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HB 2036 - H AMD 508 By Representative Carlyle

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the 2 following:

- 3 "Sec. 1. RCW 82.08.0273 and 2011 c 7 s 1 are each amended to read 4 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)). The exemption only applies if:</u>
 - (a) The property is for use outside this state;
 - (b) The purchaser is a bona fide resident of a province or territory of Canada or a state, territory, or possession of the United States, other than the state of Washington; and
 - (i) Such state, possession, territory, or province does not impose, or have imposed on its behalf, a generally applicable retail sales tax, use tax, value added tax, gross receipts tax on retailing activities, or similar generally applicable tax, of three percent or more; or
 - (ii) If imposing a tax described in (b)(i) of this subsection, provides an exemption for sales to Washington residents by reason of their residence; and
 - (c) The purchaser agrees, when requested, to grant the department of revenue access to such records and other forms of verification at ((his or her)) 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 (($\frac{(6)}{(6)}$)) (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 proof of his or her current nonresident status as provided in this section)) 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 the person's status as 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.
- (((c) In lieu of furnishing proof of a person's nonresident status under (b) of this subsection (3), a person claiming exemption from retail sales tax under the provisions of this section may provide the

seller with an exemption certificate in compliance with subsection (4)(b) of this section.))

(4)(a) ((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 must examine the purchaser's 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.

(b) In lieu of using the method provided in (a) of this subsection to document an exempt sale to a nonresident, a seller may accept from the purchaser a properly completed uniform exemption certificate approved by the streamlined sales and use tax agreement governing board or any other exemption certificate as may be authorized by the department and properly completed by the purchaser. A nonresident purchaser who uses an exemption certificate authorized in this subsection (4)(b) must include the purchaser's driver's license number or other state issued identification number and the state of issuance.

(c) In lieu of using the methods provided in (a) and (b) of this subsection to document an exempt sale to a nonresident, a seller may capture the relevant data elements as allowed under the streamlined sales and use tax agreement.

(5)(a) Any person making fraudulent statements, which includes the offer of fraudulent identification or fraudulently procured identification to a vendor, in order to purchase goods without paying retail sales tax is guilty of perjury under chapter 9A.72 RCW.

(b) Any person making tax exempt purchases under this section by displaying proof of identification not his or her own, or counterfeit identification, 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)(a) Any vendor who makes sales without collecting the tax and 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.)) (i) Beginning January 1, 2014, through December 31, 2014, 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 August 1, 2013, and December 31, 2013.

- (ii) Beginning January 1, 2015, 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 provided in a form and manner 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 fraudulent sales receipts, in order to receive a remittance of retail sales tax is guilty of perjury under chapter 9A.72 RCW.
- (b) Any person requesting a remittance of sales tax from the department by providing proof of identification or sales receipts not 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.

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- (6) 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.
- 10 (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 11 12 not entitled to a remittance for the tax paid on the purchase. A 13 person who receives both a remittance under this section and a refund from the seller with respect to the same purchase must immediately 14 repay the remittance to the department. Interest as provided in 15 chapter 82.32 RCW applies to amounts due under this section from the 16 date that the department made the remittance until the amount due under 17 this subsection is paid to the department. A person who receives a 18 remittance with respect to a purchase for which the person had, at the 19 time the person submitted the application for a remittance, already 20 21 received a refund of sales tax from the seller is also liable for the evasion penalty in RCW 82.32.090(7) and is ineligible to receive any 22 23 further remittances from the department under this section.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 82.32 RCW to read as follows:
 - (1) By the last workday of the second and fourth calendar quarters, the state treasurer must transfer the amount specified in subsection (2) of this section from the general fund to the education legacy trust account. The first transfer under this subsection (1) must occur by December 31, 2013.
 - (2) By December 15th and by June 15th of each year, the department must estimate the increase in state general fund revenues from the changes made under section 1 of this act for the current and prior calendar quarters and notify the state treasurer of the increase.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 43.135 RCW to read as follows:

1 RCW 43.135.034(4) does not apply to the transfers under section 2 of this act.

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NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 39.42 RCW to read as follows:

The purpose of narrowing the tax preference in section 1 of this act is to support education-related expenditures from the education legacy trust account. For this reason, general state revenues transferred to the education legacy trust account under section 2 of this act are excluded from the calculation of general state revenues for purposes of Article VIII, section 1 of the state Constitution and RCW 39.42.130 and 39.42.140.

- 12 Sec. 5. RCW 82.14.050 and 2012 1st sp.s. c 9 s 1 are each amended 13 to read as follows:
- (1) The counties, cities, and transportation authorities under RCW 14 15 82.14.045, public facilities districts under chapters 36.100 and 35.57 16 RCW, public transportation benefit areas under RCW 82.14.440, regional transportation investment districts, and transportation benefit 17 districts under chapter 36.73 RCW must contract, prior to the effective 18 19 date of a resolution or ordinance imposing a sales and use tax, the 20 administration and collection to the state department of revenue, which 21 must deduct a percentage amount, as provided by contract, not to exceed 22 two percent of the taxes collected for administration and collection expenses incurred by the department. The remainder of any portion of 23 24 any tax authorized by this chapter that is collected by the department of revenue must be deposited by the state department of revenue in the 25 26 local sales and use tax account hereby created in the state treasury. Beginning January 1, 2013, the department of revenue must make deposits 27 in the local sales and use tax account on a monthly basis on the last 28 business day of the month in which distributions required in (a) of 29 30 this subsection are due. Moneys in the local sales and use tax account may be withdrawn only for: 31
- 32 (a) Distribution to counties, cities, transportation authorities, 33 public facilities districts, public transportation benefit areas, 34 regional transportation investment districts, and transportation 35 benefit districts imposing a sales and use tax; and

(b) Making refunds of taxes imposed under the authority of this 2 chapter and RCW 81.104.170 and exempted under RCW 82.08.273, 82.08.962 ((and)), or 82.12.962. 3

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- (2) All administrative provisions in chapters 82.03, 82.08, 82.12, and 82.32 RCW, as they now exist or may hereafter be amended, insofar as they are applicable to state sales and use taxes, are applicable to taxes imposed pursuant to this chapter.
- (3) Counties, cities, transportation authorities, public facilities districts, and regional transportation investment districts may not conduct independent sales or use tax audits of sellers registered under the streamlined sales tax agreement.
- (4) Except as provided in RCW 43.08.190 and subsection (5) of this section, all earnings of investments of balances in the local sales and use tax account must be credited to the local sales and use tax account and distributed to the counties, cities, transportation authorities, public facilities districts, public transportation benefit areas, regional transportation investment districts, and transportation benefit districts monthly.
- (5) Beginning January 1, 2013, the state treasurer must determine the amount of earnings on investments that would have been credited to the local sales and use tax account if the collections had been deposited in the account over the prior month. When distributions are made under subsection (1)(a) of this section, the state treasurer must transfer this amount from the state general fund to the local sales and use tax account and must distribute such sums to the counties, cities, transportation authorities, public facilities districts, transportation benefit areas, regional transportation investment districts, and transportation benefit districts.
- 29 Sec. 6. RCW 82.14.060 and 2009 c 469 s 108 are each amended to 30 read as follows:
 - (1)(a) Monthly, the state treasurer must distribute from the local sales and use tax account to the counties, cities, transportation authorities, public facilities districts, and transportation benefit districts the amount of tax collected on behalf of each taxing authority, less:
 - (i) The deduction provided for in RCW 82.14.050; and

- 1 (ii) The amount of any refunds of local sales and use taxes 2 exempted under RCW <u>82.08.273</u>, 82.08.962 ((and)), or 82.12.962, which 3 must be made without appropriation.
 - (b) The state treasurer shall make the distribution under this section without appropriation.
 - (2) In the event that any ordinance or resolution imposes a sales and use tax at a rate in excess of the applicable limits contained herein, such ordinance or resolution shall not be considered void in toto, but only with respect to that portion of the rate which is in excess of the applicable limits contained herein.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect August 1, 2013."
- 15 Correct the title.

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<u>EFFECT:</u> Eliminates all provisions of the bill except for the provision changing the nonresident sales tax exemption into a refund program. Makes technical corrections.

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