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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6587**

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**State of Washington**

**65th Legislature**

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**By** Senate Local Government (originally sponsored by Senators Hasegawa and Van De Wege)

READ FIRST TIME 02/02/18.

1 AN ACT Relating to the transparency of local taxing districts;  
2 adding a new section to chapter 87.03 RCW; adding a new section to  
3 chapter 35.58 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 54.04 RCW; adding  
4 a new section to chapter 85.08 RCW; adding a new section to chapter  
5 36.58A RCW; adding a new section to chapter 36.58 RCW; adding a new  
6 section to chapter 36.95 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 57.02  
7 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 35.92 RCW.

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

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 87.03  
10 RCW to read as follows:

11 An irrigation district must disclose the following information in  
12 a prominent manner on all billing statements sent to customers: An  
13 itemized listing of all rates and charges, including the amount of  
14 state and local taxes collected and paid by the district, and whether  
15 taxes are collected on behalf of other political subdivisions. If an  
16 irrigation district does not issue billing statements for any of the  
17 services it provides, it must make available rate and charge  
18 information for each such service upon request of any taxpayer within  
19 its boundaries.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    A new section is added to chapter 35.58  
2    RCW to read as follows:

3        A metropolitan municipal corporation must disclose the following  
4    information in a prominent manner on all billing statements sent to  
5    customers: An itemized listing of all rates and charges, including  
6    the amount of state and local taxes collected and paid by the  
7    metropolitan municipal corporation, and whether taxes are collected  
8    on behalf of other political subdivisions. If a metropolitan  
9    municipal corporation does not issue billing statements for any of  
10   the services it provides, it must make available rate and charge  
11   information for each such service upon request of any taxpayer within  
12   its boundaries.

13       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    A new section is added to chapter 54.04  
14    RCW to read as follows:

15       A public utility district must disclose the following information  
16    in a prominent manner on all billing statements sent to customers: An  
17    itemized listing of all rates and charges, including the amount of  
18    state and local taxes collected and paid by the district, and whether  
19    taxes are collected on behalf of other political subdivisions. If a  
20    public utility district does not issue billing statements for any of  
21    the services it provides, it must make available rate and charge  
22    information for each such service upon request of any taxpayer within  
23    its boundaries.

24       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 4.**    A new section is added to chapter 85.08  
25    RCW to read as follows:

26       Diking, drainage, and sewer improvement districts must disclose  
27    the following information in a prominent manner on all billing  
28    statements sent to customers: An itemized listing of all rates and  
29    charges, including the amount of state and local taxes collected and  
30    paid by the district, and whether taxes are collected on behalf of  
31    other political subdivisions. If a district does not issue billing  
32    statements for any of the services it provides, it must make  
33    available rate and charge information for each such service upon  
34    request of any taxpayer within its boundaries.

35       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 5.**    A new section is added to chapter 36.58A  
36    RCW to read as follows:

1 Solid waste collection districts must disclose the following  
2 information in a prominent manner on all billing statements sent to  
3 customers: An itemized listing of all rates and charges, including  
4 the amount of state and local taxes collected and paid by the  
5 district, and whether taxes are collected on behalf of other  
6 political subdivisions. If a district does not issue billing  
7 statements for any of the services it provides, it must make  
8 available rate and charge information for each such service upon  
9 request of any taxpayer within its boundaries.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 36.58  
11 RCW to read as follows:

12 Solid waste disposal districts must disclose the following  
13 information in a prominent manner on all billing statements sent to  
14 customers: An itemized listing of all rates and charges, including  
15 the amount of state and local taxes collected and paid by the  
16 district, and whether taxes are collected on behalf of other  
17 political subdivisions. If a district does not issue billing  
18 statements for any of the services it provides, it must make  
19 available rate and charge information for each such service upon  
20 request of any taxpayer within its boundaries.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 36.95  
22 RCW to read as follows:

23 Television reception improvement districts must disclose the  
24 following information in a prominent manner on all billing statements  
25 sent to customers: An itemized listing of all rates and charges,  
26 including the amount of state and local taxes collected and paid by  
27 the district, and whether taxes are collected on behalf of other  
28 political subdivisions. If a district does not issue billing  
29 statements for any of the services it provides, it must make  
30 available rate and charge information for each such service upon  
31 request of any taxpayer within its boundaries.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** A new section is added to chapter 57.02  
33 RCW to read as follows:

34 Water-sewer districts must disclose the following information in  
35 a prominent manner on all billing statements sent to customers: An  
36 itemized listing of all rates and charges, including the amount of  
37 state and local taxes collected and paid by the district, and whether

1 taxes are collected on behalf of other political subdivisions. If a  
2 district does not issue billing statements for any of the services it  
3 provides, it must make available rate and charge information for each  
4 such service upon request of any taxpayer within its boundaries.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** A new section is added to chapter 35.92  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 A city or town operating as a municipal utility under this  
8 chapter must disclose the following information in a prominent manner  
9 on all billing statements sent to customers: An itemized listing of  
10 all rates and charges, including the amount of state and local taxes  
11 collected and paid by the city or town, and whether taxes are  
12 collected on behalf of other political subdivisions. If a city or  
13 town does not issue billing statements for any of the services it  
14 provides, it must make available rate and charge information for each  
15 such service upon request of any taxpayer within its boundaries.

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