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HOUSE BILL 1690

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- AN ACT Relating to providing a tax deferral for the expansion of certain existing public facilities district convention centers; amending RCW 36.100.090; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.100.090 and 1995 1st sp.s. c 14 s 6 are each 7 amended to read as follows:
 - (1) The governing board of a public facilities district may apply for deferral of taxes on the construction of buildings, preparation, and the acquisition of related machinery and equipment for a new public facility. Application ((shall)) must be made to the department of revenue in a form and manner prescribed by the department οf revenue. The application ((shall)) must contain information regarding the location of the public facility, estimated or actual costs, time schedules for completion and operation, and other information required by the department of revenue. department of revenue ((shall)) must approve the application within sixty days if it meets the requirements of this section.
- 19 (2) The department of revenue ((shall)) <u>must</u> issue a sales and 20 use tax deferral certificate for state and local sales and use taxes 21 due under chapters 82.08, 82.12, and 82.14 RCW on the public

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facility. The use of the certificate ((shall be)) <u>is</u> governed by rules established by the department of revenue.

- (3) The public facilities district ((shall)) <u>must</u> begin paying the deferred taxes in the fifth year after the date certified by the department of revenue as the date on which the public facility is operationally complete. The first payment is due on December 31st of the fifth calendar year after such certified date, with subsequent annual payments due on December 31st of the following nine years. Each payment ((shall)) <u>must</u> equal ten percent of the deferred tax.
- (4) The department of revenue may authorize an accelerated repayment schedule upon request of the public facilities district.
 - (5) Interest ((shall)) may not be charged on any taxes deferred under this section for the period of deferral, although all other penalties and interest applicable to delinquent excise taxes may be assessed and imposed for delinquent payments under this section. The debt for deferred taxes is not extinguished by insolvency or other failure of the public facilities district.
 - (6) Applications and any other information received by the department of revenue under this section are not confidential and are subject to disclosure. Chapter 82.32 RCW applies to the administration of this section.
 - (7) As used in this section, "public facility" means:
- 23 <u>(a) A</u> baseball stadium with a retractable roof or canopy and 24 natural turf; or
- 25 <u>(b) The expansion of an existing public facilities district</u> 26 <u>convention center located in a county with a population of one</u> 27 million five hundred thousand or more.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. 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 July 1, 2015.

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