured identification to a vendor)) fraudulent sales receipts, in order to ((purchase goods without paying)) receive a remittance of retail sales tax is guilty of perjury under chapter 9A.72 RCW.
- (b) Any person ((making tax exempt purchases under this section by displaying)) requesting a remittance of sales tax from the department by providing proof of identification or sales receipts not ((his or her)) the person's own, or counterfeit identification or sales receipts, with intent to violate the provisions of this section, is guilty of a misdemeanor and, in addition, is liable for the tax and subject to a penalty equal to the greater of one hundred dollars or the tax due on such purchases.
- (6)((<del>(a)</del> Any vendor who makes sales without collecting the tax to a person who does not hold valid identification establishing out of

state residency, and any vendor who fails to maintain records of sales to nonresidents as provided in this section, is personally liable for the amount of tax due.

(b) Any vendor who makes sales without collecting the retail sales tax under this section and who has actual knowledge that the purchaser's proof of identification establishing out of state residency is fraudulent is guilty of a misdemeanor and, in addition, is liable for the tax and subject to a penalty equal to the greater of one thousand dollars or the tax due on such sales. In addition, both the purchaser and the vendor are liable for any penalties and interest assessable under chapter 82.32 RCW)) The exemption provided by this section is for both state and local sales taxes. For purposes of this section, "local sales tax" means a sales tax imposed by a local government under the authority of chapter 82.14 RCW, RCW 81.104.170, or other provision of law, and which is imposed on the same taxable event as the state sales tax imposed in this chapter.

(7) A nonresident who receives a refund of sales tax from the seller for any reason with respect to a purchase made in this state is not entitled to a remittance for the tax paid on the purchase. A person who receives both a remittance under this section and a refund from the seller with respect to the same purchase must immediately repay the remittance to the department. Interest as provided in chapter 82.32 RCW applies to amounts due under this section from the date that the department made the remittance until the amount due under this subsection is paid to the department. A person who receives a remittance with respect to a purchase for which the person had, at the time the person submitted the application for a remittance, already received a refund of sales tax from the seller is also liable for the evasion penalty in RCW 82.32.090(6) and is ineligible to receive any further remittances from the department under this section.

31 PART V

## Direct Seller Business and Occupation Tax Exemption

NEW SECTION. Sec. 501. (1) In 1983, the legislature provided a business and occupation tax exemption in RCW 82.04.423 for certain out-of-state sellers that sold consumer products exclusively to or through a direct seller's representative, which was codified in RCW 82.04.423.

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The intent of the legislature in enacting this exemption was to provide a narrow exemption for out-of-state businesses engaged in direct sales of consumer products, typically accomplished through in-home parties or door-to-door selling.

- (2) In Dot Foods, Inc. v. Dep't of Revenue, 166 Wn.2d 912 (2009), the Washington state supreme court held that the exemption in RCW 82.04.423 applied to a taxpayer: (a) That sold nonconsumer products through its representative in addition to consumer products; and (b) whose consumer products were ultimately sold at retail in permanent retail establishments. This decision raises questions about the taxpayers intended to benefit from the narrow exemption in RCW 82.04.432.
- (3) The legislature recognizes that some out-of-state businesses selling consumer products in this state may be eligible for the exemption under RCW 82.04.423 under the broadened interpretation or could easily restructure their business operations to qualify for the exemption. The legislature further finds that optimal tax policy does not provide favorable treatment to out-of-state businesses, which a broadened interpretation of RCW 82.04.423 could lead to; but rather, the best tax policy is to have equitable tax treatment for businesses, both within and without the state.
- (4) Therefore, the legislature finds that it is necessary to reaffirm the legislature's intent in establishing the direct sellers' exemption by amending RCW 82.04.423 retroactively to conform the exemption to the original intent of the legislature and by prospectively ending the direct sellers' exemption effective July 1, 2010.
- **Sec. 502.** RCW 82.04.423 and 1983 1st ex.s. c 66 s 5 are each 29 amended to read as follows:
  - (1) <u>Prior to July 1, 2010, this chapter ((shall)) does</u> not apply to any person in respect to gross income derived from the business of making sales at wholesale or retail if such person:
    - (a) Does not own or lease real property within this state; and
  - (b) Does not regularly maintain a stock of tangible personal property in this state for sale in the ordinary course of business; and
- 36 (c) Is not a corporation incorporated under the laws of this state;
  37 and

- 1 (d) Makes sales in this state exclusively to or through a direct 2 seller's representative.
  - (2) For purposes of this section, the term "direct seller's representative" means a person who buys <u>only</u> consumer products on a buy-sell basis or a deposit-commission basis for resale, by the buyer or any other person, in the home or otherwise than in a permanent retail establishment, or who sells <u>at retail</u>, or solicits the sale <u>at retail</u> of, <u>only</u> consumer products in the home or otherwise than in a permanent retail establishment; and
  - (a) Substantially all of the remuneration paid to such person, whether or not paid in cash, for the performance of services described in this subsection is directly related to sales or other output, including the performance of services, rather than the number of hours worked; and
  - (b) The services performed by the person are performed pursuant to a written contract between such person and the person for whom the services are performed and such contract provides that the person will not be treated as an employee with respect to such purposes for federal tax purposes.
- (3) Nothing in this section ((shall)) may be construed to imply that a person exempt from tax under this section was engaged in a business activity taxable under this chapter prior to ((the enactment of this section)) August 23, 1983.

24 PART VI

## Business and Occupation Tax Preferences for Manufacturers of Products Derived from Certain Agricultural Products

NEW SECTION. Sec. 601. (1)(a) In 1967, the legislature authorized a preferential business and occupation tax rate for slaughtering, breaking, and/or processing perishable meat products and/or selling the same at wholesale. The Washington state supreme court interpreted RCW 82.04.260(4), in Agrilink Foods, Inc. v. Department of Revenue, 153 Wn.2d 392 (2005), holding the preferential business and occupation tax rate on the slaughtering, breaking, and/or processing of perishable meat products applied to the processing of perishable meat products into nonperishable finished products, such as canned food.

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(b) In this act, the legislature intends to ensure that the exemption applies to activities such as slaughtering, breaking, and/or processing perishable meat products and/or selling such products at wholesale by requiring that the end product be a perishable meat product; a nonperishable meat product that is comprised primarily of animal carcass by weight or volume, other than a canned meat product; or a meat by-product.

- (2) The legislature finds that the rationale of the Agrilink decision, if applied to these tax preferences, could result in preferential tax treatment for any processed food product that contained any fresh fruit or vegetable as an ingredient, however small the amount. Therefore, the legislature intends, by this act, to provide direction on its policy regarding preferential tax treatment for these activities.
- (a) A business and occupation tax exemption is provided for (i) manufacturing by canning, preserving, freezing, processing, or dehydrating fresh fruits or vegetables, and (ii) selling such products at wholesale by the manufacturer to purchasers who transport the goods out of state in the ordinary course of business. This exemption expires July 1, 2012, and is replaced by a preferential business and occupation tax rate.
- (b) The legislature intends to narrow the tax preference provided to fruit and vegetable manufacturers by requiring that the end product be comprised either (i) exclusively of fruits and/or vegetables, or (ii) of any combination of fruits, vegetables, and certain other substances that, cumulatively, may not exceed the amount of fruits and vegetables contained in the product measured by weight or volume.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 602. A new section is added to chapter 82.04 29 RCW to read as follows:
- 30 (1) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business of 31 manufacturing:
  - (a) Perishable meat products, by slaughtering, breaking, or processing, if the finished product is a perishable meat product; as to such persons the tax imposed is equal to the value of the perishable meat products manufactured, or, in the case of a processor for hire, the gross income of the business, multiplied by the rate of 0.138 percent;

- (b) Meat products, by dehydration, curing, smoking, or any combination of these activities, if the finished meat products are not canned; as to such persons the tax imposed is equal to the value of the meat products manufactured, or, in the case of a processor for hire, the gross income of the business, multiplied by the rate of 0.138 percent;
- (c) Hides, tallow, meat meal, and other similar meat by-products, if such products are derived in part from animals and manufactured in a rendering plant licensed under chapter 16.68 RCW; as to such persons the tax imposed is equal to the value of the products manufactured, or, in the case of a processor for hire, the gross income of the business, multiplied by the rate of 0.138 percent.
- 13 (2) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business of selling at wholesale:
  - (a) Perishable meat products; as to such persons the tax imposed is equal to the gross proceeds derived from such sales multiplied by the rate of 0.138 percent;
  - (b) Meat products that have been manufactured by the seller by dehydration, curing, smoking, or any combination of such activities, if the finished meat products are not canned; as to such persons the tax imposed is equal to the gross proceeds derived from such sales multiplied by the rate of 0.138 percent;
  - (c) Hides, tallow, meat meal, and other similar meat by-products, if such products are derived in part from animals and manufactured by the seller in a rendering plant; as to such persons the tax imposed is equal to the gross proceeds derived from such sales multiplied by the rate of 0.138 percent.
  - (3) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.
- 30 (a) "Animal" means all members of the animal kingdom except humans, 31 fish, and insects.
- 32 (b) "Carcass" means all or any parts, including viscera, of a slaughtered animal.
- 34 (c) "Fish" means any water-breathing animal, including shellfish.
- 35 (d) "Hide" means any unprocessed animal pelt or skin.
- 36 (e)(i) "Meat products" means:

37 (A) Products comprised exclusively of animal carcass; and

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(B) Except as provided in (e)(ii) of this subsection (3), products, such as jerky, sausage, and other cured meat products, that are comprised primarily of animal carcass by weight or volume and may also contain water; nitrates; nitrites; acids; binders and extenders; natural or synthetic casings; colorings; flavorings such as soy sauce, liquid smoke, seasonings, citric acid, sugar, molasses, corn syrup, and vinegar; and similar substances.

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- 8 (ii) "Meat products" does not include products containing any cereal grains or cereal-grain products, dairy products, legumes and 9 10 legume products, fruit or vegetable products as defined in RCW 82.04.260, and similar ingredients, unless the ingredient is used as a 11 12 flavoring. For purposes of this subsection, "flavoring" means a 13 substance that contains the flavoring constituents derived from a 14 spice, fruit or fruit juice, vegetable or vegetable juice, edible yeast, herb, bark, bud, root, leaf, or any other edible substance of 15 plant origin, whose primary function in food is flavoring or seasoning 16 17 rather than nutritional, and which may legally appear as "natural 18 flavor, " "flavor, " or "flavorings" in the ingredient statement on the 19 label of the meat product.
- 20 (iii) "Meat products" includes only products that are intended for 21 human consumption as food or animal consumption as feed.
  - (f) "Perishable" means having a high risk of spoilage within thirty days of manufacture without any refrigeration or freezing.
  - (g) "Rendering plant" means any place of business or location where dead animals or any part or portion thereof, or packing house refuse, are processed for the purpose of obtaining the hide, skin, grease residue, or any other by-product whatsoever.
- 28 **Sec. 603.** RCW 82.04.4266 and 2006 c 354 s 3 are each amended to 29 read as follows:
- 30 (1) This chapter ((shall)) does not apply to the value of products 31 or the gross proceeds of sales derived from:
  - (a) Manufacturing fruit((s)) or vegetable((s)) products by canning, preserving, freezing, processing, or dehydrating fresh fruits or vegetables; or
- 35 (b) Selling at wholesale fruit((s)) or vegetable((s)) products
  36 manufactured by the seller by canning, preserving, freezing,
  37 processing, or dehydrating fresh fruits or vegetables and sold to

purchasers who transport in the ordinary course of business the goods out of this state. A person taking an exemption under this subsection (1)(b) must keep and preserve records for the period required by RCW 82.32.070 establishing that the goods were transported by the purchaser in the ordinary course of business out of this state.

- (2)(a) "Fruit or vegetable products" means:
- 7 <u>(i) Products comprised exclusively of fruits, vegetables, or both;</u>
  8 and
  - (ii) Products comprised of fruits, vegetables, or both, and which may also contain water, sugar, salt, seasonings, preservatives, binders, stabilizers, flavorings, yeast, and similar substances. However, the amount of all ingredients contained in the product, other than fruits, vegetables, and water, may not exceed the amount of fruits and vegetables contained in the product measured by weight or volume.
- 15 <u>(b) "Fruit or vegetable products" includes only products that are</u> 16 intended for human consumption as food or animal consumption as feed.
- 17 (3) This section expires July 1, 2012.

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- 18 **Sec. 604.** RCW 82.04.260 and 2009 c 479 s 64, 2009 c 461 s 1, and 2009 c 162 s 34 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:
  - (1) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business of manufacturing:
    - (a) Wheat into flour, barley into pearl barley, soybeans into soybean oil, canola into canola oil, canola meal, or canola by-products, or sunflower seeds into sunflower oil; as to such persons the amount of tax with respect to such business ((shall be)) is equal to the value of the flour, pearl barley, oil, canola meal, or canola by-product manufactured, multiplied by the rate of 0.138 percent;
    - (b) Beginning July 1, 2012, seafood products that remain in a raw, raw frozen, or raw salted state at the completion of the manufacturing by that person; or selling manufactured seafood products that remain in a raw, raw frozen, or raw salted state at the completion of the manufacturing, to purchasers who transport in the ordinary course of business the goods out of this state; as to such persons the amount of tax with respect to such business ((shall be)) is equal to the value of the products manufactured or the gross proceeds derived from such sales, multiplied by the rate of 0.138 percent. Sellers must keep and

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preserve records for the period required by RCW 82.32.070 establishing that the goods were transported by the purchaser in the ordinary course of business out of this state;

- (c) Beginning July 1, 2012, dairy products that as of September 20, 2001, are identified in 21 C.F.R., chapter 1, parts 131, 133, and 135, including by-products from the manufacturing of the dairy products such as whey and casein; or selling the same to purchasers who transport in the ordinary course of business the goods out of state; as to such persons the tax imposed ((shall be)) is equal to the value of the products manufactured or the gross proceeds derived from such sales multiplied by the rate of 0.138 percent. Sellers must keep and preserve records for the period required by RCW 82.32.070 establishing that the goods were transported by the purchaser in the ordinary course of business out of this state;
- (d)(i) Beginning July 1, 2012, fruit((s)) or vegetable((s)) products by canning, preserving, freezing, processing, or dehydrating fresh fruits or vegetables, or selling at wholesale fruit((s)) or vegetable((s)) products manufactured by the seller by canning, preserving, freezing, processing, or dehydrating fresh fruits or vegetables and sold to purchasers who transport in the ordinary course of business the goods out of this state; as to such persons the amount of tax with respect to such business ((shall be)) is equal to the value of the products manufactured or the gross proceeds derived from such sales multiplied by the rate of 0.138 percent. Sellers must keep and preserve records for the period required by RCW 82.32.070 establishing that the goods were transported by the purchaser in the ordinary course of business out of this state;
- 28 <u>(ii) For purposes of this subsection, "fruit or vegetable products"</u>
  29 means:
- 30 <u>(A) Products comprised exclusively of fruits, vegetables, or both;</u>
  31 <u>or</u>
- 32 (B) Products comprised of fruits, vegetables, or both, and which
  33 may also contain water, sugar, salt, seasonings, preservatives,
  34 binders, stabilizers, flavorings, yeast, and similar substances.
  35 However, the amount of all ingredients contained in the product, other
  36 than fruits, vegetables, and water, may not exceed the amount of fruits
  37 and vegetables contained in the product measured by weight or volume;

(iii) "Fruit and vegetable products" includes only products that are intended for human consumption as food or animal consumption as feed;

- (e) Until July 1, 2009, alcohol fuel, biodiesel fuel, or biodiesel feedstock, as those terms are defined in RCW 82.29A.135; as to such persons the amount of tax with respect to the business ((shall be)) is equal to the value of alcohol fuel, biodiesel fuel, or biodiesel feedstock manufactured, multiplied by the rate of 0.138 percent; and
- (f) Alcohol fuel or wood biomass fuel, as those terms are defined in RCW 82.29A.135; as to such persons the amount of tax with respect to the business ( $(shall\ be)$ ) is equal to the value of alcohol fuel or wood biomass fuel manufactured, multiplied by the rate of 0.138 percent.
- (2) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business of splitting or processing dried peas; as to such persons the amount of tax with respect to such business ((shall be)) is equal to the value of the peas split or processed, multiplied by the rate of 0.138 percent.
- (3) Upon every nonprofit corporation and nonprofit association engaging within this state in research and development, as to such corporations and associations, the amount of tax with respect to such activities ((shall be)) is equal to the gross income derived from such activities multiplied by the rate of 0.484 percent.
- (4) ((Upon every person engaging within this state in the business of slaughtering, breaking and/or processing perishable meat products and/or selling the same at wholesale only and not at retail; as to such persons the tax imposed shall be equal to the gross proceeds derived from such sales multiplied by the rate of 0.138 percent.
- (5))) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business of acting as a travel agent or tour operator; as to such persons the amount of the tax with respect to such activities ((shall be)) is equal to the gross income derived from such activities multiplied by the rate of 0.275 percent.
- $((\frac{(6)}{)})$  (5) Upon every person engaging within this state in business as an international steamship agent, international customs house broker, international freight forwarder, vessel and/or cargo charter broker in foreign commerce, and/or international air cargo agent; as to such persons the amount of the tax with respect to only international activities  $((\frac{\text{shall be}}{\text{be}}))$  is equal to the gross income derived from such activities multiplied by the rate of 0.275 percent.

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 $((\frac{7}{1}))$  (6) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business of stevedoring and associated activities pertinent to the movement of goods and commodities in waterborne interstate or foreign commerce; as to such persons the amount of tax with respect to such business ((shall be)) is equal to the gross proceeds derived from such activities multiplied by the rate of 0.275 percent. Persons subject to taxation under this subsection ((shall be)) are exempt from payment of taxes imposed by chapter 82.16 RCW for that portion of their business subject to taxation under this subsection. Stevedoring and associated activities pertinent to the conduct of goods and commodities in waterborne interstate or foreign commerce are defined as all activities of a labor, service or transportation nature whereby cargo may be loaded or unloaded to or from vessels or barges, passing over, onto or under a wharf, pier, or similar structure; cargo may be moved to a warehouse or similar holding or storage yard or area to await further movement in import or export or may move to a consolidation freight station and be stuffed, unstuffed, containerized, separated otherwise segregated or aggregated for delivery or loaded on any mode of transportation for delivery to its consignee. Specific activities included in this definition are: Wharfage, handling, loading, unloading, moving of cargo to a convenient place of delivery to the consignee or a convenient place for further movement to export mode; documentation services in connection with the receipt, delivery, checking, care, custody and control of cargo required in the transfer of cargo; imported automobile handling prior to delivery to consignee; terminal stevedoring and incidental vessel services, including but not limited to plugging and unplugging refrigerator service to containers, trailers, and other refrigerated cargo receptacles, and securing ship hatch covers.

((+8)) (7)(a) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business of disposing of low-level waste, as defined in RCW 43.145.010; as to such persons the amount of the tax with respect to such business ((+8)) is equal to the gross income of the business, excluding any fees imposed under chapter 43.200 RCW, multiplied by the rate of 3.3 percent.

(b) If the gross income of the taxpayer is attributable to activities both within and without this state, the gross income

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attributable to this state ((shall)) must be determined in accordance with the methods of apportionment required under RCW 82.04.460.

((+9))) (8) Upon every person engaging within this state as an insurance producer or title insurance agent licensed under chapter 48.17 RCW or a surplus line broker licensed under chapter 48.15 RCW; as to such persons, the amount of the tax with respect to such licensed activities  $((shall\ be))$  is equal to the gross income of such business multiplied by the rate of 0.484 percent.

(((10))) <u>(9)</u> Upon every person engaging within this state in business as a hospital, as defined in chapter 70.41 RCW, that is operated as a nonprofit corporation or by the state or any of its political subdivisions, as to such persons, the amount of tax with respect to such activities ((shall be)) <u>is</u> equal to the gross income of the business multiplied by the rate of 0.75 percent through June 30, 1995, and 1.5 percent thereafter.

 $((\frac{(11)}{)})$   $(\underline{10})$ (a) Beginning October 1, 2005, upon every person engaging within this state in the business of manufacturing commercial airplanes, or components of such airplanes, or making sales, at retail or wholesale, of commercial airplanes or components of such airplanes, manufactured by the seller, as to such persons the amount of tax with respect to such business  $((\frac{shall}{)})$ , in the case of manufacturers,  $((\frac{be}{)})$   $\underline{is}$  equal to the value of the product manufactured and the gross proceeds of sales of the product manufactured, or in the case of processors for hire,  $((\frac{be}{)})$   $\underline{is}$  equal to the gross income of the business, multiplied by the rate of:

- (i) 0.4235 percent from October 1, 2005, through ((the later of))
  June 30, 2007; and
  - (ii) 0.2904 percent beginning July 1, 2007.
- (b) Beginning July 1, 2008, upon every person who is not eligible to report under the provisions of (a) of this subsection  $((\frac{11}{11}))$  (10) and is engaging within this state in the business of manufacturing tooling specifically designed for use in manufacturing commercial airplanes or components of such airplanes, or making sales, at retail or wholesale, of such tooling manufactured by the seller, as to such persons the amount of tax with respect to such business  $(\frac{1}{11})$ , in the case of manufacturers,  $(\frac{11}{11})$  is equal to the value of the product manufactured and the gross proceeds of sales of the product

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manufactured, or in the case of processors for hire, ((be)) <u>is</u> equal to the gross income of the business, multiplied by the rate of 0.2904 percent.

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- (c) For the purposes of this subsection  $((\frac{11}{11}))$  (10), "commercial airplane" and "component" have the same meanings as provided in RCW 82.32.550.
- (d) In addition to all other requirements under this title, a person eligible for the tax rate under this subsection  $((\frac{11}{11}))$  must report as required under RCW 82.32.545.
- 10 (e) This subsection  $((\frac{11}{11}))$  (10) does not apply on and after July 1, 2024.
- 12  $((\frac{12}{12}))$  (11)(a) Until July 1, 2024, upon every person engaging 13 within this state in the business of extracting timber or extracting 14 for hire timber; as to such persons the amount of tax with respect to the business ((shall)), in the case of extractors, ((be)) is equal to 15 the value of products, including by-products, extracted, or in the case 16 17 of extractors for hire, ((be)) is equal to the gross income of the 18 business, multiplied by the rate of 0.4235 percent from July 1, 2006, 19 through June 30, 2007, and 0.2904 percent from July 1, 2007, through 20 June 30, 2024.
  - (b) Until July 1, 2024, upon every person engaging within this state in the business of manufacturing or processing for hire: (i) Timber into timber products or wood products; or (ii) timber products into other timber products or wood products; as to such persons the amount of the tax with respect to the business ((shall)), in the case of manufacturers, ((be)) is equal to the value of products, including by-products, manufactured, or in the case of processors for hire, ((be)) is equal to the gross income of the business, multiplied by the rate of 0.4235 percent from July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007, and 0.2904 percent from July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2024.
  - (c) Until July 1, 2024, upon every person engaging within this state in the business of selling at wholesale: (i) Timber extracted by that person; (ii) timber products manufactured by that person from timber or other timber products; or (iii) wood products manufactured by that person from timber or timber products; as to such persons the amount of the tax with respect to the business ((shall be)) is equal to the gross proceeds of sales of the timber, timber products, or wood

products multiplied by the rate of 0.4235 percent from July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007, and 0.2904 percent from July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2024.

- (d) Until July 1, 2024, upon every person engaging within this state in the business of selling standing timber; as to such persons the amount of the tax with respect to the business ((shall be)) is equal to the gross income of the business multiplied by the rate of 0.2904 percent. For purposes of this subsection (((12))) (11)(d), "selling standing timber" means the sale of timber apart from the land, where the buyer is required to sever the timber within thirty months from the date of the original contract, regardless of the method of payment for the timber and whether title to the timber transfers before, upon, or after severance.
- 14 (e) For purposes of this subsection, the following definitions 15 apply:
  - (i) "Biocomposite surface products" means surface material products containing, by weight or volume, more than fifty percent recycled paper and that also use nonpetroleum-based phenolic resin as a bonding agent.
  - (ii) "Paper and paper products" means products made of interwoven cellulosic fibers held together largely by hydrogen bonding. "Paper and paper products" includes newsprint; office, printing, fine, and pressure-sensitive papers; paper napkins, towels, and toilet tissue; kraft bag, construction, and other kraft industrial papers; paperboard, liquid packaging containers, containerboard, corrugated, and solid-fiber containers including linerboard and corrugated medium; and related types of cellulosic products containing primarily, by weight or volume, cellulosic materials. "Paper and paper products" does not include books, newspapers, magazines, periodicals, and other printed publications, advertising materials, calendars, and similar types of printed materials.
  - (iii) "Recycled paper" means paper and paper products having fifty percent or more of their fiber content that comes from postconsumer waste. For purposes of this subsection  $((\frac{12}{12}))$   $(\frac{11}{12})$   $(\frac{11}{12})$  "postconsumer waste" means a finished material that would normally be disposed of as solid waste, having completed its life cycle as a consumer item.
    - (iv) "Timber" means forest trees, standing or down, on privately or

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- publicly owned land. "Timber" does not include Christmas trees that are cultivated by agricultural methods or short-rotation hardwoods as defined in RCW 84.33.035.
  - (v) "Timber products" means:

- (A) Logs, wood chips, sawdust, wood waste, and similar products obtained wholly from the processing of timber, short-rotation hardwoods as defined in RCW 84.33.035, or both;
- (B) Pulp, including market pulp and pulp derived from recovered paper or paper products; and
- (C) Recycled paper, but only when used in the manufacture of biocomposite surface products.
- (vi) "Wood products" means paper and paper products; dimensional lumber; engineered wood products such as particleboard, oriented strand board, medium density fiberboard, and plywood; wood doors; wood windows; and biocomposite surface products.
- $((\frac{(13)}{)})$  (12) Upon every person engaging within this state in inspecting, testing, labeling, and storing canned salmon owned by another person, as to such persons, the amount of tax with respect to such activities  $((\frac{\text{shall be}}{)})$  is equal to the gross income derived from such activities multiplied by the rate of 0.484 percent.
- $((\frac{14}{14}))$  (13) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business of printing a newspaper, publishing a newspaper, or both, the amount of tax on such business is equal to the gross income of the business multiplied by the rate of 0.2904 percent.
- Sec. 605. RCW 82.04.250 and 2008 c 81 s 5 are each amended to read as follows:
  - (1) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business of making sales at retail, except persons taxable as retailers under other provisions of this chapter, as to such persons, the amount of tax with respect to such business ((shall be)) is equal to the gross proceeds of sales of the business, multiplied by the rate of 0.471 percent.
- (2) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business of making sales at retail that are exempt from the tax imposed under chapter 82.08 RCW by reason of RCW 82.08.0261, 82.08.0262, or 82.08.0263, except persons taxable under RCW 82.04.260((\(\frac{(11)}{(11)}))\) (10) or subsection (3) of this section, as to such persons, the amount of tax

- with respect to such business ((shall be)) is equal to the gross proceeds of sales of the business, multiplied by the rate of 0.484 percent.
- 4 (3) Upon every person classified by the federal aviation administration as a federal aviation regulation part 145 certificated 5 repair station and that is engaging within this state in the business 6 7 of making sales at retail that are exempt from the tax imposed under 8 chapter 82.08 RCW by reason of RCW 82.08.0261, 82.08.0262, or 82.08.0263, as to such persons, the amount of tax with respect to such 9 10 business ((shall be)) is equal to the gross proceeds of sales of the 11 business, multiplied by the rate of .2904 percent.
- 12 **Sec. 606.** RCW 82.04.250 and 2007 c 54 s 5 are each amended to read 13 as follows:

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- (1) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business of making sales at retail, except persons taxable as retailers under other provisions of this chapter, as to such persons, the amount of tax with respect to such business ((shall be)) is equal to the gross proceeds of sales of the business, multiplied by the rate of 0.471 percent.
- (2) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business of making sales at retail that are exempt from the tax imposed under chapter 82.08 RCW by reason of RCW 82.08.0261, 82.08.0262, or 82.08.0263, except persons taxable under RCW 82.04.260( $(\frac{11}{11})$ ) (10), as to such persons, the amount of tax with respect to such business ( $\frac{11}{11}$  be) is equal to the gross proceeds of sales of the business, multiplied by the rate of 0.484 percent.
- Sec. 607. RCW 82.04.261 and 2007 c 54 s 7 and 2007 c 48 s 4 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:
- (1) In addition to the taxes imposed under RCW  $82.04.260((\frac{(12)}{12}))$  (11), a surcharge is imposed on those persons who are subject to any of the taxes imposed under RCW  $82.04.260((\frac{(12)}{12}))$  (11). Except as otherwise provided in this section, the surcharge is equal to 0.052 percent. The surcharge is added to the rates provided in RCW  $82.04.260((\frac{(12)}{12}))$  (11) (a), (b), (c), and (d). The surcharge and this section expire July 1, 2024.
  - (2) All receipts from the surcharge imposed under this section

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1 ((shall)) <u>must</u> be deposited into the forest and fish support account 2 created in RCW 76.09.405.

- (3)(a) The surcharge imposed under this section ((shall be)) is suspended if:
- (i) Receipts from the surcharge total at least eight million dollars during any fiscal biennium; or
- (ii) The office of financial management certifies to the department that the federal government has appropriated at least two million dollars for participation in forest and fish report-related activities by federally recognized Indian tribes located within the geographical boundaries of the state of Washington for any federal fiscal year.
- (b)(i) The suspension of the surcharge under (a)(i) of this subsection (3) ((shall)) takes effect on the first day of the calendar month that is at least thirty days after the end of the month during which the department determines that receipts from the surcharge total at least eight million dollars during the fiscal biennium. The surcharge ( $(shall\ be)$ ) is imposed again at the beginning of the following fiscal biennium.
- (ii) The suspension of the surcharge under (a)(ii) of this subsection (3) ((shall)) takes effect on the later of the first day of October of any federal fiscal year for which the federal government appropriates at least two million dollars for participation in forest and fish report-related activities by federally recognized Indian tribes located within the geographical boundaries of the state of Washington, or the first day of a calendar month that is at least thirty days following the date that the office of financial management makes a certification to the department under subsection (5) of this section. The surcharge ((shall be)) is imposed again on the first day of the following July.
- (4)(a) If, by October 1st of any federal fiscal year, the office of financial management certifies to the department that the federal government has appropriated funds for participation in forest and fish report-related activities by federally recognized Indian tribes located within the geographical boundaries of the state of Washington but the amount of the appropriation is less than two million dollars, the department ((shall)) must adjust the surcharge in accordance with this subsection.

(b) The department ((shall)) must adjust the surcharge by an amount that the department estimates will cause the amount of funds deposited into the forest and fish support account for the state fiscal year that begins July 1st and that includes the beginning of the federal fiscal year for which the federal appropriation is made, to be reduced by twice the amount of the federal appropriation for participation in forest and fish report-related activities by federally recognized Indian tribes located within the geographical boundaries of the state of Washington.

- (c) Any adjustment in the surcharge ((shall)) takes effect at the beginning of a calendar month that is at least thirty days after the date that the office of financial management makes the certification under subsection (5) of this section.
- (d) The surcharge ((shall be)) is imposed again at the rate provided in subsection (1) of this section on the first day of the following state fiscal year unless the surcharge is suspended under subsection (3) of this section or adjusted for that fiscal year under this subsection.
- (e) Adjustments of the amount of the surcharge by the department are final and ((shall)) may not be used to challenge the validity of the surcharge imposed under this section.
- (f) The department ((shall)) <u>must</u> provide timely notice to affected taxpayers of the suspension of the surcharge or an adjustment of the surcharge.
- (5) The office of financial management ((shall)) must make the certification to the department as to the status of federal appropriations for tribal participation in forest and fish report-related activities.
- **Sec. 608.** RCW 82.04.298 and 2008 c 49 s 1 are each amended to read 30 as follows:
- 31 (1) The amount of tax with respect to a qualified grocery distribution cooperative's sales of groceries or related goods for resale, excluding items subject to tax under ((RCW 82.04.260(4))) section 602 of this act, to customer-owners of the grocery distribution cooperative is equal to the gross proceeds of sales of the grocery distribution cooperative multiplied by the rate of one and one-half percent.

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(2) A qualified grocery distribution cooperative is allowed a deduction from the gross proceeds of sales of groceries or related goods for resale, excluding items subject to tax under ((RCW 82.04.260(4))) section 602 of this act, to customer-owners of the grocery distribution cooperative that is equal to the portion of the gross proceeds of sales for resale that represents the actual cost of the merchandise sold by the grocery distribution cooperative to customer-owners.

- (3) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.
- (a) "Grocery distribution cooperative" means an entity that sells groceries and related items to customer-owners of the grocery distribution cooperative and has customer-owners, in the aggregate, who own a majority of the outstanding ownership interests of the grocery distribution cooperative or of the entity controlling the grocery distribution cooperative. "Grocery distribution cooperative" includes an entity that controls a grocery distribution cooperative.
  - (b) "Qualified grocery distribution cooperative" means:
- (i) A grocery distribution cooperative that has been determined by a court of record of the state of Washington to be not engaged in wholesaling or making sales at wholesale, within the meaning of RCW 82.04.270 or any similar provision of a municipal ordinance that imposes a tax on gross receipts, gross proceeds of sales, or gross income, with respect to purchases made by customer-owners, and subsequently changes its form of doing business to make sales at wholesale of groceries or related items to its customer-owners; or
- (ii) A grocery distribution cooperative that has acquired substantially all of the assets of a grocery distribution cooperative described in (b)(i) of this subsection.
- (c) "Customer-owner" means a person who has an ownership interest in a grocery distribution cooperative and purchases groceries and related items at wholesale from that grocery distribution cooperative.
- (d) "Controlling" means holding fifty percent or more of the voting interests of an entity and having at least equal power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of the entity, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract, or otherwise.

**Sec. 609.** RCW 82.04.334 and 2007 c 48 s 3 are each amended to read 2 as follows:

This chapter does not apply to any sale of standing timber excluded from the definition of "sale" in RCW 82.45.010(3). The definitions in RCW 82.04.260(((12))) (11) apply to this section.

- 6 Sec. 610. RCW 82.04.440 and 2006 c 300 s 8 and 2006 c 84 s 6 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:
  - (1) Every person engaged in activities that are subject to tax under two or more provisions of RCW 82.04.230 through 82.04.298, inclusive, ((shall be)) is taxable under each provision applicable to those activities.
  - (2) Persons taxable under RCW 82.04.2909(2), 82.04.250, 82.04.270, 82.04.294(2), or 82.04.260 (1) (b), (c), (((4), )) or (d), (10), or (11), or ((12))) section 602(2) of this act with respect to selling products in this state, including those persons who are also taxable under RCW 82.04.261, ((shall be)) are allowed a credit against those taxes for any (a) manufacturing taxes paid with respect to the manufacturing of products so sold in this state, and/or (b) extracting taxes paid with respect to the extracting of products so sold in this state or ingredients of products so sold in this state. Extracting taxes taken as credit under subsection (3) of this section may also be taken under this subsection, if otherwise allowable under this subsection. The amount of the credit ((shall)) may not exceed the tax liability arising under this chapter with respect to the sale of those products.
  - (3) Persons taxable as manufacturers under RCW 82.04.240 or 82.04.260 (1)(b) or  $((\frac{12}{12}))$  (11), including those persons who are also taxable under RCW 82.04.261,  $(\frac{12}{12})$  are allowed a credit against those taxes for any extracting taxes paid with respect to extracting the ingredients of the products so manufactured in this state. The amount of the credit  $(\frac{12}{12})$  may not exceed the tax liability arising under this chapter with respect to the manufacturing of those products.
  - (4) Persons taxable under RCW 82.04.230, 82.04.240, 82.04.2909(1), 82.04.294(1), 82.04.2404, or 82.04.260 (1), (2),  $((\frac{4}{+}))$  (10), or (11), or  $((\frac{12}{+}))$  section 602(1) of this act, including those persons who are also taxable under RCW 82.04.261, with respect to extracting or manufacturing products in this state  $((\frac{12}{+}))$  are allowed a credit

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against those taxes for any (i) gross receipts taxes paid to another state with respect to the sales of the products so extracted or manufactured in this state, (ii) manufacturing taxes paid with respect to the manufacturing of products using ingredients so extracted in this state, or (iii) manufacturing taxes paid with respect to manufacturing activities completed in another state for products so manufactured in this state. The amount of the credit ((shall)) may not exceed the tax liability arising under this chapter with respect to the extraction or manufacturing of those products.

(5) For the purpose of this section:

- (a) "Gross receipts tax" means a tax:
- (i) Which is imposed on or measured by the gross volume of business, in terms of gross receipts or in other terms, and in the determination of which the deductions allowed would not constitute the tax an income tax or value added tax; and
- (ii) Which is also not, pursuant to law or custom, separately stated from the sales price.
  - (b) "State" means (i) the state of Washington, (ii) a state of the United States other than Washington, or any political subdivision of such other state, (iii) the District of Columbia, and (iv) any foreign country or political subdivision thereof.
  - (c) "Manufacturing tax" means a gross receipts tax imposed on the act or privilege of engaging in business as a manufacturer, and includes (i) the taxes imposed in RCW 82.04.240, 82.04.2404, 82.04.2909(1), 82.04.260 (1), (2),  $((\frac{4}{1}))$  (10), and (11),  $(\frac{1}{1})$  (and  $(\frac{1}{1})$ )) section 602(1) of this act, and 82.04.294(1); (ii) the tax imposed under RCW 82.04.261 on persons who are engaged in business as a manufacturer; and (iii) similar gross receipts taxes paid to other states.
  - (d) "Extracting tax" means a gross receipts tax imposed on the act or privilege of engaging in business as an extractor, and includes (i) the tax imposed on extractors in RCW 82.04.230 and  $82.04.260((\frac{(12)}{(12)}))$  (ii) the tax imposed under RCW 82.04.261 on persons who are engaged in business as an extractor; and (iii) similar gross receipts taxes paid to other states.
- 36 (e) "Business", "manufacturer", "extractor", and other terms used 37 in this section have the meanings given in RCW 82.04.020 through

- 82.04.212, notwithstanding the use of those terms in the context of describing taxes imposed by other states.
- **Sec. 611.** RCW 82.04.4463 and 2008 c 81 s 8 are each amended to 4 read as follows:
  - (1) In computing the tax imposed under this chapter, a credit is allowed for property taxes and leasehold excise taxes paid during the calendar year.
    - (2) The credit is equal to:

- (a)(i)(A) Property taxes paid on buildings, and land upon which the buildings are located, constructed after December 1, 2003, and used exclusively in manufacturing commercial airplanes or components of such airplanes; and
- (B) Leasehold excise taxes paid with respect to buildings constructed after January 1, 2006, the land upon which the buildings are located, or both, if the buildings are used exclusively in manufacturing commercial airplanes or components of such airplanes; and
- (C) Property taxes or leasehold excise taxes paid on, or with respect to, buildings constructed after June 30, 2008, the land upon which the buildings are located, or both, and used exclusively for aerospace product development or in providing aerospace services, by persons not within the scope of (a)(i)(A) and (B) of this subsection (2) and are: (I) Engaged in manufacturing tooling specifically designed for use in manufacturing commercial airplanes or their components; or (II) taxable under RCW 82.04.290(3) or 82.04.250(3); or
- (ii) Property taxes attributable to an increase in assessed value due to the renovation or expansion, after: (A) December 1, 2003, of a building used exclusively in manufacturing commercial airplanes or components of such airplanes; and (B) June 30, 2008, of buildings used exclusively for aerospace product development or in providing aerospace services, by persons not within the scope of (a)(ii)(A) of this subsection (2) and are: (I) Engaged in manufacturing tooling specifically designed for use in manufacturing commercial airplanes or their components; or (II) taxable under RCW 82.04.290(3) or 82.04.250(3); and
  - (b) An amount equal to:
- 36 (i)(A) Property taxes paid, by persons taxable under RCW

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- 82.04.260((\(\frac{(11)}{11}\))) \(\(\frac{(10)}{(a)}\), on machinery and equipment exempt under RCW
  82.08.02565 or 82.12.02565 and acquired after December 1, 2003;
- 3 (B) Property taxes paid, by persons taxable under RCW  $82.04.260((\frac{11}{11}))$  (10)(b), on machinery and equipment exempt under RCW 82.08.02565 or 82.12.02565 and acquired after June 30, 2008; or

- (C) Property taxes paid, by persons taxable under RCW ((82.04.0250(3) [82.04.250(3)])) 82.04.250(3) or 82.04.290(3), on computer hardware, computer peripherals, and software exempt under RCW 82.08.975 or 82.12.975 and acquired after June 30, 2008.
- (ii) For purposes of determining the amount eligible for credit under (i)(A) and (B) of this subsection (2)(b), the amount of property taxes paid is multiplied by a fraction.
- $((\langle T \rangle))$  (A) The numerator of the fraction is the total taxable amount subject to the tax imposed under RCW 82.04.260(( $\langle T \rangle$ )) (10) (a) or (b) on the applicable business activities of manufacturing commercial airplanes, components of such airplanes, or tooling specifically designed for use in the manufacturing of commercial airplanes or components of such airplanes.
- $((\overline{\text{(II)}}))$  (B) The denominator of the fraction is the total taxable amount subject to the tax imposed under all manufacturing classifications in chapter 82.04 RCW.
- ((<del>(III)</del>)) <u>(C)</u> For purposes of both the numerator and denominator of the fraction, the total taxable amount refers to the total taxable amount required to be reported on the person's returns for the calendar year before the calendar year in which the credit under this section is earned. The department may provide for an alternative method for calculating the numerator in cases where the tax rate provided in RCW 82.04.260((<del>(11)</del>)) <u>(10)</u> for manufacturing was not in effect during the full calendar year before the calendar year in which the credit under this section is earned.
- ((<del>(IV)</del>)) <u>(D)</u> No credit is available under (b)(i)(A) or (B) of this subsection (2) if either the numerator or the denominator of the fraction is zero. If the fraction is greater than or equal to ninetenths, then the fraction is rounded to one.
- (((V))) (E) As used in (((III))) (b)(ii)(C) of this subsection 36 (2)(((b)(ii)(C))), "returns" means the tax returns for which the tax 37 imposed under this chapter is reported to the department.

- 1 (3) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this 2 section, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.
- 3 (a) "Aerospace product development" has the same meaning as 4 provided in RCW 82.04.4461.
- 5 (b) "Aerospace services" has the same meaning given in RCW 82.08.975.
- 7 (c) "Commercial airplane" and "component" have the same meanings as provided in RCW 82.32.550.
- 9 (4) A credit earned during one calendar year may be carried over to 10 be credited against taxes incurred in a subsequent calendar year, but 11 may not be carried over a second year. No refunds may be granted for 12 credits under this section.
- 13 (5) In addition to all other requirements under this title, a 14 person taking the credit under this section must report as required 15 under RCW 82.32.545.
  - (6) This section expires July 1, 2024.

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- 17 **Sec. 612.** RCW 82.08.806 and 2009 c 461 s 5 are each amended to 18 read as follows:
  - (1) The tax levied by RCW 82.08.020 does not apply to sales, to a printer or publisher, of computer equipment, including repair parts and replacement parts for such equipment, when the computer equipment is used primarily in the printing or publishing of any printed material, or to sales of or charges made for labor and services rendered in respect to installing, repairing, cleaning, altering, or improving the computer equipment. This exemption applies only to computer equipment not otherwise exempt under RCW 82.08.02565.
  - (2) A person taking the exemption under this section must keep records necessary for the department to verify eligibility under this section. This exemption is available only when the purchaser provides the seller with an exemption certificate in a form and manner prescribed by the department. The seller ((shall)) must retain a copy of the certificate for the seller's files.
  - (3) The definitions in this subsection (3) apply throughout this section, unless the context clearly requires otherwise.
    - (a) "Computer" has the same meaning as in RCW 82.04.215.
- 36 (b) "Computer equipment" means a computer and the associated 37 physical components that constitute a computer system, including

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- 1 monitors, keyboards, printers, modems, scanners, pointing devices, and
- 2 other computer peripheral equipment, cables, servers, and routers.
- 3 "Computer equipment" also includes digital cameras and computer 4 software.
- 5 (c) "Computer software" has the same meaning as in RCW 82.04.215.
- 6 (d) "Primarily" means greater than fifty percent as measured by time.
- 8 (e) "Printer or publisher" means a person, as defined in RCW 9 82.04.030, who is subject to tax under RCW  $82.04.260((\frac{14}{14}))$  (13) or 82.04.280(1).
- 11 (4) "Computer equipment" does not include computer equipment that 12 is used primarily for administrative purposes including but not limited 13 to payroll processing, accounting, customer service, telemarketing, and 14 collection. Ιf computer equipment is used simultaneously for administrative and nonadministrative purposes, the administrative use 15 ((shall)) must be disregarded during the period of simultaneous use for 16 17 purposes of determining whether the computer equipment is used 18 primarily for administrative purposes.
- 19 **Sec. 613.** RCW 82.32.545 and 2008 c 81 s 10 are each amended to 20 read as follows:
  - (1) The legislature finds that accountability and effectiveness are important aspects of setting tax policy. In order to make policy choices regarding the best use of limited state resources the legislature needs information on how a tax incentive is used.
  - (2)(a) A person who reports taxes under RCW 82.04.260(((11))) (10), 82.04.250(3), or 82.04.290(3), or who claims an exemption or credit under RCW 82.04.4461, 82.08.980, 82.12.980, 82.29A.137, 84.36.655, and 82.04.4463 ((shall)) must make an annual report to the department detailing employment, wages, and employer-provided health and retirement benefits for employment positions in Washington. However, persons engaged in manufacturing commercial airplanes or components of such airplanes may report employment, wage, and benefit information per job at the manufacturing site. The report ((shall)) may not include names of employees. The report ((shall)) must also detail employment by the total number of full-time, part-time, and temporary positions. The first report filed under this subsection ((shall)) must include employment, wage, and benefit information for the twelve-month period

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immediately before first use of a preferential tax rate under RCW  $82.04.260((\frac{(11)}{(11)}))$   $\underline{(10)}$ , 82.04.250(3), or 82.04.290(3), or tax exemption or credit under RCW 82.04.4461, 82.08.980, 82.12.980, 82.29A.137, 84.36.655, and 82.04.4463, unless a survey covering this twelve-month period was filed as required by a statute repealed by chapter 81, Laws The report is due by March 31st following any year in which a preferential tax rate under RCW 82.04.260(((11)))(10), 82.04.250(3), or 82.04.290(3), is used, or tax exemption or credit under RCW 82.04.4461, 82.08.980, 82.12.980, 82.29A.137, 84.36.655, and 82.04.4463 This information is not subject to the confidentiality provisions of RCW 82.32.330 and may be disclosed to the public upon request.

- (b) If a person fails to submit an annual report under (a) of this subsection by the due date of the report, the department ((shall)) must declare the amount of taxes exempted or credited, or reduced in the case of the preferential business and occupation tax rate, for that year to be immediately due and payable. Excise taxes payable under this subsection are subject to interest but not penalties, as provided under this chapter. This information is not subject to the confidentiality provisions of RCW 82.32.330 and may be disclosed to the public upon request.
- (3) By November 1, 2010, and by November 1, 2023, the fiscal committees of the house of representatives and the senate, in consultation with the department, ((shall)) must report to the legislature on the effectiveness of chapter 1, Laws of 2003 2nd sp. sess., chapter 177, Laws of 2006, and chapter 81, Laws of 2008 in regard to keeping Washington competitive. The report ((shall)) must measure the effect of these laws on job retention, net jobs created for Washington residents, company growth, diversification of the state's economy, cluster dynamics, and other factors as the committees select. The reports ((shall)) must include a discussion of principles to apply in evaluating whether the legislature should reenact any or all of the tax preferences in chapter 1, Laws of 2003 2nd sp. sess., chapter 177, Laws of 2006, and chapter 81, Laws of 2008.
- **Sec. 614.** RCW 82.32.550 and 2008 c 81 s 12 are each amended to read as follows:
- 37 (1)((<del>(a)</del> Chapter 1, Laws of 2003 2nd sp. sess. takes effect on the

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first day of the month in which the governor and a manufacturer of commercial airplanes sign a memorandum of agreement regarding an affirmative final decision to site a significant commercial airplane final assembly facility in Washington state. The department shall provide notice of the effective date of chapter 1, Laws of 2003 2nd sp. sess. to affected taxpayers, the legislature, and others as deemed appropriate by the department.

- (b) Chapter 1, Laws of 2003 2nd sp. sess. is contingent upon the siting of a significant commercial airplane final assembly facility in the state of Washington. If a memorandum of agreement under subsection (1) of this section is not signed by June 30, 2005, chapter 1, Laws of 2003 2nd sp. sess. is null and void.
- 13 (c)(i) The rate in RCW 82.04.260(11)(a)(ii) takes effect July 1, 14 2007.
- (ii) If on December 31, 2007, final assembly of a superefficient airplane has not begun in Washington state, the department shall provide notice of such to affected taxpayers, the legislature, and others as deemed appropriate by the department.
- 19 (2) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this 20 section.
  - $\frac{(a)}{(a)}$ ) "Commercial airplane" has its ordinary meaning, which is an airplane certified by the federal aviation administration for transporting persons or property, and any military derivative of such an airplane.
  - $((\frac{b}{b}))$  (2) "Component" means a part or system certified by the federal aviation administration for installation or assembly into a commercial airplane.
  - (((c) "Final assembly of a superefficient airplane" means the activity of assembling an airplane from components parts necessary for its mechanical operation such that the finished commercial airplane is ready to deliver to the ultimate consumer.
  - (d) "Significant commercial airplane final assembly facility" means a location with the capacity to produce at least thirty-six superefficient airplanes a year.
- (e) "Siting" means a final decision by a manufacturer to locate a significant commercial airplane final assembly facility in Washington state.

(f))) (3) "Superefficient airplane" means a twin aisle airplane that carries between two hundred and three hundred fifty passengers, with a range of more than seven thousand two hundred nautical miles, a cruising speed of approximately mach .85, and that uses fifteen to twenty percent less fuel than other similar airplanes on the market.

- **Sec. 615.** RCW 82.32.630 and 2007 c 48 s 6 are each amended to read 7 as follows:
  - (1) The legislature finds that accountability and effectiveness are important aspects of setting tax policy. In order to make policy choices regarding the best use of limited state resources, the legislature needs information on how a tax incentive is used.
  - (2)(a) A person who reports taxes under RCW 82.04.260(( $\frac{12}{12}$ )) (11) must file a complete annual survey with the department. The survey is due by March 31st following any year in which a person reports taxes under RCW 82.04.260(( $\frac{12}{12}$ )) (11). The department may extend the due date for timely filing of annual surveys under this section as provided in RCW 82.32.590. The survey (( $\frac{12}{12}$ )) must include the amount of tax reduced under the preferential rate in RCW 82.04.260(( $\frac{12}{12}$ )) (11). The survey (( $\frac{12}{12}$ )) must also include the following information for employment positions in Washington:
    - (i) The number of total employment positions;
- (ii) Full-time, part-time, and temporary employment positions as a percent of total employment;
  - (iii) The number of employment positions according to the following wage bands: Less than thirty thousand dollars; thirty thousand dollars or greater, but less than sixty thousand dollars; and sixty thousand dollars or greater. A wage band containing fewer than three individuals may be combined with another wage band; and
  - (iv) The number of employment positions that have employer-provided medical, dental, and retirement benefits, by each of the wage bands.
  - (b) The first survey filed under this subsection (( $\frac{\text{shall}}{\text{shall}}$ ))  $\frac{\text{must}}{\text{must}}$  include employment, wage, and benefit information for the twelve-month period immediately before first use of a preferential tax rate under RCW 82.04.260(( $\frac{\text{chall}}{\text{chall}}$ ))  $\frac{\text{chall}}{\text{chall}}$ .
  - (c) As part of the annual survey, the department may request additional information, including the amount of investment in equipment used in the activities taxable under the preferential rate in RCW

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1 82.04.260(( $\frac{(12)}{(12)}$ )) (11), necessary to measure the results of, or determine eligibility for, the preferential tax rate in RCW 82.04.260(( $\frac{(12)}{(12)}$ )) (11).

- (d) All information collected under this section, except the amount of the tax reduced under the preferential rate in RCW  $82.04.260((\frac{12}{(12)}))$  (11), is deemed taxpayer information under RCW 82.32.330. Information on the amount of tax reduced is not subject to the confidentiality provisions of RCW 82.32.330 and may be disclosed to the public upon request, except as provided in (e) of this subsection. If the amount of the tax reduced as reported on the survey is different than the amount actually reduced based on the taxpayer's excise tax returns or otherwise allowed by the department, the amount actually reduced may be disclosed.
- (e) Persons for whom the actual amount of the tax reduction is less than ten thousand dollars during the period covered by the survey may request the department to treat the amount of the tax reduction as confidential under RCW 82.32.330.
- (f) Small harvesters as defined in RCW 84.33.035 are not required to file the annual survey under this section.
- (3) If a person fails to submit a complete annual survey under subsection (2) of this section by the due date or any extension under RCW 82.32.590, the department shall declare the amount of taxes reduced under the preferential rate in RCW  $82.04.260((\frac{(12)}{(12)}))$  (11) for the period covered by the survey to be immediately due and payable. The department  $(\frac{(shall)}{(shall)})$  must assess interest, but not penalties, on the taxes. Interest  $(\frac{(shall)}{(shall)})$  must be assessed at the rate provided for delinquent excise taxes under this chapter, retroactively to the date the reduced taxes were due, and  $(\frac{(shall)}{(shall)})$  will accrue until the amount of the reduced taxes is repaid.
- (4) The department ((shall))  $\underline{must}$  use the information from the annual survey required under subsection (2) of this section to prepare summary descriptive statistics by category. The department ((shall))  $\underline{must}$  report these statistics to the legislature each year by September 1st. The requirement to prepare and report summary descriptive statistics ((shall)) ceases after September 1, 2025.
- 36 (5) By November 1, 2011, and November 1, 2023, the fiscal 37 committees of the house of representatives and the senate, in 38 consultation with the department, ((shall)) must report to the

- legislature on the effectiveness of the preferential tax rate provided in RCW  $82.04.260((\frac{12}{12}))$  (11). The report shall measure the effect of the preferential tax rate provided in RCW 82.04.260(((12)))) (11) on job retention, net jobs created for Washington residents, company growth, and other factors as the committees select. The report ((shall)) must include a discussion of principles to apply in evaluating whether the legislature should continue the preferential tax rate provided in RCW  $82.04.260((\frac{12}{12}))(11)$ .
- **Sec. 616.** RCW 82.32.632 and 2009 c 461 s 6 are each amended to read as follows:

- (1)(a) Every person claiming the preferential rate provided in RCW  $82.04.260((\frac{14}{14}))$  (13) must file a complete annual report with the department. The report is due by March 31st of the year following any calendar year in which a person is eligible to claim the preferential rate provided in RCW  $82.04.260((\frac{14}{14}))$  (13). The department may extend the due date for timely filing of annual reports under this section as provided in RCW 82.32.590.
- (b) The report must include information detailing employment, wages, and employer-provided health and retirement benefits for employment positions in Washington for the year that the preferential rate was claimed. The report must not include names of employees. The report must also detail employment by the total number of full-time, part-time, and temporary positions for the year that the tax preference was claimed.
- (c) If a person filing a report under this section did not file a report with the department in the previous calendar year, the report filed under this section must also include employment, wage, and benefit information for the calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year for which the preferential rate provided in RCW  $82.04.260((\frac{(14)}{(14)}))$  (13) was claimed.
- 31 (2) As part of the annual report, the department may request 32 additional information necessary to measure the results of, or 33 determine eligibility for, the preferential rate provided in RCW 34  $82.04.260((\frac{14}{14}))$  (13).
  - (3) Other than information requested under subsection (2) of this section, the information contained in an annual report filed under this

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section is not subject to the confidentiality provisions of RCW 82.32.330 and may be disclosed to the public upon request.

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- (4) Except as otherwise provided by law, if a person claims the preferential rate provided in RCW 82.04.260((\(\frac{(14)}{14}\))) (13) but fails to submit a report by the due date or any extension under RCW 82.32.590, the department must declare the amount of the tax preference claimed for the previous calendar year to be immediately due and payable. The department must assess interest, but not penalties, on the amounts due under this subsection. The interest must be assessed at the rate provided for delinquent taxes under this chapter, retroactively to the date the tax preference was claimed, and accrues until the taxes for which the tax preference was claimed are repaid. Amounts due under this subsection are not subject to the confidentiality provisions of RCW 82.32.330 and may be disclosed to the public upon request.
- (5) By November 1, 2014, and November 1, 15 2016, the fiscal 16 committees of the house of representatives and the senate, 17 consultation with the department, must report to the legislature on the 18 effectiveness of preferential the rate provided **RCW** 19  $82.04.260((\frac{(14)}{14}))$  (13). The report must measure the effect of the preferential rate provided in RCW 82.04.260(((14))) on job 20 21 retention, net jobs created for Washington residents, industry growth, 22 and other factors as the committees select. The report must include a 23 discussion of principles to apply in evaluating whether the legislature 24 should continue the preferential rate provided in RCW 82.04.260((\(\frac{(14)}{14}\))) 25 (13).
- 26 **Sec. 617.** RCW 82.45.195 and 2007 c 48 s 7 are each amended to read 27 as follows:
- A sale of standing timber is exempt from tax under this chapter if the gross income from such sale is taxable under RCW  $82.04.260((\frac{(12)}{(12)}))$ (11)(d).
- 31 **Sec. 618.** RCW 35.102.150 and 2009 c 461 s 4 are each amended to read as follows:
- Notwithstanding RCW 35.102.130, a city that imposes a business and occupation tax must allocate a person's gross income from the activities of printing, and of publishing newspapers, periodicals, or magazines, to the principal place in this state from which the

- 1 taxpayer's business is directed or managed. As used in this section,
- 2 the activities of printing, and of publishing newspapers, periodicals,
- 3 or magazines are those activities to which the tax rates in RCW
- 4 82.04.260( $(\frac{(14)}{(14)})$ )  $\underline{(13)}$  and 82.04.280(1) apply.

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- 5 **Sec. 619.** RCW 48.14.080 and 2009 c 535 s 1102 are each amended to read as follows:
  - (1) As to insurers, other than title insurers and taxpayers under RCW 48.14.0201, the taxes imposed by this title ((shall be)) are in lieu of all other taxes, except as otherwise provided in this section.
    - (2) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply with respect to:
- 11 (a) Taxes on real and tangible personal property;
- (b) Excise taxes on the sale, purchase, use, or possession of (i) real property; (ii) tangible personal property; (iii) extended warranties; (iv) services, including digital automated services as defined in RCW 82.04.192; and (v) digital goods and digital codes as those terms are defined in RCW 82.04.192; and
- 17 (c) The tax imposed in RCW  $82.04.260((\frac{10}{10}))$  (9), regarding public and nonprofit hospitals.
- 19 (3) For the purposes of this section, the term "taxes" includes 20 taxes imposed by the state or any county, city, town, municipal 21 corporation, quasi-municipal corporation, or other political 22 subdivision.

23 PART VII

## 24 Ending the Preferential Business and Occupation Tax Treatment Received 25 by Directors of Corporations

NEW SECTION. Sec. 701. (1) The legislature recognizes that the business and occupation tax applies to all activities engaged in with the object of gain, benefit, or advantage to the taxpayer or to another person or class, directly or indirectly, unless a specific exemption applies.

(2) One of the major business and occupation tax exemptions is provided in RCW 82.04.360 for income earned as an employee or servant as distinguished from income earned as an independent contractor. The legislature's intent in providing this exemption was to exempt employee

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wages from the business and occupation tax but not to exempt income earned as an independent contractor.

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- (3) The legislature finds that corporate directors are not employees or servants of the corporation whose board they serve on and therefore are not entitled to a business and occupation tax exemption under RCW 82.04.360. The legislature further finds that there are no business and occupation tax exemptions for compensation received for serving as a member of a corporation's board of directors.
- The legislature also finds that there is a widespread misunderstanding among corporate directors that the business and occupation tax does not apply to the compensation they receive for serving as a director of a corporation. It is the legislature's expectation that the department of revenue will take appropriate measures to ensure that corporate directors understand and comply with their business and occupation tax obligations with respect to their compensation. However, of the director because misunderstanding by corporate directors of their liability for business and occupation tax on director compensation, the legislature finds that it is appropriate in this unique situation to provide limited relief against the retroactive assessment of business and occupation taxes on corporate director compensation.
- (5) The legislature also reaffirms its intent that all income of all independent contractors is subject to business and occupation tax unless specifically exempt under the Constitution or laws of this state or the United States.
- Sec. 702. RCW 82.04.360 and 1991 c 324 s 19 and 1991 c 275 s 2 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:
- (1) This chapter (( $\frac{\text{shall}}{\text{shall}}$ )) does not apply to any person in respect to his or her employment in the capacity of an employee or servant as distinguished from that of an independent contractor. For the purposes of this section, the definition of employee shall include those persons that are defined in section 3121(d)(3)(B) of the <u>federal internal</u> revenue <u>code</u> of 1986, as amended through January 1, 1991.
- (2) ((A booth renter, as defined by RCW 18.16.020, is an independent contractor for purposes of this chapter.)) Until July 1, 2010, this chapter does not apply to amounts received by an individual

- 1 from a corporation as compensation for serving as a member of that
- 2 corporation's board of directors. Beginning July 1, 2010, such amounts
- 3 are taxable under RCW 82.04.290(2).
- 4 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 703.** The sole reason for deleting the language
- 5 in RCW 82.04.360(2) is because RCW 18.16.020 no longer defines the term
- 6 "booth renter." This should not be construed as a substantive change
- 7 in the law.

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- 8 NEW SECTION. Sec. 704. In accordance with Article VIII, section
- 9 5 of the state Constitution, sections 702 and 2705 of this act do not
- 10 authorize refunds of business and occupation tax validly collected
- 11 before July 1, 2010, on amounts received by an individual from a
- 12 corporation as compensation for serving as a member of that
- 13 corporation's board of directors.
- 14 PART VIII
- 15 Airplane Excise Tax
- 16 **Sec. 801.** RCW 82.48.010 and 1995 c 318 s 4 are each amended to read as follows:
- 18 For the purposes of this chapter, unless otherwise required by the 19 context:
- 20 (1) "Department" means the department of transportation.
  - (2) "Aircraft" means any weight-carrying device or structure for navigation of the air which is designed to be supported by the air;
- 23  $((\frac{2}{2}))$  (3) "Secretary" means the secretary of transportation;
- 24  $((\frac{3}{3}))$  <u>(4)</u> "Person" includes a firm, partnership, limited liability company, or corporation( $(\div$
- 26 (4) "Small multi-engine fixed wing" means any piston-driven multi-27 engine fixed wing aircraft with a maximum gross weight as listed by the 28 manufacturer of less than seventy-five hundred pounds; and
- 29 (5) "Large multi-engine fixed wing" means any piston-driven multi-30 engine fixed wing aircraft with a maximum gross weight as listed by the 31 manufacturer of seventy-five hundred pounds or more)).
- 32 **Sec. 802.** RCW 82.48.020 and 2000 c 229 s 4 are each amended to 33 read as follows:

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(1) ((An annual excise tax is hereby imposed for the privilege of using any aircraft in the state. A current certificate of air worthiness with a current inspection date from the appropriate federal agency and/or the purchase of aviation fuel shall constitute the necessary evidence of aircraft use or intended use. The tax shall)) An annual excise tax is imposed for the privilege of using any aircraft in the state. The amount of the tax is five-tenths of one percent of the taxable value of the aircraft, as determined under section 803 of this act.

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- (2) The tax imposed under this section must be collected annually or under a staggered collection schedule as required by the secretary by rule. ((No additional tax shall be imposed under this chapter upon any aircraft upon the transfer of ownership thereof, if the tax imposed by this chapter with respect to such aircraft has already been paid for the year in which transfer of ownership occurs. A violation of this subsection is a misdemeanor punishable as provided under chapter 9A.20 RCW.
- (2))) (3) Persons who are required to register aircraft under chapter 47.68 RCW and who register aircraft in another state or foreign country and avoid the ((Washington)) aircraft excise tax imposed under this section are liable for ((such)) the unpaid excise tax. A violation of this subsection is a gross misdemeanor.
- 23 (4) The department of revenue may, under chapter 82.32 RCW, assess 24 and collect the unpaid excise tax imposed under ((chapter 82.32 RCW)) 25 this section, including the penalties and interest provided in chapter 82.32 RCW.
- 27  $((\frac{3}{3}))$  (5) Except as provided under subsection(( $\frac{3}{3}$  (1) and (2))) 28 (3) of this section, a violation of this chapter is a misdemeanor 29 punishable as provided in chapter 9A.20 RCW.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 803. A new section is added to chapter 82.48 RCW to read as follows:

32 The department must prepare at least once each year a depreciation 33 schedule for use in the determination of fair market value for the 34 purposes of this chapter. The schedule must be based upon information 35 available to the department pertaining to the current fair market value 36 of aircraft. The fair market value of an aircraft for the purposes of 37 this chapter must be based on the most recent purchase price

depreciated according to the year of the most recent purchase of the aircraft. The most recent purchase price is the consideration, whether money, credit, rights, or other property expressed in terms of money, paid or given or contracted to be paid or given by the purchaser to the seller for the aircraft.

**Sec. 804.** RCW 82.48.030 and 1983 2nd ex.s. c 3 s 22 are each 7 amended to read as follows:

(1) ((The amount of the tax imposed by this chapter for each calendar year shall be as follows:

10	Type of aircraft	Registration fee
11	Single engine fixed wing	\$ <del>50</del>
12	Small multi-engine fixed wing	<del>65</del>
13	Large multi-engine fixed wing	<del>80</del>
14	Turboprop multi-engine fixed wing	<del>100</del>
15	Turbojet multi-engine fixed wing	<del>125</del>
16	Helicopter	<del>75</del>
17	Sailplane	<del>20</del>
18	Lighter than air	<del>20</del>
19	Home built	<del>20</del>

(2))) The amount of tax imposed under ((subsection (1) of this section)) RCW 82.48.020 for each calendar year ((shall)) must be divided into twelve parts corresponding to the months of the calendar year, and the excise tax upon an aircraft registered for the first time in this state after the last day of any month ((shall)) is only ((be)) levied for the remaining months of the calendar year including the month in which the aircraft is being registered((: PROVIDED, That)). However, the minimum amount payable ((shall be)) is three dollars.

(2) For the purposes of this chapter, an aircraft ((shall be)) is deemed registered for the first time in this state when such aircraft was not ((previously)) required to be registered by this state for the year immediately preceding the year in which application for registration is made and was not so registered.

Sec. 805. RCW 82.48.070 and 1987 c 220 s 7 are each amended to read as follows:

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The secretary ((shall)) <u>must</u> give a receipt to each person paying ((the)) excise tax under this chapter.

Sec. 806. RCW 82.48.080 and 1995 c 170 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:

The secretary ((shall)) <u>must</u> regularly pay to the state treasurer the excise taxes collected under this chapter((, which shall be credited by the state treasurer as follows: Ninety percent to the general fund and ten percent to the aeronautics account in the transportation fund for administrative expenses)) for deposit into the general fund.

**Sec. 807.** RCW 82.48.110 and 1967 ex.s. c 9 s 6 are each amended to read as follows:

((The first tax to be collected under this chapter shall be for the calendar year 1968.)) (1) No aircraft with respect to which the excise tax imposed by this chapter is payable ((shall)) may be listed and assessed for ad valorem taxation so long as this chapter remains in effect((, and any such assessment heretofore made except under authority of section 13, chapter 49, Laws of 1949 and section 82.48.110, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 is hereby directed to be canceled: PROVIDED, That)).

(2) Any aircraft, whether or not subject to the provisions of this chapter, with respect to which the excise tax imposed by this chapter will not be paid or has not been paid for any year ((shall)) must be listed and assessed for ad valorem taxation in that year, and the ad valorem tax liability resulting from such listing and assessment ((shall)) must be collected in the same manner as though this chapter had not been passed((: PROVIDED FURTHER, That this chapter shall not be construed to affect any ad valorem tax based upon assessed valuations made in 1948 and/or any preceding year for taxes payable in 1949 or any preceding year, which ad valorem tax liability tax for any such years shall remain payable and collectible in the same manner as though this chapter had not been passed)).

33 PART IX

Foreclosure Exemption

Sec. 901. RCW 82.45.010 and 2010 c ... s 206 (section 206 of this act) are each amended to read as follows:

- (1) As used in this chapter, the term "sale" has its ordinary meaning and includes any conveyance, grant, assignment, quitclaim, or transfer of the ownership of or title to real property, including standing timber, or any estate or interest therein for a valuable consideration, and any contract for such conveyance, grant, assignment, quitclaim, or transfer, and any lease with an option to purchase real property, including standing timber, or any estate or interest therein or other contract under which possession of the property is given to the purchaser, or any other person at the purchaser's direction, and title to the property is retained by the vendor as security for the payment of the purchase price. The term also includes the grant, assignment, quitclaim, sale, or transfer of improvements constructed upon leased land.
- (2)(a) The term "sale" also includes the transfer or acquisition within any twelve-month period of a controlling interest in any entity with an interest in real property located in this state for a valuable consideration.
- (b) For the sole purpose of determining whether, pursuant to the exercise of an option, a controlling interest was transferred or acquired within a twelve-month period, the date that the option agreement was executed is the date on which the transfer or acquisition of the controlling interest is deemed to occur. For all other purposes under this chapter, the date upon which the option is exercised is the date of the transfer or acquisition of the controlling interest.
- (c) For purposes of this subsection, all acquisitions of persons acting in concert must be aggregated for purposes of determining whether a transfer or acquisition of a controlling interest has taken place. The department must adopt standards by rule to determine when persons are acting in concert. In adopting a rule for this purpose, the department must consider the following:
- (i) Persons must be treated as acting in concert when they have a relationship with each other such that one person influences or controls the actions of another through common ownership; and
- (ii) When persons are not commonly owned or controlled, they must be treated as acting in concert only when the unity with which the purchasers have negotiated and will consummate the transfer of

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- ownership interests supports a finding that they are acting as a single entity. If the acquisitions are completely independent, with each purchaser buying without regard to the identity of the other purchasers, then the acquisitions are considered separate acquisitions.
  - (3) The term "sale" does not include:

- (a) A transfer by gift, devise, or inheritance.
- (b) A transfer of any leasehold interest other than of the type mentioned above.
- (c) A cancellation or forfeiture of a vendee's interest in a contract for the sale of real property, whether or not such contract contains a forfeiture clause, or deed in lieu of foreclosure of a mortgage.
- (d) The partition of property by tenants in common by agreement or as the result of a court decree.
  - (e) The assignment of property or interest in property from one spouse or one domestic partner to the other spouse or other domestic partner in accordance with the terms of a decree of dissolution of marriage or state registered domestic partnership or in fulfillment of a property settlement agreement.
  - (f) The assignment or other transfer of a vendor's interest in a contract for the sale of real property, even though accompanied by a conveyance of the vendor's interest in the real property involved.
  - (g) Transfers by appropriation or decree in condemnation proceedings brought by the United States, the state or any political subdivision thereof, or a municipal corporation.
  - (h) A mortgage or other transfer of an interest in real property merely to secure a debt, or the assignment thereof.
- (i) ((Any)) A transfer or conveyance made (i) to the beneficiary of a deed of trust pursuant to a trustee's sale in the nonjudicial foreclosure of a deed of trust ((or)); (ii) to the mortgagee, beneficiary of the deed of trust, or lienholder pursuant to an order of sale by the court in the judicial foreclosure of any mortgage, deed of trust, or lien ((foreclosure proceeding or upon execution of a judgment, or)); (iii) to the mortgagee by the mortgagor or to the beneficiary of a deed of trust by the grantor pursuant to deed in lieu of foreclosure to satisfy a mortgage or deed of trust; or (iv) to the judgment creditor pursuant to a writ of execution to enforce a judgment.

(j) A conveyance to the federal housing administration or veterans administration by an authorized mortgagee made pursuant to a contract of insurance or guaranty with the federal housing administration or veterans administration.

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- (k) A transfer in compliance with the terms of any lease or contract upon which the tax as imposed by this chapter has been paid or where the lease or contract was entered into prior to the date this tax was first imposed.
  - (1) The sale of any grave or lot in an established cemetery.
- (m) A sale by the United States, this state or any political subdivision thereof, or a municipal corporation of this state.
- (n) A sale to a regional transit authority or public corporation under RCW 81.112.320 under a sale/leaseback agreement under RCW 81.112.300.
  - (o) A transfer of real property, however effected, if it consists of a mere change in identity or form of ownership of an entity where there is no change in the beneficial ownership. These include transfers to a corporation or partnership which is wholly owned by the transferor and/or the transferor's spouse or domestic partner or children of the transferor or the transferor's spouse or domestic However, if thereafter such transferee corporation or partner. partnership voluntarily transfers such real property, transferor, spouse or domestic partner, or children of the transferor or the transferor's spouse or domestic partner voluntarily transfer stock in the transferee corporation or interest in the transferee partnership capital, as the case may be, to other than (i) the transferor and/or the transferor's spouse or domestic partner or children of the transferor or the transferor's spouse or domestic partner, (ii) a trust having the transferor and/or the transferor's spouse or domestic partner or children of the transferor or the transferor's spouse or domestic partner as the only beneficiaries at the time of the transfer to the trust, or (iii) a corporation or partnership wholly owned by the original transferor and/or the transferor's spouse or domestic partner or children of the transferor or the transferor's spouse or domestic partner, within three years of the original transfer to which this exemption applies, and the tax on the subsequent transfer has not been paid within sixty days of becoming

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due, excise taxes become due and payable on the original transfer as otherwise provided by law.

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- (p)(i) A transfer that for federal income tax purposes does not involve the recognition of gain or loss for entity formation, liquidation or dissolution, and reorganization, including but not limited to nonrecognition of gain or loss because of application of 26 U.S.C. Sec. 332, 337, 351, 368(a)(1), 721, or 731 of the internal revenue code of 1986, as amended.
- 9 (ii) However, the transfer described in (p)(i) of this subsection 10 cannot be preceded or followed within a twelve-month period by another transfer or series of transfers, that, when combined with the otherwise 11 12 exempt transfer or transfers described in (p)(i) of this subsection, 13 results in the transfer of a controlling interest in the entity for 14 valuable consideration, and in which one or more persons previously holding a controlling interest in the entity receive cash or property 15 in exchange for any interest the person or persons acting in concert 16 17 hold in the entity. This subsection (3)(p)(ii) does not apply to that 18 part of the transfer involving property received that is the real 19 property interest that the person or persons originally contributed to the entity or when one or more persons who did not contribute real 20 21 property or belong to the entity at a time when real property was 22 purchased receive cash or personal property in exchange for that person 23 or persons' interest in the entity. The real estate excise tax under 24 this subsection (3)(p)(ii) is imposed upon the person or persons who 25 previously held a controlling interest in the entity.
- (q) A qualified sale of a manufactured/mobile home community, as defined in RCW 59.20.030, that takes place on or after June 12, 2008, but before December 31, 2018.
- 29 **Sec. 902.** RCW 82.45.080 and 1980 c 154 s 3 are each amended to 30 read as follows:
- 31 (1) The tax levied under this chapter ((shall be)) is the 32 obligation of the seller and the department ((of revenue)) may, at the 33 department's option, enforce the obligation through an action of debt 34 against the seller or the department may proceed in the manner 35 prescribed for the foreclosure of mortgages ((and resort to)). The 36 department's use of one course of enforcement ((shall)) is not ((be)) 37 an election not to pursue the other.

- (2) For purposes of this section and notwithstanding any other provisions of law, in a sale involving a judicial or nonjudicial foreclosure or enforcement of a judgment, the seller is the:
- (a) Beneficiary of a deed of trust in any transfer or conveyance to any party other than such beneficiary pursuant to a trustee's sale in the nonjudicial foreclosure of the deed of trust;
- (b) Mortgagee, beneficiary of a deed of trust, or lienholder in any transfer or conveyance to any party other than such mortgagee, beneficiary, or lienholder pursuant to an order of sale by the court in the judicial foreclosure of any mortgage, deed of trust, or lien; and
- 11 (c) Judgment creditor in any transfer or conveyance to any party
  12 other than such creditor pursuant to a writ of execution to enforce a
  13 judgment.

14 PART X

# Corporate Officer Liability

Sec. 1001. RCW 82.32.145 and 1995 c 318 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) ((Upon termination, dissolution, or abandonment of a corporate or limited liability company business, any officer, member, manager, or other person having control or supervision of retail sales tax funds collected and held in trust under RCW 82.08.050, or who is charged with the responsibility for the filing of returns or the payment of retail sales tax funds collected and held in trust under RCW 82.08.050, shall be personally liable for any unpaid taxes and interest and penalties on those taxes, if such officer or other person wilfully fails to pay or to cause to be paid any taxes due from the corporation pursuant to chapter 82.08 RCW. For the purposes of this section, any retail sales taxes that have been paid but not collected shall be deductible from the retail sales taxes collected but not paid.

For purposes of this subsection "wilfully fails to pay or to cause to be paid" means that the failure was the result of an intentional, conscious, and voluntary course of action.

(2) The officer, member or manager, or other person shall be liable only for taxes collected which)) Whenever the department has issued a warrant under RCW 82.32.210 for the collection of unpaid taxes from a limited liability business entity and that business entity has been

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- terminated, dissolved, or abandoned, or is insolvent, the department may pursue collection of the entity's unpaid taxes, including penalties and interest on those taxes, against any or all of the responsible individuals. For purposes of this subsection, "insolvent" means the condition that results when the sum of the entity's debts exceeds the fair market value of its assets. The department may presume that an entity is insolvent if the entity refuses to disclose to the department the nature of its assets and liabilities.
  - (2) Personal liability under this section may be imposed for state and local sales and use taxes, state business and occupation taxes, and any other state and local taxes collected by the department in respect to which the provisions of this chapter apply, regardless of whether the tax is denominated a tax, fee, charge, or some other term.
  - (3)(a) For a responsible individual who is the current or a former chief executive or chief financial officer, liability under this section applies regardless of fault or whether the individual was or should have been aware of the unpaid tax liability of the limited liability business entity.
  - (b) For any other responsible individual, liability under this section applies only if he or she willfully fails to pay or to cause to be paid to the department the taxes due from the limited liability business entity.
  - (4)(a) Except as provided in this subsection (4)(a), a responsible individual who is the current or a former chief executive or chief financial officer is liable under this section only for tax liability accrued during the period that he or she was the chief executive or chief financial officer. However, if the responsible individual had the responsibility or duty to remit payment of the limited liability business entity's taxes to the department during any period of time that the person was not the chief executive or chief financial officer, that individual is also liable for tax liability that became due during the period that he or she had the duty to remit payment of the limited liability business entity's taxes to the department but was not the chief executive or chief financial officer.
  - (b) All other responsible individuals are liable under this section only for tax liability that became due during the period he or she had the (( $\frac{1}{1}$ ) supervision,)) responsibility(( $\frac{1}{1}$ )) or duty to (( $\frac{1}{1}$ )

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the corporation described in subsection (1) of this section, plus interest and penalties on those taxes.

- (3))) remit payment of the limited liability business entity's taxes to the department.
- (5) Persons ((liable under)) described in subsection (((1))) (3)(b) of this section are exempt from liability under this section in situations where nonpayment of the ((retail sales tax funds held in trust)) limited liability business entity's taxes is due to reasons beyond their control as determined by the department by rule.
- ((4))) (6) Any person having been issued a notice of assessment under this section is entitled to the appeal procedures under RCW 82.32.160, 82.32.170, 82.32.180, 82.32.190, and 82.32.200.
- (((5) This section applies only in situations where the department has determined that there is no reasonable means of collecting the retail sales tax funds held in trust directly from the corporation.
  - (6))) (7) This section does not relieve the ((corporation or)) limited liability ((company)) business entity of ((other tax liabilities)) its tax liability or otherwise impair other tax collection remedies afforded by law.
  - $((\frac{7}{1}))$  (8) Collection authority and procedures prescribed in this chapter apply to collections under this section.
  - (9) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.
  - (a) "Chief executive" means: The president of a corporation; or for other entities or organizations other than corporations or if the corporation does not have a president as one of its officers, the highest ranking executive manager or administrator in charge of the management of the company or organization.
  - (b) "Chief financial officer" means: The treasurer of a corporation; or for entities or organizations other than corporations or if a corporation does not have a treasurer as one of its officers, the highest senior manager who is responsible for overseeing the financial activities of the entire company or organization.
  - (c) "Limited liability business entity" means a type of business entity that generally shields its owners from personal liability for the debts, obligations, and liabilities of the entity, or a business entity that is managed or owned in whole or in part by an entity that generally shields its owners from personal liability for the debts,

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- 1 <u>obligations</u>, and <u>liabilities</u> of the entity. <u>Limited liability business</u>
- 2 entities include corporations, limited liability companies, limited
- 3 liability partnerships, trusts, general partnerships and joint ventures
- 4 <u>in which one or more of the partners or parties are also limited</u>
- 5 <u>liability business entities</u>, and <u>limited partnerships in which one or</u>
- 6 more of the general partners are also limited liability business
- 7 <u>entities.</u>

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- 8 (d) "Manager" has the same meaning as in RCW 25.15.005.
- 9 <u>(e) "Member" has the same meaning as in RCW 25.15.005, except that</u>
  10 <u>the term only includes members of member-managed limited liability</u>
  11 companies.
- (f) "Officer" means any officer or assistant officer of a corporation, including the president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer.
- 15 <u>(q)(i) "Responsible individual" includes any current or former</u> 16 <u>officer, manager, member, partner, or trustee of a limited liability</u> 17 business entity with an unpaid tax warrant issued by the department.
- (ii) "Responsible individual" also includes any current or former
  employee or other individual, but only if the individual had the
  responsibility or duty to remit payment of the limited liability
  business entity's unpaid tax liability reflected in a tax warrant
  issued by the department.
  - (iii) Whenever any taxpayer has one or more limited liability business entities as a member, manager, or partner, "responsible individual" also includes any current and former officers, members, or managers of the limited liability business entity or entities or of any other limited liability business entity involved directly in the management of the taxpayer. For purposes of this subsection (9)(g)(iii), "taxpayer" means a limited liability business entity with an unpaid tax warrant issued against it by the department.
- 31 (h) "Willfully fails to pay or to cause to be paid" means that the 32 failure was the result of an intentional, conscious, and voluntary 33 course of action.

34 PART XI

Repealing the Business and Occupation Tax Credit for New Employment for International Service Activities

1	NEW SECTION. Sec. 1101. RCW 82.04.44525 (CreditNew employment
2	for international service activities in eligible areasDesignation of
3	census tracts for eligibilityRecordsTax due upon ineligibility
4	Interest assessmentInformation from employment security department)
5	and 2009 c 535 s 1104, 2008 c 81 s 9, & 1998 c 313 s 2 are each
б	repealed.

7 PART XII

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# Eliminating the Preferential Business and Occupation Tax Rate for Prescription Drug Resellers

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1201. RCW 82.04.272 (Tax on warehousing and reselling prescription drugs) and 2003 c 168 s 401 & 1998 c 343 s 1 are each repealed.

13 PART XIII

## Rural County Tax Incentives

- 15 **Sec. 1301.** RCW 82.60.020 and 2006 c 142 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:
- 17 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in 18 this section apply throughout this chapter.
- 19 (1) "Applicant" means a person applying for a tax deferral under 20 this chapter.
- 21 (2) "Department" means the department of revenue.
- 22 (3) "Eligible area" means a rural county as defined in RCW 23 82.14.370.
- 24 (4)(a) "Eligible investment project" means an investment project in 25 an eligible area as defined in subsection (3) of this section.
- 26 (b) The lessor or owner of a qualified building is not eligible for 27 a deferral unless:
- 28 (i) The underlying ownership of the buildings, machinery, and 29 equipment vests exclusively in the same person; or
- 30 (ii)(A) The lessor by written contract agrees to pass the economic 31 benefit of the deferral to the lessee;
- 32 (B) The lessee that receives the economic benefit of the deferral 33 agrees in writing with the department to complete the annual survey 34 required under RCW 82.60.070; and

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(C) The economic benefit of the deferral passed to the lessee is no less than the amount of tax deferred by the lessor and is evidenced by written documentation of any type of payment, credit, or other financial arrangement between the lessor or owner of the qualified building and the lessee.

- (c) "Eligible investment project" does not include any portion of an investment project undertaken by a light and power business as defined in RCW  $82.16.010((\frac{(5)}{(5)}))(\frac{4}{(5)})$ , other than that portion of a cogeneration project that is used to generate power for consumption within the manufacturing site of which the cogeneration project is an integral part, or investment projects  $((\frac{\text{which}}{(6)}))$  that have already received deferrals under this chapter.
- (5) "Investment project" means an investment in qualified buildings or qualified machinery and equipment, including labor and services rendered in the planning, installation, and construction of the project.
- (6) "Manufacturing" means the same as defined in RCW 82.04.120. "Manufacturing" also includes:
- (a) Before July 1, 2010: (i) Computer programming, the production of computer software, and other computer-related services, but only when the computer programming, production of computer software, or other computer-related services are performed by a manufacturer as defined in RCW 82.04.110 and contribute to the production of a new, different, or useful substance or article of tangible personal property for sale; (ii) the activities performed by research and development laboratories and commercial testing laboratories( $(\tau)$ ); and (iii) the conditioning of vegetable seeds; and
- (b) Beginning July 1, 2010: (i) The activities performed by research and development laboratories and commercial testing laboratories; and (ii) the conditioning of vegetable seeds.
  - (7) "Person" has the meaning given in RCW 82.04.030.
- (8) "Qualified buildings" means construction of new structures, and expansion or renovation of existing structures for the purpose of increasing floor space or production capacity used for manufacturing ((and)) or research and development activities, including plant offices and warehouses or other facilities for the storage of raw material or finished goods if such facilities are an essential or an integral part of a factory, mill, plant, or laboratory used for manufacturing or

research and development. If a building is used partly for manufacturing or research and development and partly for other purposes, the applicable tax deferral shall be determined by apportionment of the costs of construction under rules adopted by the department.

- (9) "Qualified employment position" means a permanent full-time employee employed in the eligible investment project during the entire tax year. The term "entire tax year" means a full-time position that is filled for a period of twelve consecutive months. The term "full-time" means at least thirty-five hours a week, four hundred fifty-five hours a quarter, or one thousand eight hundred twenty hours a year.
- (10) "Qualified machinery and equipment" means all new industrial and research fixtures, equipment, and support facilities that are an integral and necessary part of a manufacturing or research and development operation. "Qualified machinery and equipment" includes: Computers; software; data processing equipment; laboratory equipment; manufacturing components such as belts, pulleys, shafts, and moving parts; molds, tools, and dies; operating structures; and all equipment used to control or operate the machinery.
- 20 (11) "Recipient" means a person receiving a tax deferral under this 21 chapter.
  - (12) "Research and development" means the development, refinement, testing, marketing, and commercialization of a product, service, or process before commercial sales have begun, but only when such activities are intended to ultimately result in the production of a new, different, or useful substance or article of tangible personal property for sale. As used in this subsection, "commercial sales" excludes sales of prototypes or sales for market testing if the total gross receipts from such sales of the product, service, or process do not exceed one million dollars.
- **Sec. 1302.** RCW 82.62.010 and 2007 c 485 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:
- Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter.
- 35 (1) "Applicant" means a person applying for a tax credit under this 36 chapter.
  - (2) "Department" means the department of revenue.

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1 (3) "Eligible area" means an area as defined in RCW 82.60.020.

- (4)(a) "Eligible business project" means manufacturing or research and development activities which are conducted by an applicant in an eligible area at a specific facility, provided the applicant's average qualified employment positions at the specific facility will be at least fifteen percent greater in the four consecutive full calendar quarters after the calendar quarter during which the first qualified employment position is filled than the applicant's average qualified employment positions at the same facility in the four consecutive full calendar quarters immediately preceding the calendar quarter during which the first qualified employment position is filled.
- (b) "Eligible business project" does not include any portion of a business project undertaken by a light and power business as defined in RCW 82.16.010(((5)))(4) or that portion of a business project creating qualified full-time employment positions outside an eligible area.
- (5) "First qualified employment position" means the first qualified employment position filled for which a credit under this chapter is sought.
- (6) "Manufacturing" means the same as defined in RCW 82.04.120. "Manufacturing" also includes:
- (a) Before July 1, 2010: (i) Computer programming, the production of computer software, and other computer-related services, but only when the computer programming, production of computer software, or other computer-related services are performed by a manufacturer as defined in RCW 82.04.110 and contribute to the production of a new, different, or useful substance or article of tangible personal property for sale; and (ii) the activities performed by research and development laboratories and commercial testing laboratories; and
- (b) Beginning July 1, 2010: (i) The activities performed by research and development laboratories and commercial testing laboratories; and (ii) the conditioning of vegetable seeds.
  - (7) "Person" has the meaning given in RCW 82.04.030.
- (8)(a)(i) "Qualified employment position" means a permanent fulltime employee employed in the eligible business project during four consecutive full calendar quarters.
- (ii) For seasonal employers, "qualified employment position" also includes the equivalent of a full-time employee in work hours for four consecutive full calendar quarters.

- 1 (b) For purposes of this subsection, "full time" means a normal 2 work week of at least thirty-five hours.
  - (c) Once a permanent, full-time employee has been employed, a position does not cease to be a qualified employment position solely due to periods in which the position goes vacant, as long as:
  - (i) The cumulative period of any vacancies in that position is not more than one hundred twenty days in the four-quarter period; and
- 8 (ii) During a vacancy, the employer is training or actively 9 recruiting a replacement permanent, full-time employee for the 10 position.
- 11 (9) "Recipient" means a person receiving tax credits under this 12 chapter.
  - (10) "Research and development" means the development, refinement, testing, marketing, and commercialization of a product, service, or process before commercial sales have begun, but only when such activities are intended to ultimately result in the production of a new, different, or useful substance or article of tangible personal property for sale. As used in this subsection, "commercial sales" excludes sales of prototypes or sales for market testing if the total gross receipts from such sales of the product, service, or process do not exceed one million dollars.
  - (11) "Seasonal employee" means an employee of a seasonal employer who works on a seasonal basis. For the purposes of this subsection and subsection (12) of this section, "seasonal basis" means a continuous employment period of less than twelve consecutive months.
- 26 (12) "Seasonal employer" means a person who regularly hires more 27 than fifty percent of its employees to work on a seasonal basis.

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#### Equalizing Urban and Motor Transportation PUT Rates

- **Sec. 1401.** RCW 82.16.020 and 2009 c 469 s 702 are each amended to read as follows:
- (1) There is levied and ((there shall be)) collected from every person a tax for the act or privilege of engaging within this state in any one or more of the businesses herein mentioned. The tax ((shall be)) is equal to the gross income of the business, multiplied by the rate set out after the business, as follows:

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- 1 (a) Express, sewerage collection, and telegraph businesses: Three 2 and six-tenths percent;
- 3 (b) Light and power business: Three and sixty-two one-hundredths 4 percent;
  - (c) Gas distribution business: Three and six-tenths percent;

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- 6 (d) Urban transportation business: ((Six-tenths)) one and 7 eight-tenths of one percent;
  - (e) Vessels under sixty-five feet in length, except tugboats, operating upon the waters within the state: Six-tenths of one percent;
  - (f) Motor transportation, railroad, railroad car, and tugboat businesses, and all public service businesses other than ones mentioned above: One and eight-tenths of one percent;
  - (g) Water distribution business: Four and seven-tenths percent;
- 14 (h) Log transportation business: One and twenty-eight one-15 hundredths percent.
  - (2) An additional tax is imposed equal to the rate specified in RCW 82.02.030 multiplied by the tax payable under subsection (1) of this section.
- 19 (3) Twenty percent of the moneys collected under subsection (1) of
  20 this section on water distribution businesses and sixty percent of the
  21 moneys collected under subsection (1) of this section on sewerage
  22 collection businesses ((shall)) must be deposited in the public works
  23 assistance account created in RCW 43.155.050.
- 24 **Sec. 1402.** RCW 82.16.020 and 1996 c 150 s 2 are each amended to 25 read as follows:
  - (1) There is levied and ((there shall be)) collected from every person a tax for the act or privilege of engaging within this state in any one or more of the businesses herein mentioned. The tax ((shall be)) is equal to the gross income of the business, multiplied by the rate set out after the business, as follows:
- 31 (a) Express, sewerage collection, and telegraph businesses: Three 32 and six-tenths percent;
- 33 (b) Light and power business: Three and sixty-two one-hundredths 34 percent;
  - (c) Gas distribution business: Three and six-tenths percent;
- 36 (d) Urban transportation business: ((Six-tenths)) One and eight-37 tenths of one percent;

- (e) Vessels under sixty-five feet in length, except tugboats, operating upon the waters within the state: Six-tenths of one percent;
  - (f) Motor transportation, railroad, railroad car, and tugboat businesses, and all public service businesses other than ones mentioned above: One and eight-tenths of one percent;
    - (g) Water distribution business: Four and seven-tenths percent.
  - (2) An additional tax is imposed equal to the rate specified in RCW 82.02.030 multiplied by the tax payable under subsection (1) of this section.
  - (3) Twenty percent of the moneys collected under subsection (1) of this section on water distribution businesses and sixty percent of the moneys collected under subsection (1) of this section on sewerage collection businesses ((shall)) must be deposited in the public works assistance account created in RCW 43.155.050.

15 PART XV

# Modifying the Sales Tax Exemption for Certain Fertilizers, Sprays, and Washes

- **Sec. 1501.** RCW 82.04.050 and 2009 c 563 s 301 and 2009 c 535 s 301 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:
  - (1) "Sale at retail" or "retail sale" means every sale of tangible personal property (including articles produced, fabricated, or imprinted) to all persons irrespective of the nature of their business and including, among others, without limiting the scope hereof, persons who install, repair, clean, alter, improve, construct, or decorate real or personal property of or for consumers other than a sale to a person who presents a seller's permit or uniform exemption certificate in conformity with RCW 82.04.470 and who:
  - (a) Purchases for the purpose of resale as tangible personal property in the regular course of business without intervening use by such person, but a purchase for the purpose of resale by a regional transit authority under RCW 81.112.300 is not a sale for resale; or
  - (b) Installs, repairs, cleans, alters, imprints, improves, constructs, or decorates real or personal property of or for consumers, if such tangible personal property becomes an ingredient or component of such real or personal property without intervening use by such person; or

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(c) Purchases for the purpose of consuming the property purchased in producing for sale a new article of tangible personal property or substance, of which such property becomes an ingredient or component or is a chemical used in processing, when the primary purpose of such chemical is to create a chemical reaction directly through contact with an ingredient of a new article being produced for sale; or

- (d) Purchases for the purpose of consuming the property purchased in producing ferrosilicon which is subsequently used in producing magnesium for sale, if the primary purpose of such property is to create a chemical reaction directly through contact with an ingredient of ferrosilicon; or
- (e) Purchases for the purpose of providing the property to consumers as part of competitive telephone service, as defined in RCW 82.04.065. The term shall include every sale of tangible personal property which is used or consumed or to be used or consumed in the performance of any activity classified as a "sale at retail" or "retail sale" even though such property is resold or utilized as provided in (a), (b), (c), (d), or (e) of this subsection following such use. The term also means every sale of tangible personal property to persons engaged in any business which is taxable under RCW 82.04.280 (2) and (7), 82.04.290, and 82.04.2908; or
- (f) Purchases for the purpose of satisfying the person's obligations under an extended warranty as defined in subsection (7) of this section, if such tangible personal property replaces or becomes an ingredient or component of property covered by the extended warranty without intervening use by such person.
- (2) The term "sale at retail" or "retail sale" includes the sale of or charge made for tangible personal property consumed and/or for labor and services rendered in respect to the following:
- (a) The installing, repairing, cleaning, altering, imprinting, or improving of tangible personal property of or for consumers, including charges made for the mere use of facilities in respect thereto, but excluding charges made for the use of self-service laundry facilities, and also excluding sales of laundry service to nonprofit health care facilities, and excluding services rendered in respect to live animals, birds and insects;
- 37 (b) The constructing, repairing, decorating, or improving of new or 38 existing buildings or other structures under, upon, or above real

property of or for consumers, including the installing or attaching of any article of tangible personal property therein or thereto, whether or not such personal property becomes a part of the realty by virtue of installation, and shall also include the sale of services or charges made for the clearing of land and the moving of earth excepting the mere leveling of land used in commercial farming or agriculture;

- (c) The constructing, repairing, or improving of any structure upon, above, or under any real property owned by an owner who conveys the property by title, possession, or any other means to the person performing such construction, repair, or improvement for the purpose of performing such construction, repair, or improvement and the property is then reconveyed by title, possession, or any other means to the original owner;
- (d) The cleaning, fumigating, razing, or moving of existing buildings or structures, but may not include the charge made for janitorial services; and for purposes of this section the term "janitorial services" shall mean those cleaning and caretaking services ordinarily performed by commercial janitor service businesses including, but not limited to, wall and window washing, floor cleaning and waxing, and the cleaning in place of rugs, drapes and upholstery. The term "janitorial services" does not include painting, papering, repairing, furnace or septic tank cleaning, snow removal or sandblasting;
- (e) Automobile towing and similar automotive transportation services, but not in respect to those required to report and pay taxes under chapter 82.16 RCW;
- (f) The furnishing of lodging and all other services by a hotel, rooming house, tourist court, motel, trailer camp, and the granting of any similar license to use real property, as distinguished from the renting or leasing of real property, and it is presumed that the occupancy of real property for a continuous period of one month or more constitutes a rental or lease of real property and not a mere license to use or enjoy the same. For the purposes of this subsection, it shall be presumed that the sale of and charge made for the furnishing of lodging for a continuous period of one month or more to a person is a rental or lease of real property and not a mere license to enjoy the same;

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- 1 (g) The installing, repairing, altering, or improving of digital goods for consumers;
  - (h) Persons taxable under (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), and (g) of this subsection when such sales or charges are for property, labor and services which are used or consumed in whole or in part by such persons in the performance of any activity defined as a "sale at retail" or "retail sale" even though such property, labor and services may be resold after such use or consumption. Nothing contained in this subsection shall be construed to modify subsection (1) of this section and nothing contained in subsection (1) of this section may be construed to modify this subsection.
  - (3) The term "sale at retail" or "retail sale" includes the sale of or charge made for personal, business, or professional services including amounts designated as interest, rents, fees, admission, and other service emoluments however designated, received by persons engaging in the following business activities:
  - (a) Amusement and recreation services including but not limited to golf, pool, billiards, skating, bowling, ski lifts and tows, day trips for sightseeing purposes, and others, when provided to consumers;
    - (b) Abstract, title insurance, and escrow services;
    - (c) Credit bureau services;

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- (d) Automobile parking and storage garage services;
- (e) Landscape maintenance and horticultural services but excluding
  (i) horticultural services provided to farmers and (ii) pruning,
  trimming, repairing, removing, and clearing of trees and brush near
  electric transmission or distribution lines or equipment, if performed
  by or at the direction of an electric utility;
  - (f) Service charges associated with tickets to professional sporting events; and
    - (g) The following personal services: Physical fitness services, tanning salon services, tattoo parlor services, steam bath services, turkish bath services, escort services, and dating services.
      - (4)(a) The term also includes:
- 34 (i) The renting or leasing of tangible personal property to 35 consumers; and
- (ii) Providing tangible personal property along with an operator for a fixed or indeterminate period of time. A consideration of this is that the operator is necessary for the tangible personal property to

perform as designed. For the purpose of this subsection (4)(a)(ii), an operator must do more than maintain, inspect, or set up the tangible personal property.

- (b) The term does not include the renting or leasing of tangible personal property where the lease or rental is for the purpose of sublease or subrent.
- (5) The term also includes the providing of "competitive telephone service," "telecommunications service," or "ancillary services," as those terms are defined in RCW 82.04.065, to consumers.
- (6)(a) The term also includes the sale of prewritten computer software other than a sale to a person who presents a seller's permit or uniform exemption certificate in conformity with RCW 82.04.470, regardless of the method of delivery to the end user. For purposes of this subsection (6)(a), the sale of prewritten computer software includes the sale of or charge made for a key or an enabling or activation code, where the key or code is required to activate prewritten computer software and put the software into use. There is no separate sale of the key or code from the prewritten computer software, regardless of how the sale may be characterized by the vendor or by the purchaser.

21 The term "retail sale" does not include the sale of or charge made 22 for:

(i) Custom software; or

- (ii) The customization of prewritten computer software.
- (b) The term also includes the charge made to consumers for the right to access and use prewritten computer software, where possession of the software is maintained by the seller or a third party, regardless of whether the charge for the service is on a per use, per user, per license, subscription, or some other basis.
- (7) The term also includes the sale of or charge made for an extended warranty to a consumer. For purposes of this subsection, "extended warranty" means an agreement for a specified duration to perform the replacement or repair of tangible personal property at no additional charge or a reduced charge for tangible personal property, labor, or both, or to provide indemnification for the replacement or repair of tangible personal property, based on the occurrence of specified events. The term "extended warranty" does not include an agreement, otherwise meeting the definition of extended warranty in

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- 1 this subsection, if no separate charge is made for the agreement and
- 2 the value of the agreement is included in the sales price of the
- 3 tangible personal property covered by the agreement. For purposes of
- 4 this subsection, "sales price" has the same meaning as in RCW
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- 6 (8)(a) The term also includes the following sales to consumers of 7 digital goods, digital codes, and digital automated services:
- 8 (i) Sales in which the seller has granted the purchaser the right 9 of permanent use;
- 10 (ii) Sales in which the seller has granted the purchaser a right of 11 use that is less than permanent;
- 12 (iii) Sales in which the purchaser is not obligated to make 13 continued payment as a condition of the sale; and
- 14 (iv) Sales in which the purchaser is obligated to make continued 15 payment as a condition of the sale.
  - (b) A retail sale of digital goods, digital codes, or digital automated services under this subsection (8) includes any services provided by the seller exclusively in connection with the digital goods, digital codes, or digital automated services, whether or not a separate charge is made for such services.
  - (c) For purposes of this subsection, "permanent" means perpetual or for an indefinite or unspecified length of time. A right of permanent use is presumed to have been granted unless the agreement between the seller and the purchaser specifies or the circumstances surrounding the transaction suggest or indicate that the right to use terminates on the occurrence of a condition subsequent.
  - (9) The term does not include the sale of or charge made for labor and services rendered in respect to the building, repairing, or improving of any street, place, road, highway, easement, right-of-way, mass public transportation terminal or parking facility, bridge, tunnel, or trestle which is owned by a municipal corporation or political subdivision of the state or by the United States and which is used or to be used primarily for foot or vehicular traffic including mass transportation vehicles of any kind.
    - (10) The term also does not include sales of:
- 36 <u>(a) Chemical sprays or washes ((to persons for the purpose of postharvest treatment of fruit for the prevention of scald, fungus, to provide the purpose of the purpose of</u>

mold, or decay, nor does it include sales of)), fertilizer, and spray materials as provided in section 1503 of this act; and

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- (b) Feed, seed, seedlings, ((fertilizer,)) and agents for enhanced
  pollination including insects such as bees((, and spray materials)) to:
- $((\frac{1}{2}))$  (i) Persons who participate in the federal conservation reserve program, the environmental quality incentives program, the wetlands reserve program,  $(\frac{1}{2})$  or the wildlife habitat incentives program, or their successors administered by the United States department of agriculture;
- $((\frac{b}{b}))$  (ii) Farmers for the purpose of producing for sale any agricultural product; and
- $((\mbox{$((\mbox{$(c)$}))}\ \mbox{$(\mbox{$iii)$}$ $F$} armers acting under cooperative habitat development or access contracts with an organization exempt from federal income tax under <math>((\mbox{$(\mbox{$Title$})$})\ 26\ \mbox{$U.S.C.}$  Sec.  $501(c)(3)\ \mbox{$of$}$  the federal internal revenue code or the Washington state department of fish and wildlife to produce or improve wildlife habitat on land that the farmer owns or leases.
- (11) The term does not include the sale of or charge made for labor and services rendered in respect to the constructing, repairing, decorating, or improving of new or existing buildings or other structures under, upon, or above real property of or for the United States, any instrumentality thereof, or a county or city housing authority created pursuant to chapter 35.82 RCW, including the installing, or attaching of any article of tangible personal property therein or thereto, whether or not such personal property becomes a part of the realty by virtue of installation. Nor does the term include the sale of services or charges made for the clearing of land the moving of earth of or for the United States, any instrumentality thereof, or a county or city housing authority. does the term include the sale of services or charges made for cleaning up for the United States, or its instrumentalities, radioactive waste and other by-products of weapons production and nuclear research and development.
- (12) The term does not include the sale of or charge made for labor, services, or tangible personal property pursuant to agreements providing maintenance services for bus, rail, or rail fixed guideway equipment when a regional transit authority is the recipient of the

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labor, services, or tangible personal property, and a transit agency, as defined in RCW 81.104.015, performs the labor or services.

- **Sec. 1502.** RCW 82.04.050 and 2009 c 563 s 301 and 2009 c 535 s 301 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:
- (1) "Sale at retail" or "retail sale" means every sale of tangible personal property (including articles produced, fabricated, or imprinted) to all persons irrespective of the nature of their business and including, among others, without limiting the scope hereof, persons who install, repair, clean, alter, improve, construct, or decorate real or personal property of or for consumers other than a sale to a person who presents a seller's permit or uniform exemption certificate in conformity with RCW 82.04.470 and who:
- (a) Purchases for the purpose of resale as tangible personal property in the regular course of business without intervening use by such person, but a purchase for the purpose of resale by a regional transit authority under RCW 81.112.300 is not a sale for resale; or
- (b) Installs, repairs, cleans, alters, imprints, improves, constructs, or decorates real or personal property of or for consumers, if such tangible personal property becomes an ingredient or component of such real or personal property without intervening use by such person; or
- (c) Purchases for the purpose of consuming the property purchased in producing for sale a new article of tangible personal property or substance, of which such property becomes an ingredient or component or is a chemical used in processing, when the primary purpose of such chemical is to create a chemical reaction directly through contact with an ingredient of a new article being produced for sale; or
- (d) Purchases for the purpose of consuming the property purchased in producing ferrosilicon which is subsequently used in producing magnesium for sale, if the primary purpose of such property is to create a chemical reaction directly through contact with an ingredient of ferrosilicon; or
- (e) Purchases for the purpose of providing the property to consumers as part of competitive telephone service, as defined in RCW 82.04.065. The term shall include every sale of tangible personal property which is used or consumed or to be used or consumed in the performance of any activity classified as a "sale at retail" or "retail"

sale" even though such property is resold or utilized as provided in (a), (b), (c), (d), or (e) of this subsection following such use. The term also means every sale of tangible personal property to persons engaged in any business which is taxable under RCW 82.04.280 (2) and (7), 82.04.290, and 82.04.2908; or

- (f) Purchases for the purpose of satisfying the person's obligations under an extended warranty as defined in subsection (7) of this section, if such tangible personal property replaces or becomes an ingredient or component of property covered by the extended warranty without intervening use by such person.
- (2) The term "sale at retail" or "retail sale" includes the sale of or charge made for tangible personal property consumed and/or for labor and services rendered in respect to the following:
- (a) The installing, repairing, cleaning, altering, imprinting, or improving of tangible personal property of or for consumers, including charges made for the mere use of facilities in respect thereto, but excluding charges made for the use of self-service laundry facilities, and also excluding sales of laundry service to nonprofit health care facilities, and excluding services rendered in respect to live animals, birds and insects;
- (b) The constructing, repairing, decorating, or improving of new or existing buildings or other structures under, upon, or above real property of or for consumers, including the installing or attaching of any article of tangible personal property therein or thereto, whether or not such personal property becomes a part of the realty by virtue of installation, and shall also include the sale of services or charges made for the clearing of land and the moving of earth excepting the mere leveling of land used in commercial farming or agriculture;
- (c) The constructing, repairing, or improving of any structure upon, above, or under any real property owned by an owner who conveys the property by title, possession, or any other means to the person performing such construction, repair, or improvement for the purpose of performing such construction, repair, or improvement and the property is then reconveyed by title, possession, or any other means to the original owner;
- (d) The cleaning, fumigating, razing, or moving of existing buildings or structures, but may not include the charge made for janitorial services; and for purposes of this section the term

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"janitorial services" shall mean those cleaning and caretaking services performed by commercial janitor service including, but not limited to, wall and window washing, floor cleaning and waxing, and the cleaning in place of rugs, drapes and upholstery. The term "janitorial services" does not include painting, papering, repairing, furnace septic tank cleaning, or snow removal sandblasting;

- (e) Automobile towing and similar automotive transportation services, but not in respect to those required to report and pay taxes under chapter 82.16 RCW;
- (f) The furnishing of lodging and all other services by a hotel, rooming house, tourist court, motel, trailer camp, and the granting of any similar license to use real property, as distinguished from the renting or leasing of real property, and it is presumed that the occupancy of real property for a continuous period of one month or more constitutes a rental or lease of real property and not a mere license to use or enjoy the same. For the purposes of this subsection, it shall be presumed that the sale of and charge made for the furnishing of lodging for a continuous period of one month or more to a person is a rental or lease of real property and not a mere license to enjoy the same;
- (g) The installing, repairing, altering, or improving of digital goods for consumers;
  - (h) Persons taxable under (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), and (g) of this subsection when such sales or charges are for property, labor and services which are used or consumed in whole or in part by such persons in the performance of any activity defined as a "sale at retail" or "retail sale" even though such property, labor and services may be resold after such use or consumption. Nothing contained in this subsection shall be construed to modify subsection (1) of this section and nothing contained in subsection (1) of this section may be construed to modify this subsection.
- (3) The term "sale at retail" or "retail sale" includes the sale of or charge made for personal, business, or professional services including amounts designated as interest, rents, fees, admission, and other service emoluments however designated, received by persons engaging in the following business activities:

- 1 (a) Amusement and recreation services including but not limited to 2 golf, pool, billiards, skating, bowling, ski lifts and tows, day trips 3 for sightseeing purposes, and others, when provided to consumers;
  - (b) Abstract, title insurance, and escrow services;
  - (c) Credit bureau services;

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- (d) Automobile parking and storage garage services;
- (e) Landscape maintenance and horticultural services but excluding
  (i) horticultural services provided to farmers and (ii) pruning,
  trimming, repairing, removing, and clearing of trees and brush near
  electric transmission or distribution lines or equipment, if performed
  by or at the direction of an electric utility;
  - (f) Service charges associated with tickets to professional sporting events; and
    - (g) The following personal services: Physical fitness services, tanning salon services, tattoo parlor services, steam bath services, turkish bath services, escort services, and dating services.
      - (4)(a) The term also includes:
    - (i) The renting or leasing of tangible personal property to consumers; and
    - (ii) Providing tangible personal property along with an operator for a fixed or indeterminate period of time. A consideration of this is that the operator is necessary for the tangible personal property to perform as designed. For the purpose of this subsection (4)(a)(ii), an operator must do more than maintain, inspect, or set up the tangible personal property.
    - (b) The term does not include the renting or leasing of tangible personal property where the lease or rental is for the purpose of sublease or subrent.
    - (5) The term also includes the providing of "competitive telephone service," "telecommunications service," or "ancillary services," as those terms are defined in RCW 82.04.065, to consumers.
    - (6)(a) The term also includes the sale of prewritten computer software other than a sale to a person who presents a seller's permit or uniform exemption certificate in conformity with RCW 82.04.470, regardless of the method of delivery to the end user. For purposes of this subsection (6)(a), the sale of prewritten computer software includes the sale of or charge made for a key or an enabling or activation code, where the key or code is required to activate

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prewritten computer software and put the software into use. There is no separate sale of the key or code from the prewritten computer software, regardless of how the sale may be characterized by the vendor or by the purchaser.

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- (ii) The customization of prewritten computer software.
- (b) The term also includes the charge made to consumers for the right to access and use prewritten computer software, where possession of the software is maintained by the seller or a third party, regardless of whether the charge for the service is on a per use, per user, per license, subscription, or some other basis.
- (7) The term also includes the sale of or charge made for an extended warranty to a consumer. For purposes of this subsection, "extended warranty" means an agreement for a specified duration to perform the replacement or repair of tangible personal property at no additional charge or a reduced charge for tangible personal property, labor, or both, or to provide indemnification for the replacement or repair of tangible personal property, based on the occurrence of specified events. The term "extended warranty" does not include an agreement, otherwise meeting the definition of extended warranty in this subsection, if no separate charge is made for the agreement and the value of the agreement is included in the sales price of the tangible personal property covered by the agreement. For purposes of this subsection, "sales price" has the same meaning as in RCW 82.08.010.
- 28 (8)(a) The term also includes the following sales to consumers of 29 digital goods, digital codes, and digital automated services:
- 30 (i) Sales in which the seller has granted the purchaser the right 31 of permanent use;
- (ii) Sales in which the seller has granted the purchaser a right ofuse that is less than permanent;
- 34 (iii) Sales in which the purchaser is not obligated to make 35 continued payment as a condition of the sale; and
- 36 (iv) Sales in which the purchaser is obligated to make continued 37 payment as a condition of the sale.

- (b) A retail sale of digital goods, digital codes, or digital automated services under this subsection (8) includes any services provided by the seller exclusively in connection with the digital goods, digital codes, or digital automated services, whether or not a separate charge is made for such services.
- (c) For purposes of this subsection, "permanent" means perpetual or for an indefinite or unspecified length of time. A right of permanent use is presumed to have been granted unless the agreement between the seller and the purchaser specifies or the circumstances surrounding the transaction suggest or indicate that the right to use terminates on the occurrence of a condition subsequent.
- (9) The term does not include the sale of or charge made for labor and services rendered in respect to the building, repairing, or improving of any street, place, road, highway, easement, right-of-way, mass public transportation terminal or parking facility, bridge, tunnel, or trestle which is owned by a municipal corporation or political subdivision of the state or by the United States and which is used or to be used primarily for foot or vehicular traffic including mass transportation vehicles of any kind.
  - (10) The term also does not include sales of  $\underline{:}$

- (a) Chemical sprays or washes ((to persons for the purpose of postharvest treatment of fruit for the prevention of scald, fungus, mold, or decay, nor does it include sales of)), fertilizer, and spray materials as provided in section 1504 of this act; and
- <u>(b)</u> Feed, seed, seedlings, ((fertilizer,)) and agents for enhanced pollination including insects such as bees((fertilizer,)) to:
- $((\frac{1}{2}))$  (i) Persons who participate in the federal conservation reserve program, the environmental quality incentives program, the wetlands reserve program,  $(\frac{1}{2})$  or the wildlife habitat incentives program, or their successors administered by the United States department of agriculture;
- $((\frac{b}{b}))$  <u>(ii)</u> Farmers for the purpose of producing for sale any agricultural product; and
- $((\frac{c}{c}))$  (iii) Farmers acting under cooperative habitat development or access contracts with an organization exempt from federal income tax under  $((\frac{Title}{c}))$  26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3) of the federal internal revenue code or the Washington state department of fish and wildlife to

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1 produce or improve wildlife habitat on land that the farmer owns or 2 leases.

- (11) The term does not include the sale of or charge made for labor 3 4 and services rendered in respect to the constructing, repairing, 5 decorating, or improving of new or existing buildings or other structures under, upon, or above real property of or for the United 6 7 States, any instrumentality thereof, or a county or city housing 8 authority created pursuant to chapter 35.82 RCW, including the installing, or attaching of any article of tangible personal property 9 10 therein or thereto, whether or not such personal property becomes a part of the realty by virtue of installation. Nor does the term 11 12 include the sale of services or charges made for the clearing of land 13 the moving of earth of or for the United States, any 14 instrumentality thereof, or a county or city housing authority. Nor does the term include the sale of services or charges made for cleaning 15 up for the United States, or its instrumentalities, radioactive waste 16 17 and other by-products of weapons production and nuclear research and 18 development.
- 19 (12) The term does not include the sale of or charge made for 20 labor, services, or tangible personal property pursuant to agreements 21 providing maintenance services for bus, rail, or rail fixed guideway 22 equipment when a regional transit authority is the recipient of the 23 labor, services, or tangible personal property, and a transit agency, 24 as defined in RCW 81.104.015, performs the labor or services.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1503. A new section is added to chapter 82.04 RCW to read as follows:

- (1) As provided by RCW 82.04.050(10), the term "sale at retail" or "retail sale" does not include sales of:
  - (a) Registered chemical sprays or washes to persons for the purpose of postharvest treatment of fruit for the prevention of scald, fungus, mold, or decay; and
    - (b) Registered fertilizer and spray materials to:
- (i) Persons who participate in the federal conservation reserve program, the environmental quality incentives program, the wetlands reserve program, or the wildlife habitat incentives program, or their successors administered by the United States department of agriculture;

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1 (ii) Farmers for the purpose of producing for sale any agricultural 2 product; and

- (iii) Farmers acting under cooperative habitat development or access contracts with an organization exempt from federal income tax under 26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3) of the federal internal revenue code or the Washington state department of fish and wildlife to produce or improve wildlife habitat on land that the farmer owns or leases.
  - (2) The definitions in this subsection apply to this section:
- (a) "Brand name materials list" means a list established by the state department of agriculture of materials allowed for use in organic production, processing, or handling under standards of the national organic program.
  - (b) "National organic program" means a program authorized by the organic foods production act of 1990, as amended, 7 U.S.C. Sec. 6501 et seq., and the rules adopted thereunder for agricultural products marketed and labeled using the term "organic" or a derivative of the term "organic."
- (c) "Registered" means registration by the state department of agriculture and inclusion in the brand name materials list as provided under section 9, chapter . . . ([House Bill No. 2460] [Senate Bill No. 6228]), Laws of 2010.
- NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1504.** A new section is added to chapter 82.04 RCW to read as follows:
  - (1) As provided by RCW 82.04.050(10), the term "sale at retail" or "retail sale" does not include sales of:
  - (a) Listed chemical sprays or washes to persons for the purpose of postharvest treatment of fruit for the prevention of scald, fungus, mold, or decay; and
    - (b) Listed fertilizer and spray materials to:
  - (i) Persons who participate in the federal conservation reserve program, the environmental quality incentives program, the wetlands reserve program, or the wildlife habitat incentives program, or their successors administered by the United States department of agriculture;
- (ii) Farmers for the purpose of producing for sale any agricultural product; and
- (iii) Farmers acting under cooperative habitat development or access contracts with an organization exempt from federal income tax

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- under 26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3) of the federal internal revenue code or the Washington state department of fish and wildlife to produce or improve wildlife habitat on land that the farmer owns or leases.
  - (2) The definitions in this subsection apply to this section:
- (a) "Listed" means inclusion in the OMRI products list published by the organic materials review institute as of July 1, 2010, or such subsequent date as the department may provide by rule, consistent with the purposes of this section.
- (b) "National organic program" means a program authorized by the organic foods production act of 1990, as amended, 7 U.S.C. Sec. 6501 et seq., and the rules adopted thereunder for agricultural products marketed and labeled using the term "organic" or a derivative of the term "organic."
- (c) "OMRI products list" means a directory of products that the organic materials review institute has reviewed and determined are allowed for use in organic production, processing, or handling under standards of the national organic program.
- (d) "Organic materials review institute" means an organization exempt from tax under 26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3) of the federal internal revenue code that provides a third-party review of materials that are allowed for use in organic production, processing, or handling under standards of the national organic program.

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# Deductions, Fees, Dues, and Charges

**Sec. 1601.** RCW 82.04.4282 and 2009 c 535 s 410 are each amended to read as follows:

In computing tax there may be deducted from the measure of tax amounts derived from bona fide (1) dues and initiation fees paid to nonprofit organizations exempt from the federal income tax under 26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3), (c)(4), (c)(5), (c)(6), (c)(8), (c)(10), or (c)(19) of the federal internal revenue code, as amended as of January 1, 2010, (2)  $((\frac{\text{dues}}{,}, (\frac{3}{,})))$  contributions,  $((\frac{4}{,}))$  (3) donations, (((5))) (4) tuition fees, ((6)) (5) charges made by a nonprofit trade or professional organization for attending or occupying space at a trade show, convention, or educational seminar sponsored by the nonprofit trade or professional organization, which trade show,

convention, or educational seminar is not open to the general public, 1 2 (((+7))) (6) charges made for operation of privately operated kindergartens, and ((8)) endowment funds. This section may not 3 4 be construed to exempt any person, association, or society from tax 5 liability upon selling tangible personal property, digital goods, digital codes, or digital automated services, or upon providing 6 7 facilities or other services for which a special charge is made to 8 members or others. If dues are in exchange for any significant amount of goods or services rendered by the recipient thereof to members 9 10 without any additional charge to the member, or if the dues are graduated upon the amount of goods or services rendered, the value of 11 12 such goods or services ((shall)) may not be considered as a deduction 13 under this section.

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## Limiting the Bad Debt Deduction

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1701. The legislature intends with sections 17 1702 and 1703 of this act to supersede the holding of the supreme court 18 of the state of Washington in *Puget Sound National Bank v. Department* 19 of Revenue, 123 Wn.2d 284 (1994).

- 20 **Sec. 1702.** RCW 82.08.037 and 2007 c 6 s 102 are each amended to read as follows:
  - (1) A seller is entitled to a credit or refund for sales taxes previously paid on bad debts, as that term is used in 26 U.S.C. Sec. 166, as amended or renumbered as of January 1, 2003.
    - (2) For purposes of this section, "bad debts" does not include:
- 26 (a) Amounts due on property that remains in the possession of the 27 seller until the full purchase price is paid;
  - (b) Expenses incurred in attempting to collect debt; ((and))
- 29 (c) <u>Debts sold or assigned by the seller to third parties, where</u> 30 <u>the third party is without recourse against the seller; and</u>
  - (d) Repossessed property.
  - (3) If a credit or refund of sales tax is taken for a bad debt and the debt is subsequently collected in whole or in part, the tax on the amount collected must be paid and reported on the return filed for the period in which the collection is made.

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- (4) Payments on a previously claimed bad debt are applied first proportionally to the taxable price of the property or service and the sales or use tax thereon, and secondly to interest, service charges, and any other charges.
- (5) If the seller uses a certified service provider as defined in RCW 82.32.020 to administer its sales tax responsibilities, the certified service provider may claim, on behalf of the seller, the credit or refund allowed by this section. The certified service provider must credit or refund the full amount received to the seller.
- (6) The department ((shall)) <u>must</u> allow an allocation of bad debts among member states to the streamlined sales tax agreement, as defined in RCW 82.58.010(1), if the books and records of the person claiming bad debts support the allocation.
- (7) A person's right to claim a credit or refund under this section 14 is not assignable. No person other than the original seller in the 15 transaction that generated the bad debt or, as provided in subsection 16 (5) of this section, a certified service provider, is entitled to claim 17 a credit or refund under this section. If the original seller in the 18 19 transaction that generated the bad debt has sold or assigned the debt 20 instrument to a third party with recourse, the original seller may 21 claim a credit or refund under this section only after the debt 22 instrument is reassigned by the third party to the original seller.
- 23 **Sec. 1703.** RCW 82.12.037 and 2007 c 6 s 103 are each amended to 24 read as follows:
  - (1) A seller is entitled to a credit or refund for use taxes previously paid on bad debts, as that term is used in 26 U.S.C. Sec. 166, as amended or renumbered as of January 1, 2003.
    - (2) For purposes of this section, "bad debts" does not include:
- 29 (a) Amounts due on property that remains in the possession of the 30 seller until the full purchase price is paid;
  - (b) Expenses incurred in attempting to collect debt; ((and))
- 32 (c) <u>Debts sold or assigned by the seller to third parties, where</u> 33 the third party is without recourse against the seller; and
  - (d) Repossessed property.

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amount collected must be paid and reported on the return filed for the period in which the collection is made.

- (4) Payments on a previously claimed bad debt are applied first proportionally to the taxable price of the property or service and the sales or use tax thereon, and secondly to interest, service charges, and any other charges.
- (5) If the seller uses a certified service provider as defined in RCW 82.32.020 to administer its use tax responsibilities, the certified service provider may claim, on behalf of the seller, the credit or refund allowed by this section. The certified service provider must credit or refund the full amount received to the seller.
- (6) The department (( $\frac{\text{shall}}{\text{shall}}$ ))  $\frac{\text{must}}{\text{must}}$  allow an allocation of bad debts among member states to the streamlined sales and use tax agreement, as defined in RCW 82.58.010(1), if the books and records of the person claiming bad debts support the allocation.
- (7) A person's right to claim a credit or refund under this section is not assignable. No person other than the original seller in the transaction that generated the bad debt or, as provided in subsection (5) of this section, a certified service provider, is entitled to claim a credit or refund under this section. If the original seller in the transaction that generated the bad debt has sold or assigned the debt instrument to a third party with recourse, the original seller may claim a credit or refund under this section only after the debt instrument is reassigned by the third party to the original seller.

25 PART XVIII

#### Brokered Natural Gas

**Sec. 1801.** RCW 82.12.010 and 2009 c 535 s 304 are each amended to 28 read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter:

- (1) "Purchase price" means the same as sales price as defined in RCW 82.08.010;
- (2)(a) "Value of the article used" shall be the purchase price for the article of tangible personal property, the use of which is taxable under this chapter. The term also includes, in addition to the purchase price, the amount of any tariff or duty paid with respect to the importation of the article used. In case the article used is

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acquired by lease or by gift or is extracted, produced, or manufactured by the person using the same or is sold under conditions wherein the purchase price does not represent the true value thereof, the value of the article used ((shall be)) is determined as nearly as possible according to the retail selling price at place of use of similar products of like quality and character under such rules as the department may prescribe.

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(b) In case the articles used are acquired by bailment, the value of the use of the articles so used ((shall)) must be in an amount representing a reasonable rental for the use of the articles so bailed, determined as nearly as possible according to the value of such use at the places of use of similar products of like quality and character under such rules as the department of revenue may prescribe. any such articles of tangible personal property are used in respect to the construction, repairing, decorating, or improving of, and which become or are to become an ingredient or component of, new or existing buildings or other structures under, upon, or above real property of or for the United States, any instrumentality thereof, or a county or city housing authority created pursuant to chapter 35.82 RCW, including the installing or attaching of any such articles therein or thereto, whether or not such personal property becomes a part of the realty by virtue of installation, then the value of the use of such articles so used ((shall be)) is determined according to the retail selling price of such articles, or in the absence of such a selling price, as nearly as possible according to the retail selling price at place of use of similar products of like quality and character or, in the absence of either of these selling price measures, such value may be determined upon a cost basis, in any event under such rules as the department of revenue may prescribe.

(c) In the case of articles owned by a user engaged in business outside the state which are brought into the state for no more than one hundred eighty days in any period of three hundred sixty-five consecutive days and which are temporarily used for business purposes by the person in this state, the value of the article used ((shall)) must be an amount representing a reasonable rental for the use of the articles, unless the person has paid tax under this chapter or chapter 82.08 RCW upon the full value of the article used, as defined in (a) of this subsection.

(d) In the case of articles manufactured or produced by the user and used in the manufacture or production of products sold or to be sold to the department of defense of the United States, the value of the articles used ( $(shall\ be)$ ) is determined according to the value of the ingredients of such articles.

- (e) In the case of an article manufactured or produced for purposes of serving as a prototype for the development of a new or improved product, the value of the article used ((shall be)) is determined by: (i) The retail selling price of such new or improved product when first offered for sale; or (ii) the value of materials incorporated into the prototype in cases in which the new or improved product is not offered for sale.
- (f) In the case of an article purchased with a direct pay permit under RCW 82.32.087, the value of the article used ((shall be)) is determined by the purchase price of such article if, but for the use of the direct pay permit, the transaction would have been subject to sales tax;
- (3) "Value of the service used" means the purchase price for the digital automated service or other service, the use of which is taxable under this chapter. If the service is received by gift or under conditions wherein the purchase price does not represent the true value thereof, the value of the service used ((shall)) must be determined as nearly as possible according to the retail selling price at place of use of similar services of like quality and character under rules the department may prescribe;
- (4) "Value of the extended warranty used" means the purchase price for the extended warranty, the use of which is taxable under this chapter. If the extended warranty is received by gift or under conditions wherein the purchase price does not represent the true value of the extended warranty, the value of the extended warranty used ((shall)) must be determined as nearly as possible according to the retail selling price at place of use of similar extended warranties of like quality and character under rules the department may prescribe;
- (5) "Value of the digital good or digital code used" means the purchase price for the digital good or digital code, the use of which is taxable under this chapter. If the digital good or digital code is acquired other than by purchase, the value of the digital good or digital code must be determined as nearly as possible according to the

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retail selling price at place of use of similar digital goods or digital codes of like quality and character under rules the department may prescribe;

- (6) "Use," "used," "using," or "put to use" have their ordinary meaning, and mean:
- (a) With respect to tangible personal property, except for natural gas and manufactured gas, the first act within this state by which the taxpayer takes or assumes dominion or control over the article of tangible personal property (as a consumer), and include installation, storage, withdrawal from storage, distribution, or any other act preparatory to subsequent actual use or consumption within this state;
- (b) With respect to a service defined in RCW 82.04.050(2)(a), the first act within this state after the service has been performed by which the taxpayer takes or assumes dominion or control over the article of tangible personal property upon which the service was performed (as a consumer), and includes installation, storage, withdrawal from storage, distribution, or any other act preparatory to subsequent actual use or consumption of the article within this state;
- (c) With respect to an extended warranty, the first act within this state after the extended warranty has been acquired by which the taxpayer takes or assumes dominion or control over the article of tangible personal property to which the extended warranty applies, and includes installation, storage, withdrawal from storage, distribution, or any other act preparatory to subsequent actual use or consumption of the article within this state;
- (d) With respect to a digital good or digital code, the first act within this state by which the taxpayer, as a consumer, views, accesses, downloads, possesses, stores, opens, manipulates, or otherwise uses or enjoys the digital good or digital code;
- (e) With respect to a digital automated service, the first act within this state by which the taxpayer, as a consumer, uses, enjoys, or otherwise receives the benefit of the service;
- (f) With respect to a service defined as a retail sale in RCW 82.04.050(6)(b), the first act within this state by which the taxpayer, as a consumer, accesses the prewritten computer software; ((and))
- 36 (g) With respect to a service defined as a retail sale in RCW 82.04.050(2)(g), the first act within this state after the service has

been performed by which the taxpayer, as a consumer, views, accesses, downloads, possesses, stores, opens, manipulates, or otherwise uses or enjoys the digital good upon which the service was performed; and

- (h) With respect to natural gas or manufactured gas, the use of which is taxable under RCW 82.12.022, including gas that is also taxable under the authority of RCW 82.14.230, the first act within this state by which the taxpayer consumes the gas by burning the gas or storing the gas in the taxpayer's own facilities for later consumption by the taxpayer;
- (7) "Taxpayer" and "purchaser" include all persons included within the meaning of the word "buyer" and the word "consumer" as defined in chapters 82.04 and 82.08 RCW;
- (8)(a)(i) Except as provided in (a)(ii) of this subsection (8), "retailer" means every seller as defined in RCW 82.08.010 and every person engaged in the business of selling tangible personal property at retail and every person required to collect from purchasers the tax imposed under this chapter.
- (ii) "Retailer" does not include a professional employer organization when a covered employee coemployed with the client under the terms of a professional employer agreement engages in activities that constitute a sale of tangible personal property, extended warranty, digital good, digital code, or a sale of any digital automated service or service defined as a retail sale in RCW 82.04.050 (2)(a) or (g), (3)(a), or (6)(b) that is subject to the tax imposed by this chapter. In such cases, the client, and not the professional employer organization, is deemed to be the retailer and is responsible for collecting and remitting the tax imposed by this chapter.
- (b) For the purposes of (a) of this subsection, the terms "client," "covered employee," "professional employer agreement," and "professional employer organization" have the same meanings as in RCW 82.04.540;
- 32 (9) "Extended warranty" has the same meaning as in RCW 82.04.050(7);
  - (10) The meaning ascribed to words and phrases in chapters 82.04 and 82.08 RCW, insofar as applicable, shall have full force and effect with respect to taxes imposed under the provisions of this chapter. "Consumer," in addition to the meaning ascribed to it in chapters 82.04 and 82.08 RCW insofar as applicable, shall also mean any person who

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- 1 distributes or displays, or causes to be distributed or displayed, any
- 2 article of tangible personal property, except newspapers, the primary
- 3 purpose of which is to promote the sale of products or services. With
- 4 respect to property distributed to persons within this state by a
- 5 consumer as defined in this subsection (10), the use of the property
- 6 shall be deemed to be by such consumer.

- **Sec. 1802.** RCW 82.14.230 and 1989 c 384 s 2 are each amended to 8 read as follows:
  - (1) The governing body of any city, while not required by legislative mandate to do so, may, by resolution or ordinance for the purposes authorized by this chapter, fix and impose on every person a use tax for the privilege of using natural gas or manufactured gas in the city as a consumer.
  - (2) The tax ((shall be)) is imposed in an amount equal to the value of the article used by the taxpayer multiplied by the rate in effect for the tax on natural gas businesses under RCW 35.21.870 in the city in which the article is used. The "value of the article used," does not include any amounts that are paid for the hire or use of a natural gas business in transporting the gas subject to tax under this subsection if those amounts are subject to tax under RCW 35.21.870.
  - (3) The tax imposed under this section ((shall)) does not apply to the use of natural or manufactured gas if the person who sold the gas to the consumer has paid a tax under RCW 35.21.870 with respect to the gas for which exemption is sought under this subsection.
  - (4) There  $((\frac{\text{shall be}}{\text{be}}))$  is a credit against the tax levied under this section in an amount equal to any tax paid by:
  - (a) The person who sold the gas to the consumer when that tax is a gross receipts tax similar to that imposed pursuant to RCW 35.21.870 by another ((state)) municipality or other unit of local government with respect to the gas for which a credit is sought under this subsection; or
  - (b) The person consuming the gas upon which a use tax similar to the tax imposed by this section was paid to another ((state)) municipality or other unit of local government with respect to the gas for which a credit is sought under this subsection.
- 36 (5) The use tax ((hereby)) imposed ((shall)) must be paid by the

- 1 consumer. The administration and collection of the tax ((hereby))
- 2 imposed ((shall be)) is pursuant to RCW 82.14.050.

3 PART XIX

### 4 Limiting Community Solar Incentives

**Sec. 1901.** RCW 82.16.110 and 2009 c 469 s 504 are each amended to read as follows:

The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

- (1)(a) "Community solar project" means:
- (i) A solar energy system that produces a maximum instantaneous power output of one hundred kilowatts of electricity and is owned by local individuals, households, nonprofit organizations, or nonutility businesses that is placed on the property owned by a cooperating local governmental entity that is not in the light and power business or in the gas distribution business; or
- (ii) A utility-owned solar energy system that produces a maximum instantaneous power output of one hundred kilowatts of electricity and that is voluntarily funded by the utility's ratepayers where, in exchange for their financial support, the utility gives contributors a payment or credit on their utility bill for the value of the electricity produced by the project.
- (b) For the purposes of "community solar project" as defined in (a) of this subsection:
- (i) "Nonprofit organization" means an organization exempt from taxation under Title 26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3) of the federal internal revenue code of 1986, as amended, as of January 1, 2009; and
- (ii) "Utility" means a light and power business, an electric cooperative, or a mutual corporation that provides electricity service.
- (2) "Customer-generated electricity" means a community solar project or the alternating current electricity that is generated from a renewable energy system located in Washington and installed on an individual's, businesses', or local government's real property that is also provided electricity generated by a light and power business. Except for community solar projects, a system located on a leasehold interest does not qualify under this definition. Except for utility-owned community solar projects, "customer-generated electricity" does

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not include electricity generated by a light and power business with greater than one thousand megawatt hours of annual sales or a gas distribution business.

- (3) "Economic development kilowatt-hour" means the actual kilowatt-hour measurement of customer-generated electricity multiplied by the appropriate economic development factor.
- (4) "Local governmental entity" means any unit of local government of this state including, but not limited to, counties, cities, towns, municipal corporations, quasi-municipal corporations, special purpose districts, and school districts.
- (5) "Photovoltaic cell" means a device that converts light directly into electricity without moving parts.
- (6) "Renewable energy system" means a solar energy system, an anaerobic digester as defined in RCW 82.08.900, or a wind generator used for producing electricity.
- 16 (7) "Solar energy system" means any device or combination of 17 devices or elements that rely upon direct sunlight as an energy source 18 for use in the generation of electricity.
- 19 (8) "Solar inverter" means the device used to convert direct 20 current to alternating current in a photovoltaic cell system.
- 21 (9) "Solar module" means the smallest nondivisible self-contained 22 physical structure housing interconnected photovoltaic cells and 23 providing a single direct current electrical output.

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#### 25 Livestock Nutrients

- 26 **Sec. 2001.** RCW 82.08.890 and 2009 c 469 s 601 are each amended to read as follows:
- 28 (1) Except for sales made between July 1, 2010, and June 30, 2013, 29 the tax levied by RCW 82.08.020 does not apply to sales to eligible persons of:
  - (a) Qualifying livestock nutrient management equipment;
- 32 (b) Labor and services rendered in respect to installing, 33 repairing, cleaning, altering, or improving qualifying livestock 34 nutrient management equipment; and
- 35 (c)(i) Labor and services rendered in respect to repairing, 36 cleaning, altering, or improving of qualifying livestock nutrient

management facilities, or to tangible personal property that becomes an ingredient or component of qualifying livestock nutrient management facilities in the course of repairing, cleaning, altering, or improving of such facilities.

- (ii) The exemption provided in this subsection (1)(c) does not apply to the sale of or charge made for: (A) Labor and services rendered in respect to the constructing of new, or replacing previously existing, qualifying livestock nutrient management facilities; or (B) tangible personal property that becomes an ingredient or component of qualifying livestock nutrient management facilities during the course of constructing new, or replacing previously existing, qualifying livestock nutrient management facilities.
- (2) The exemption provided in subsection (1) of this section applies to sales made after the livestock nutrient management plan is: (a) Certified under chapter 90.64 RCW; (b) approved as part of the permit issued under chapter 90.48 RCW; or (c) approved as required under subsection (4)(c)(iii) of this section.
- (3)(a) The department of revenue must provide an exemption certificate to an eligible person upon application by that person. The department of agriculture must provide a list of eligible persons, as defined in subsection (4)(c)(i) and (ii) of this section, to the department of revenue. Conservation districts must maintain lists of eligible persons as defined in subsection (4)(c)(iii) of this section to allow the department of revenue to verify eligibility. The application must be in a form and manner prescribed by the department and must contain information regarding the location of the dairy or animal feeding operation and other information the department may require.
- (b) A person claiming an exemption under this section must keep records necessary for the department to verify eligibility under this section. The exemption is available only when the buyer provides the seller with an exemption certificate in a form and manner prescribed by the department. The seller must retain a copy of the certificate for the seller's files.
- 35 (4) The definitions in this subsection apply to this section and 36 RCW 82.12.890 unless the context clearly requires otherwise:
  - (a) "Animal feeding operation" means a lot or facility, other than

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an aquatic animal production facility, where the following conditions are met:

- (i) Animals, other than aquatic animals, have been, are, or will be stabled or confined and fed or maintained for a total of forty-five days or more in any twelve-month period; and
- (ii) Crops, vegetation, forage growth, or postharvest residues are not sustained in the normal growing season over any portion of the lot or facility.
- (b) "Conservation district" means a subdivision of state government organized under chapter 89.08 RCW.
- (c) "Eligible person" means a person: (i) Licensed to produce milk under chapter 15.36 RCW who has a certified dairy nutrient management plan, as required by chapter 90.64 RCW; (ii) who owns an animal feeding operation and has a permit issued under chapter 90.48 RCW; or (iii) who owns an animal feeding operation and has a nutrient management plan approved by a conservation district as meeting natural resource conservation service field office technical guide standards and who possesses an exemption certificate under RCW 82.08.855.
- (d) "Handling and treatment of livestock manure" means the activities of collecting, storing, moving, or transporting livestock manure, separating livestock manure solids from liquids, or applying livestock manure to the agricultural lands of an eligible person other than through the use of pivot or linear type traveling irrigation systems.
- (e) "Permit" means either a state waste discharge permit or a national pollutant discharge elimination system permit, or both.
- (f) "Qualifying livestock nutrient management equipment" means the following tangible personal property for exclusive use in the handling and treatment of livestock manure, including repair and replacement parts for such equipment: (i) Aerators; (ii) agitators; (iii) augers; (iv) conveyers; (v) gutter cleaners; (vi) hard-hose reel traveler irrigation systems; (vii) lagoon and pond liners and floating covers; (viii) loaders; (ix) manure composting devices; (x) manure spreaders; (xi) manure tank wagons; (xii) manure vacuum tanks; (xiii) poultry house cleaners; (xiv) poultry house flame sterilizers; (xv) poultry house washers; (xvi) poultry litter saver machines; (xvii) pipes; (xviii) pumps; (xix) scrapers; (xx) separators; (xxi) slurry injectors and hoses; and (xxii) wheelbarrows, shovels, and pitchforks.

(g) "Qualifying livestock nutrient management facilities" means the following structures and facilities for exclusive use in the handling and treatment of livestock manure: (i) Flush systems; (ii) lagoons; (iii) liquid livestock manure storage structures, such as concrete tanks or glass-lined steel tanks; and (iv) structures used solely for the dry storage of manure, including roofed stacking facilities.

- **Sec. 2002.** RCW 82.12.890 and 2009 c 469 s 602 are each amended to 8 read as follows:
- 9 (1) The provisions of this chapter do not apply with respect to the 10 use by an eligible person of:
  - (a) Qualifying livestock nutrient management equipment;
- 12 (b) Labor and services rendered in respect to installing, 13 repairing, cleaning, altering, or improving qualifying livestock 14 nutrient management equipment; and
  - (c)(i) Tangible personal property that becomes an ingredient or component of qualifying livestock nutrient management facilities in the course of repairing, cleaning, altering, or improving of such facilities.
  - (ii) The exemption provided in this subsection (1)(c) does not apply to the use of tangible personal property that becomes an ingredient or component of qualifying livestock nutrient management facilities during the course of constructing new, or replacing previously existing, qualifying livestock nutrient management facilities.
  - (2)(a) To be eligible, the equipment and facilities must be used exclusively for activities necessary to maintain a livestock nutrient management plan.
  - (b) The exemption applies to the use of tangible personal property and labor and services made after the livestock nutrient management plan is: (i) Certified under chapter 90.64 RCW; (ii) approved as part of the permit issued under chapter 90.48 RCW; or (iii) approved as required under RCW 82.08.890(4)(c)(iii).
- 33 (3) The exemption certificate and recordkeeping requirements of RCW 82.08.890 apply to this section. The definitions in RCW 82.08.890 apply to this section.
- 36 (4) The exemption provided in this section does not apply to the

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- 1 use of tangible personal property and services described in subsection
- 2 (1)(a), (b), and (c)(i) of this section if first use of the property or
- 3 services occurs in this state between July 1, 2010, and June 30, 2013.

4 PART XXI

5 Bullion

- NEW SECTION. Sec. 2101. RCW 82.04.062 ("Sale at wholesale," "sale at retail" excludes sale of precious metal bullion and monetized
- 8 bullion--Computation of tax) and 1985 c 471 s 5 are each repealed.
- 9 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2102.** The repeal in section 2101 of this act
- 10 does not affect any existing right acquired or liability or obligation
- incurred under the statute repealed or under any rule or order adopted
- 12 under that statute nor does it affect any proceeding instituted under
- 13 the repealed statute.
- 14 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2103.** A new section is added to chapter 82.08
- 15 RCW to read as follows:
- 16 (1) The tax levied by RCW 82.08.020 does not apply to the sale of precious metal bullion or monetized bullion.
- 18 (2) The definitions in this subsection apply to this section.
- 19 (a) "Precious metal bullion" means any precious metal that has been 20 put through a process of smelting or refining, including, but not
- 21 limited to, gold, silver, platinum, rhodium, and palladium, and which
- 22 is in such state or condition that its value depends upon its contents
- and not upon its form.
- 24 (b) "Monetized bullion" means coins or other forms of money
- 25 manufactured from gold, silver, or other metals and used as a medium of
- 26 exchange under the laws of this state, the United States, or any
- 27 foreign nation, but does not include coins or money sold to be
- 28 manufactured into jewelry or works of art.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 2104. A new section is added to chapter 82.12
- 30 RCW to read as follows:
- 31 (1) The provisions of this chapter do not apply with respect to the
- 32 use of precious metal bullion or monetized bullion.

1	(2) The definitions in section 2303 of this act apply to this
2	section.
3	PART XXII
4	PUD Privilege Tax Clarification
5	Sec. 2201. RCW 54.28.011 and 1957 c 278 s 12 are each amended to
6	read as follows:
7	"Gross revenue" $((shall))$ means the amount received from the sale
8	of electric energy, which also includes any regularly recurring charge
9	billed to consumers as a condition of receiving electric energy, and
10	excluding any tax levied by a municipal corporation upon the district
11	pursuant to RCW 54.28.070.
12	PART XXIII
13	Repealing the Sales Tax Exemption for Coal Used at Coal-Fired Thermal
14	Electric Generation Facilities
15	NEW SECTION. Sec. 2301. The following acts or parts of acts are
16	each repealed:
17	(1) RCW 82.08.811 (ExemptionsCoal used at coal-fired thermal
18	electric generation facilityApplicationDemonstration of progress in
19	air pollution controlNotice of emissions violationsReapplication
20	Payments on cessation of operation) and 1997 c 368 s 4; and
21	(2) RCW 82.12.811 (ExemptionsCoal used at coal-fired thermal
22	electric generation facilityApplicationDemonstration of progress in
23	air pollution controlNotice of emissions violationsReapplication
24	Payments on cessation of operation) and 1997 c 368 s 6.
25	PART XXIV
26	Eliminating the Trade-In Allowance
27	<b>Sec. 2401.</b> RCW 82.08.010 and 2009 c 535 s 303 are each amended to
28	read as follows:
29	(1) For the purposes of this chapter:
30	$((\frac{(1)(a)}{a}))$ (a)(i) "Selling price" includes "sales price." "Sales
31	price" means the total amount of consideration, ((except separately
32	stated trade in property of like kind, )) including cash, credit,

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property, and services, for which tangible personal property, extended warranties, digital goods, digital codes, digital automated services, or other services defined as a "retail sale" under RCW 82.04.050 are sold, leased, or rented, valued in money, whether received in money or otherwise. No deduction from the total amount of consideration is allowed for the following: (((i))) (A) The seller's cost of the property sold; (((i))) (B) the cost of materials used, labor or service cost, interest, losses, all costs of transportation to the seller, all taxes imposed on the seller, and any other expense of the seller; (((i))) (C) charges by the seller for any services necessary to complete the sale, other than delivery and installation charges: ((((i)))) (D) delivery charges; and ((((i)))) (E) installation charges.

(ii) When tangible personal property is rented or leased under circumstances that the consideration paid does not represent a reasonable rental for the use of the articles so rented or leased, the "selling price" shall be determined as nearly as possible according to the value of such use at the places of use of similar products of like quality and character under such rules as the department may prescribe;

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- (((c))) <u>(iv)</u> "Selling price" or "sales price" includes 30 consideration received by the seller from a third party if:
  - $((\frac{1}{2}))$  (A) The seller actually receives consideration from a party other than the purchaser, and the consideration is directly related to a price reduction or discount on the sale;
  - $((\frac{(ii)}{(ii)}))$  (B) The seller has an obligation to pass the price reduction or discount through to the purchaser;
- 36 ((<del>(iii)</del>)) <u>(C)</u> The amount of the consideration attributable to the 37 sale is fixed and determinable by the seller at the time of the sale of 38 the item to the purchaser; and

 $((\frac{(iv)}{)})$  One of the criteria in this subsection  $(1)((\frac{(c)}{)})$ 2 (a)(iv)(D) is met:

 $((\frac{A}{A}))$  (I) The purchaser presents a coupon, certificate, or other documentation to the seller to claim a price reduction or discount where the coupon, certificate, or documentation is authorized, distributed, or granted by a third party with the understanding that the third party will reimburse any seller to whom the coupon, certificate, or documentation is presented;

 $(({\{B\}}))$  (II) The purchaser identifies himself or herself to the seller as a member of a group or organization entitled to a price reduction or discount, however a "preferred customer" card that is available to any patron does not constitute membership in such a group; or

((C)) (III) The price reduction or discount is identified as a third party price reduction or discount on the invoice received by the purchaser or on a coupon, certificate, or other documentation presented by the purchaser;

 $((\frac{(2)(a)}{(a)}))$  (b)(i) "Seller" means every person, including the state and its departments and institutions, making sales at retail or retail sales to a buyer, purchaser, or consumer, whether as agent, broker, or principal, except "seller" does not mean:

 $((\frac{1}{2}))$  (A) The state and its departments and institutions when making sales to the state and its departments and institutions; or

((\(\frac{\((\)}{\)}}})}\)})})})}})}})})} \) notestimetry of a professional employer agreement engages in activities that constitute a sale at retail that is subject to the tax imposed by this chapter. In such cases, the client, and not the professional employer organization, is deemed to be the seller and is responsible for collecting and remitting the tax imposed by this chapter.

 $((\frac{b}{b}))$  (ii) For the purposes of (a)(i) of this subsection, the terms "client," "covered employee," "professional employer agreement," and "professional employer organization" have the same meanings as in RCW 82.04.540;

((<del>(3)</del>)) <u>(c)</u> "Buyer," "purchaser," and "consumer" include, without limiting the scope hereof, every individual, receiver, assignee, trustee in bankruptcy, trust, estate, firm, copartnership, joint venture, club, company, joint stock company, business trust,

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corporation, association, society, or any group of individuals acting as a unit, whether mutual, cooperative, fraternal, nonprofit, or otherwise, municipal corporation, quasi municipal corporation, and also the state, its departments and institutions and all political subdivisions thereof, irrespective of the nature of the activities engaged in or functions performed, and also the United States or any instrumentality thereof;

((4))) (d) "Delivery charges" means charges by the seller of personal property or services for preparation and delivery to a location designated by the purchaser of personal property or services including, but not limited to, transportation, shipping, postage, handling, crating, and packing;

((<del>(5)</del>)) <u>(e)</u> "Direct mail" means printed material delivered or distributed by United States mail or other delivery service to a mass audience or to addressees on a mailing list provided by the purchaser or at the direction of the purchaser when the cost of the items are not billed directly to the recipients. "Direct mail" includes tangible personal property supplied directly or indirectly by the purchaser to the direct mail seller for inclusion in the package containing the printed material. "Direct mail" does not include multiple items of printed material delivered to a single address;

 $((\frac{(6)}{)})$  (f) The meaning attributed in chapter 82.04 RCW to the terms "tax year," "taxable year," "person," "company," "sale," "sale at retail," "retail sale," "sale at wholesale," "wholesale," "business," "engaging in business," "cash discount," "successor," "consumer," "in this state" and "within this state" ((shall)) apply equally to the provisions of this chapter;

 $((\frac{(7)}{)})$  (g) For the purposes of the taxes imposed under this chapter and under chapter 82.12 RCW, "tangible personal property" means personal property that can be seen, weighed, measured, felt, or touched, or that is in any other manner perceptible to the senses. Tangible personal property includes electricity, water, gas, steam, and prewritten computer software; and

 $((\frac{8}{}))$  <u>(h)</u> "Extended warranty" has the same meaning as in RCW 82.04.050(7)(( $\dot{\tau}$ )).

(((+9))) (2) The definitions in RCW 82.04.192 apply to this 37 chapter((+7)).

- 1 ((<del>(10)</del>)) <u>(3)</u> For the purposes of the taxes imposed under this 2 chapter and chapter 82.12 RCW, whenever the terms "property" or 3 "personal property" are used, those terms must be construed to include 4 digital goods and digital codes unless:
  - (a) It is clear from the context that the term "personal property" is intended only to refer to tangible personal property;
    - (b) It is clear from the context that the term "property" is intended only to refer to tangible personal property, real property, or both; or
- 10 (c) To construe the term "property" or "personal property" as 11 including digital goods and digital codes would yield unlikely, absurd, 12 or strained consequences.

13 PART XXV

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# Sales and Use Tax Exemptions for Machinery and Equipment Used in Renewable Energy Generation

**Sec. 2501.** RCW 82.08.962 and 2009 c 469 s 101 are each amended to read as follows:

- (1)(a) Except as provided in RCW 82.08.963, purchasers who have paid the tax imposed by RCW 82.08.020 on machinery and equipment used directly in generating electricity using fuel cells, wind, sun, biomass energy, tidal or wave energy, geothermal resources, anaerobic digestion, technology that converts otherwise lost energy from exhaust, or landfill gas as the principal source of power, or to sales of or charges made for labor and services rendered in respect to installing such machinery and equipment, are eligible for an exemption as provided in this section, but only if the purchaser develops with such machinery, equipment, and labor a facility capable of generating not less than one thousand watts of electricity.
- (b) Except for energy generated by wind, beginning on July 1, 2009, through June 30, ((2011)) 2010, the tax levied by RCW 82.08.020 does not apply to the sale of machinery and equipment described in (a) of this subsection that are used directly in generating electricity or to sales of or charges made for labor and services rendered in respect to installing such machinery and equipment.
- (c)(i) For energy generated by wind, except as provided otherwise in (ii) of this subsection (c), beginning on July 1, 2010, through June

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- 30, 2011, the tax levied by RCW 82.08.020 does not apply to the sale to a local electric utility, or to a person contracting with a local electric utility for the sale of electric power generated by a facility containing such machinery and equipment, of machinery and equipment described in (a) of this subsection that are used directly in generating electricity or to sales of or charges made for labor and services rendered in respect to installing such machinery and equipment.
  - (ii) Any project using wind to generate electricity, which begins construction by December 31, 2010, may receive the exemption from sales tax under this section.

- (d) Except for energy generated by wind, beginning on July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2013, the amount of the exemption under this subsection (1) is equal to seventy-five percent of the state and local sales tax paid. The purchaser is eligible for an exemption under this subsection (1)(d) in the form of a remittance.
- (e)(i) For energy generated by wind, except as provided otherwise in (ii) of this subsection (e), beginning on July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2013, the amount of the exemption under this subsection (1) is equal to seventy-five percent of the state and local sales tax paid by a local electric utility for such machinery and equipment, or to a person contracting with a local electric utility for the sale of electric power generated by a facility containing such machinery and equipment. The purchaser is eligible for an exemption under this subsection  $(1)((\frac{1}{1}))$  (e) in the form of a remittance.
- (ii) Any project using wind to generate electricity, which begins construction by December 31, 2010, may receive the exemption from sales tax under this section.
- (2) For purposes of this section and RCW 82.12.962, the following definitions apply:
- (a) "Biomass energy" includes: (i) By-products of pulping and wood manufacturing process; (ii) animal waste; (iii) solid organic fuels from wood; (iv) forest or field residues; (v) wooden demolition or construction debris; (vi) food waste; (vii) liquors derived from algae and other sources; (viii) dedicated energy crops; (ix) biosolids; and (x) yard waste. "Biomass energy" does not include wood pieces that have been treated with chemical preservatives such as creosote,

pentachlorophenol, or copper-chrome-arsenic; wood from old growth forests; or municipal solid waste.

- (b) "Fuel cell" means an electrochemical reaction that generates electricity by combining atoms of hydrogen and oxygen in the presence of a catalyst.
- (c) "Landfill gas" means biomass fuel, of the type qualified for federal tax credits under Title 26 U.S.C. Sec. 29 of the federal internal revenue code, collected from a "landfill" as defined under RCW 70.95.030.
- (d)(i) "Machinery and equipment" means fixtures, devices, and support facilities that are integral and necessary to the generation of electricity using fuel cells, wind, sun, biomass energy, tidal or wave energy, geothermal resources, anaerobic digestion, technology that converts otherwise lost energy from exhaust, or landfill gas as the principal source of power.
- (ii) "Machinery and equipment" does not include: (A) Hand-powered tools; (B) property with a useful life of less than one year; (C) repair parts required to restore machinery and equipment to normal working order; (D) replacement parts that do not increase productivity, improve efficiency, or extend the useful life of machinery and equipment; (E) buildings; or (F) building fixtures that are not integral and necessary to the generation of electricity that are permanently affixed to and become a physical part of a building.
- (e) "Local electric utility" means an electrical company whose rates are regulated by the Washington utilities and transportation commission under chapter 80.28 RCW; a municipal electric utility formed under Title 35 RCW, a public utility district formed under Title 54 RCW, an irrigation district formed under chapter 87.03 RCW, a cooperative formed under chapter 23.86 RCW, or a mutual corporation or association formed under chapter 24.06 RCW, that is engaged in the business of distributing electricity to more than one retail electric customer in the state; and a joint operating agency formed under chapter 43.52 RCW.
  - (f) "Person" means the same as defined under RCW 82.04.030.
- (3)(a) Machinery and equipment is "used directly" in generating electricity by wind energy, solar energy, biomass energy, tidal or wave energy, geothermal resources, anaerobic digestion, technology that converts otherwise lost energy from exhaust, or landfill gas power if

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- it provides any part of the process that captures the energy of the wind, sun, biomass energy, tidal or wave energy, geothermal resources, anaerobic digestion, technology that converts otherwise lost energy from exhaust, or landfill gas, converts that energy to electricity, and stores, transforms, or transmits that electricity for entry into or operation in parallel with electric transmission and distribution systems.
  - (b) Machinery and equipment is "used directly" in generating electricity by fuel cells if it provides any part of the process that captures the energy of the fuel, converts that energy to electricity, and stores, transforms, or transmits that electricity for entry into or operation in parallel with electric transmission and distribution systems.
  - (4)(a) A purchaser claiming an exemption in the form of a remittance under subsection  $(1)((\frac{1}{(c)}))$  (d) of this section must pay the tax imposed by RCW 82.08.020 and all applicable local sales taxes imposed under the authority of chapters 82.14 and 81.104 RCW. The purchaser may then apply to the department for remittance in a form and manner prescribed by the department. A purchaser may not apply for a remittance under this section more frequently than once per quarter. The purchaser must specify the amount of exempted tax claimed and the qualifying purchases for which the exemption is claimed. The purchaser must retain, in adequate detail, records to enable the department to determine whether the purchaser is entitled to an exemption under this section, including: Invoices; proof of tax paid; and documents describing the machinery and equipment.
  - (b) The department must determine eligibility under this section based on the information provided by the purchaser, which is subject to audit verification by the department. The department must on a quarterly basis remit exempted amounts to qualifying purchasers who submitted applications during the previous quarter.
    - (5) This section expires July 1, 2013.

- **Sec. 2502.** RCW 82.12.962 and 2009 c 469 s 102 are each amended to read as follows:
- (1)(a) Except as provided in RCW 82.12.963, consumers who have paid the tax imposed by RCW 82.12.020 on machinery and equipment used directly in generating electricity using fuel cells, wind, sun, biomass

energy, tidal or wave energy, geothermal resources, anaerobic digestion, technology that converts otherwise lost energy from exhaust, or landfill gas as the principal source of power, or to sales of or charges made for labor and services rendered in respect to installing such machinery and equipment, are eligible for an exemption as provided in this section, but only if the purchaser develops with such machinery, equipment, and labor a facility capable of generating not less than one thousand watts of electricity.

- (b) Except for energy generated by wind, beginning on July 1, 2009, through June 30, ((2011)) 2010, the provisions of this chapter do not apply in respect to the use of machinery and equipment described in (a) of this subsection that are used directly in generating electricity or to sales of or charges made for labor and services rendered in respect to installing such machinery and equipment.
- (c)(i) For energy generated by wind, except as provided otherwise in (ii) of this subsection (c), beginning on July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011, the provisions of this chapter do not apply in respect to the use by a local electric utility, or by a person contracting with a local electric utility for the sale of electric power generated by a facility containing such machinery and equipment, of machinery and equipment described in (a) of this subsection that are used directly in generating electricity or to sales of or charges made for labor and services rendered in respect to installing such machinery and equipment.
- (ii) Any project using wind to generate electricity, which begins construction by December 31, 2010, may receive the exemption from use tax under this section.
- (d) Except for energy generated by wind, beginning on July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2013, the amount of the exemption under this subsection (1) is equal to seventy-five percent of the state and local sales tax paid. The purchaser is eligible for an exemption under this subsection (1)(d) in the form of a remittance.
- (e)(i) For energy generated by wind, except as provided otherwise in (ii) of this subsection (e), beginning on July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2013, the amount of the exemption under this subsection (1) is equal to seventy-five percent of the state and local sales tax paid by a local electric utility for such machinery and equipment, or to a person contracting with a local electric utility for the sale of

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- electric power generated by a facility containing such machinery and equipment. The consumer is eligible for an exemption under this subsection  $(1)((\frac{c}{c}))$  (e) in the form of a remittance.
  - (ii) Any project using wind to generate electricity, which begins construction by December 31, 2010, may receive the exemption from use tax under this section.
- (2)(a) A person claiming an exemption in the form of a remittance under subsection (1)((+c)) (e) of this section must pay the tax imposed by RCW 82.12.020 and all applicable local use taxes imposed under the authority of chapters 82.14 and 81.104 RCW. The consumer may then apply to the department for remittance in a form and manner prescribed by the department. A consumer may not apply for a remittance under this section more frequently than once per quarter. The consumer must specify the amount of exempted tax claimed and the qualifying purchases or acquisitions for which the exemption is claimed. The consumer must retain, in adequate detail, records to enable the department to determine whether the consumer is entitled to an exemption under this section, including: Invoices; proof of tax paid; and documents describing the machinery and equipment.
  - (b) The department must determine eligibility under this section based on the information provided by the consumer, which is subject to audit verification by the department. The department must on a quarterly basis remit exempted amounts to qualifying consumers who submitted applications during the previous quarter.
- (3) Purchases exempt under RCW 82.08.962 are also exempt from the tax imposed under RCW 82.12.020.
  - (4) The definitions in RCW 82.08.962 apply to this section.
- 28 (5) This section expires June 30, 2013.

#### 29 PART XXVI

#### Property Management Salaries

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2601. RCW 82.04.394 (Exemptions--Amounts received by property management company for on-site personnel) and 1998 c 338 s 2 are each repealed.

34 PART XXVII

- NEW SECTION. Sec. 2701. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, if any provision of sections 101 through 108 of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of sections 101 through 108 of this act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.
- 8 (2) If a court of competent jurisdiction, in a final judgment not 9 subject to appeal, adjudges any provision of section 104(1)(c) of this 10 act unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, sections 101 through 108 of 11 this act are null and void in their entirety.
- 12 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2702. Sections 101 through 108 of this act apply with respect to gross income of the business, as defined in RCW 13 14 82.04.080, including gross income from royalties as defined in RCW 15 82.04.2907, generated on and after July 1, 2010. For purposes of calculating the thresholds in section 104(1)(c) of this act for the 16 17 2010 tax year, property, payroll, and receipts are based on the entire 18 2010 tax year.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 2703. Sections 201 through 212 of this act must be construed liberally to effectuate the legislature's intent to ensure that all businesses and individuals pay their fair share of taxes.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 2704. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, section 201 of this act applies to tax periods beginning January 1, 2006.
- 25 (2) Section 201 of this act does not apply to any tax periods 26 ending before July 1, 2010, that were included in a completed field 27 audit conducted by the department.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 2705. Sections 502 and 702 of this act apply both retroactively and prospectively.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 2706. Section 502 of this act does not affect any final judgments, not subject to appeal, entered by a court of competent jurisdiction before the effective date of this section.

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- 1 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2707. Sections 901 and 902 of this act apply to
- 2 transfers or conveyances as described in RCW 82.45.010(3)(i) occurring
- 3 on and after April 1, 2010.
- 4 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2708.** Sections 501, 502, and 2705 of this act
- 5 are necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace,
- 6 health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing
- 7 public institutions, and take effect immediately.
- 8 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2709. Except for sections 501, 502, 606, and
- 9 2705 of this act, this act is necessary for the immediate preservation
- 10 of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state
- 11 government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect April
- 12 1, 2010.
- 13 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2710.** Section 605 of this act expires July 1,
- 14 2011.
- 15 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2711. Section 606 of this act takes effect July
- 16 1, 2011.
- 17 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2712.** Section 1401 of this act expires June 30,
- 18 2013.
- 19 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2713. Section 1402 of this act takes effect
- 20 June 30, 2013.
- 21 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2714.** Sections 1702 and 1703 of this act apply
- 22 to claims for credit or refund filed with the department of revenue
- 23 after June 30, 2010.
- 24 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2715. Sections 1502 and 1504 of this act take
- 25 effect July 1, 2010, if chapter . . . ([House Bill No. 2460] [Senate
- 26 Bill No. 6228]), Laws of 2010 is not enacted as of July 1, 2010.
- 27 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2716. Sections 1501 and 1503 of this act take
- 28 effect July 1, 2010, if chapter . . . ([House Bill No. 2460] [Senate
- 29 Bill No. 6228]), Laws of 2010 is enacted as of July 1, 2010.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2717. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

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