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## HB 2945 - H AMD 2092 By Representative Walsh

- On page 1, beginning on line 8, after "tax" strike all material
- 2 through "RCW 82.04.260(11) do" on line 9 and insert "rate of 0.2904
- 3 percent in RCW 82.04.260(11) and 82.04.240(2) does"
- 4 On page 1, line 13, after "82.04.260(11)" insert "as it existed
- 5 on the date that the disputes were filed"
- On page 1, beginning on line 16, after "allows the" strike all
- 7 material through "82.04.260(11)" on line 17 and insert "business and
- 8 occupation tax rate of 0.2904 percent"
- 9 On page 1, at the beginning of line 20, strike "rates in RCW
- 10 82.04.260(11) apply" and insert "rate of 0.2904 percent in RCW
- 11 82.04.260(11) and 82.04.240(2) applies"
- Beginning on page 2, line 12, strike all of section 2 and insert
- 13 the following:
- "Sec. 2. RCW 82.04.260 and 2019 c 425 s 1 and 2019 c 336 s 4 are
- each reenacted and amended to read as follows:
- 16 (1) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business
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- 18 (a) Wheat into flour, barley into pearl barley, soybeans into
- 19 soybean oil, canola into canola oil, canola meal, or canola by-
- 20 products, or sunflower seeds into sunflower oil; as to such persons
- 21 the amount of tax with respect to such business is equal to the value
- 22 of the flour, pearl barley, oil, canola meal, or canola by-product
- 23 manufactured, multiplied by the rate of 0.138 percent;
- 24 (b) Beginning July 1, 2025, seafood products that remain in a
- 26 manufacturing by that person; or selling manufactured seafood

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- 27 products that remain in a raw, raw frozen, or raw salted state at the
- 28 completion of the manufacturing, to purchasers who transport in the
- 29 ordinary course of business the goods out of this state; as to such
- 30 persons the amount of tax with respect to such business 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;
- 6 Except as provided otherwise in (c)(iii) of this subsection, from July 1, 2025, until January 1, 2036, dairy products; 7 or selling dairy products that the person has manufactured to 8 purchasers who either transport in the ordinary course of business 9 the goods out of state or purchasers who use such dairy products as 10 11 an ingredient or component in the manufacturing of a dairy product; 12 as to such persons the tax imposed is equal to the value of the products manufactured or the gross proceeds derived from such sales 13 multiplied by the rate of 0.138 percent. Sellers must keep and 14 preserve records for the period required by RCW 15 16 establishing that the goods were transported by the purchaser in the 17 ordinary course of business out of this state or 18 manufacturer for use as an ingredient or component in the manufacturing of a dairy product. 19
- 20 (ii) For the purposes of this subsection (1)(c), "dairy products" 21 means:

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- (A) Products, not including any marijuana-infused product, 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; and
- (B) Products comprised of not less than seventy percent dairy products that qualify under (c)(ii)(A) of this subsection, measured by weight or volume.
- (iii) The preferential tax rate provided to taxpayers under this subsection (1)(c) does not apply to sales of dairy products on or after July 1, 2023, where a dairy product is used by the purchaser as an ingredient or component in the manufacturing in Washington of a dairy product;
- (d) (i) Beginning July 1, 2025, fruits or vegetables by canning, preserving, freezing, processing, or dehydrating fresh fruits or vegetables, or selling at wholesale fruits or vegetables 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 Code Rev/AV:lel

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- business 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.
  - (ii) For purposes of this subsection (1)(d), "fruits" and "vegetables" do not include marijuana, useable marijuana, or marijuana-infused products; and

- (e) Wood biomass fuel; as to such persons the amount of tax with respect to the business is equal to the value of wood biomass fuel manufactured, multiplied by the rate of 0.138 percent. For the purposes of this section, "wood biomass fuel" means a liquid or gaseous fuel that is produced from lignocellulosic feedstocks, including wood, forest, or field residue and dedicated energy crops, and that does not include wood treated with chemical preservations such as creosote, pentachlorophenol, or copper-chrome-arsenic.
- (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 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 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 is equal to the gross proceeds derived from such sales multiplied by the rate of 0.138 percent.
- (5)(a) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business of acting as a travel agent or tour operator and whose annual taxable amount for the prior calendar year was two hundred fifty thousand dollars or less; as to such persons the amount of the tax with respect to such activities is equal to the gross income derived from such activities multiplied by the rate of 0.275 percent.
- (b) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business of acting as a travel agent or tour operator and whose annual taxable amount for the calendar year was more than two hundred fifty thousand Code Rev/AV:lel

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- dollars; as to such persons the amount of the tax with respect to such activities is equal to the gross income derived from such activities multiplied by the rate of 0.275 percent through June 30, 2019, and 0.9 percent beginning July 1, 2019.
  - (6) 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 is equal to the gross income derived from such activities multiplied by the rate of 0.275 percent.
  - (7) 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 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 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 or 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.

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- (8) (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 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 attributable to this state must be determined in accordance with the methods of apportionment required under RCW 82.04.460.
  - (9) 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 is equal to the gross income of such business multiplied by the rate of 0.484 percent.
  - (10) 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 is 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.
  - (11) The rates in this subsection (11) apply unless the conditions in section 1 of this act are met and the rates in RCW 82.04.240(2) are authorized:
  - (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 is, in the case of manufacturers, 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, equal to the gross income of the business, multiplied by the rate of:
- 36 (i) 0.4235 percent from October 1, 2005, through June 30, 2007; 37 ((and))
- 38 (ii) 0.2904 percent beginning July 1, 2007, through March 31, 39 2020;

- (iii) Beginning April 1, 2020, 0.484 percent. The tax rate in this subsection (11)(a)(iii) applies to all business activities described in this subsection (11)(a) until the effective date of the 0.2904 percent tax rate pursuant to section 1 of this act; and
  - (iv) 0.2904 percent beginning on the effective date of the 0.2904 percent tax rate pursuant to section 1 of this act.
  - (b) Beginning July 1, 2008, upon every person who is not eligible to report under the provisions of (a) of this subsection (11) 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 is, in the case of manufacturers, 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, be equal to the gross income of the business, multiplied by the rate of:
    - (i) 0.2904 percent through April 1, 2020;
- (ii) (A) Beginning April 1, 2020, the following rates:
- 20 <u>(I) 0.471 percent on the business of making retail sales of</u>
  21 <u>tooling specifically designed for use in manufacturing commercial</u>
  22 airplanes or components of such airplanes; and
- 23 (II) 0.484 percent on all other business activities described in this subsection (11) (b);
- 25 <u>(B) The tax rates in this subsection (11)(b)(ii) apply until the</u> 26 <u>effective date of the 0.2904 percent tax rate pursuant to section 1</u> 27 <u>of this act; and</u>
  - (iii) 0.2904 percent on all business activities described in this subsection (11)(b) beginning on the effective date of the 0.2904 percent tax rate pursuant to section 1 of this act.
- 31 (c) For the purposes of this subsection (11), "commercial 32 airplane" and "component" have the same meanings as provided in RCW 33 82.32.550.
- (d) In addition to all other requirements under this title, a person ((reporting under the)) eligible for a tax rate of 0.2904

  percent as provided in this subsection (11) must file a complete annual tax performance report with the department under RCW 82.32.534.
- (e)(i) Except as provided in (e)(ii) of this subsection (11), this subsection (11) does not apply on and after July 1, 2040.

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(ii) With respect to the manufacturing of commercial airplanes or making sales, at retail or wholesale, of commercial airplanes, this subsection (11) does not apply on and after July 1st of the year in which the department makes a determination that any final assembly or wing assembly of any version or variant of a commercial airplane that is the basis of a siting of a significant commercial airplane manufacturing program in the state under RCW 82.32.850 has been sited outside the state of Washington. This subsection (11)(e)(ii) only applies to the manufacturing or sale of commercial airplanes that are of a siting of a significant commercial airplane manufacturing program in the state under RCW 82.32.850.

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- (12)(a) Until July 1, 2045, upon every person engaging within this state in the business of extracting timber or extracting for hire timber; as to such persons the amount of tax with respect to the business is, in the case of extractors, equal to the value of products, including by-products, extracted, or in the case of extractors for hire, 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, 2045.
- (b) Until July 1, 2045, upon every person engaging within this state in the business of manufacturing or processing for hire: (i) Timber into timber products or wood products; (ii) timber products into other timber products or wood products; or (iii) products defined in RCW 19.27.570(1); as to such persons the amount of the tax with respect to the business is, in the case of manufacturers, equal to the value of products, including by-products, manufactured, or in the case of processors for hire, 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, 2045.
- (c) Until July 1, 2045, upon every person engaging within this 32 state in the business of selling at wholesale: (i) Timber extracted 33 by that person; (ii) timber products manufactured by that person from 34 timber or other timber products; (iii) wood products manufactured by 35 36 that person from timber or timber products; or (iv) products defined in RCW 19.27.570(1) manufactured by that person( $(\frac{1}{2})$ ); as to such 37 persons the amount of the tax with respect to the business is equal 38 to the gross proceeds of sales of the timber, timber products, wood 39 products, or products defined in RCW 19.27.570(1) multiplied by the 40

- rate of 0.4235 percent from July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007, and 0.2904 percent from July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2045.
- (d) Until July 1, 2045, 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 is equal to the gross income of the business multiplied by the rate of 0.2904 percent. For purposes of this subsection (12)(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.
- 13 (e) For purposes of this subsection, the following definitions 14 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 (12)(e)(iii), "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 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.

1 (v) "Timber products" means:

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- 2 (A) Logs, wood chips, sawdust, wood waste, and similar products 3 obtained wholly from the processing of timber, short-rotation 4 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.
  - (f) Except for small harvesters as defined in RCW 84.33.035, a person reporting under the tax rate provided in this subsection (12) must file a complete annual tax performance report with the department under RCW 82.32.534.
- (g) Nothing in this subsection (12) may be construed to affect the taxation of any activity defined as a retail sale in RCW 82.04.050(2) (b) or (c), defined as a wholesale sale in RCW 82.04.060(2), or taxed under RCW 82.04.280(1)(g).
- 21 (13) Upon every person engaging within this state in inspecting, 22 testing, labeling, and storing canned salmon owned by another person, 23 as to such persons, the amount of tax with respect to such activities 24 is equal to the gross income derived from such activities multiplied 25 by the rate of 0.484 percent.
  - (14) (a) 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 0.35 percent until July 1, 2024, and 0.484 percent thereafter.
- 31 (b) A person reporting under the tax rate provided in this 32 subsection (14) must file a complete annual tax performance report 33 with the department under RCW 82.32.534.
- 34 **Sec. 3.** RCW 82.04.240 and 2004 c 24 s 4 are each amended to read 35 as follows:
- ((Upon)) (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) of this section, upon every person engaging within this state in business as a manufacturer, except persons taxable as manufacturers under other provisions of this chapter; as to such persons the amount

- of the tax with respect to such business shall be equal to the value of the products, including by-products, manufactured, multiplied by the rate of 0.484 percent.
- 4 (2) Beginning on the effective date of the 0.2904 percent tax
  5 rate pursuant to section 1 of this act, upon every person engaging
  6 within this state in business as a manufacturer, except persons
  7 taxable as manufacturers under other provisions of this chapter; as
  8 to such persons the amount of the tax with respect to such business
  9 shall be equal to the value of the products, including by-products,
  10 manufactured, multiplied by the rate of 0.2904 percent.
- 11 <u>(3)</u> The measure of the tax is the value of the products, 12 including by-products, so manufactured regardless of the place of 13 sale or the fact that deliveries may be made to points outside the 14 state.
- 15 **Sec. 4.** RCW 82.04.240 and 2017 3rd sp.s. c 37 s 518 are each 16 amended to read as follows:
  - (1) ((Upon)) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) of this section, upon every person engaging within this state in business as a manufacturer, except persons taxable as manufacturers under other provisions of this chapter; as to such persons the amount of the tax with respect to such business is equal to the value of the products, including by-products, manufactured, multiplied by the rate of 0.484 percent.
  - (2) Beginning on the effective date of the 0.2904 percent tax rate pursuant to section 1 of this act, upon every person engaging within this state in business as a manufacturer, except persons taxable as manufacturers under other provisions of this chapter; as to such persons the amount of the tax with respect to such business shall be equal to the value of the products, including by-products, manufactured, multiplied by the rate of 0.2904 percent.
- 31 (3) (a) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business of manufacturing semiconductor materials, as to such persons 32 the amount of tax with respect to such business is, in the case of 33 manufacturers, equal to the value of the product manufactured, or, in 34 the case of processors for hire, equal to the gross income of the 35 business, multiplied by the rate of 0.275 percent. For the purposes 36 of this subsection "semiconductor materials" means silicon crystals, 37 38 silicon raw polished semiconductor wafers, compound ingots, semiconductors, integrated circuits, and microchips. 39

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- 1 (b) A person reporting under the tax rate provided in this 2 subsection  $((\frac{(2)}{(2)}))$  must file a complete annual tax performance 3 report with the department under RCW 82.32.534.
- (((3))) (4) The measure of the tax is the value of the products, including by-products, so manufactured regardless of the place of sale or the fact that deliveries may be made to points outside the state.
- 8 (((4))) (5) This section expires January 1, 2024, unless the contingency in RCW 82.32.790(2) occurs.
- 10 **Sec. 5.** RCW 82.32.790 and 2019 c 449 s 2 are each amended to 11 read as follows:
- (1) (a) Section ((2)) 4, chapter . . ., Laws of 2020 (section 4 of 12 this act), section 1, chapter 449, Laws of 2019, sections 510, 512, 13 514, 516, 518, 520, 522, and 524, chapter 37, Laws of 2017 3rd sp. 14 sess., sections 9, 13, 17, 22, 24, 30, 32, and 45, chapter 135, Laws 15 of 2017, sections 104, 110, 117, 123, 125, 129, 131, and 150, chapter 16 114, Laws of 2010, and sections 1, 2, 3, and 5 through 10, chapter 17 149, Laws of 2003 are contingent upon the siting and commercial 18 operation of a significant semiconductor microchip fabrication 19 20 facility in the state of Washington by January 1, 2024.
  - (b) For the purposes of this section:
- (i) "Commercial operation" means the same as "commencement of commercial production" as used in RCW 82.08.965.
  - (ii) "Semiconductor microchip fabrication" means "manufacturing semiconductor microchips" as defined in RCW 82.04.426.
  - (iii) "Significant" means the combined investment of new buildings and new machinery and equipment in the buildings, at the commencement of commercial production, will be at least one billion dollars.
  - (2) The sections referenced in subsection (1) of this section take effect the first day of the month in which a contract for the construction of a significant semiconductor fabrication facility is signed, if the contract is signed and received by January 1, 2024, as determined by the director of the department of revenue.
- 35 (3)(a) The department of revenue must provide notice of the 36 effective date of the sections referenced in subsection (1) of this 37 section to affected taxpayers, the legislature, and others as deemed 38 appropriate by the department.

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- 1 (b) If, after making a determination that a contract has been signed and the sections referenced in subsection (1) of this section 2 are effective, the department discovers that commencement of 3 commercial production did not take place within three years of the 4 date the contract was signed, the department must make a 5 6 determination that chapter 149, Laws of 2003 is no longer effective, and all taxes that would have been otherwise due are deemed deferred 7 taxes and are immediately assessed and payable from any person 8 reporting tax under RCW 82.04.240( $(\frac{(2)}{(2)})$ ) or claiming an exemption 9 or credit under RCW 82.04.426, 82.04.448, 82.08.965, 82.12.965, 10 82.08.970, 82.12.970, or 84.36.645. The department is not authorized 11 to make a second determination regarding the effective date of the 12 sections referenced in subsection (1) of this section. 13
- (4) (a) This section expires January 1, 2024, if the contingency in subsection (2) of this section does not occur by January 1, 2024, as determined by the department.
- 17 (b) The department must provide written notice of the expiration 18 date of this section and the sections referenced in subsection (1) of 19 this section to affected taxpayers, the legislature, and others as 20 deemed appropriate by the department."
- 21 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any 22 internal references accordingly.
- 23 Correct the title.

 $\underline{\text{EFFECT:}}$  Provides that the standard business and occupation tax rate will be 0.2904 percent for all manufacturers so long as the conditions in section 1 of this act are met.

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