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1 AN ACT Relating to subjecting federally recognized Indian tribes  
2 to the same conditions as state and local governments for property  
3 owned exclusively by the tribe; amending RCW 84.36.010; amending 2017  
4 c 323 s 301 (uncodified); repealing 2014 c 207 s 14, and 2015 3rd  
5 sp.s. c 6 s 2306 (uncodified); and creating a new section.

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

7 **Sec. 1.** RCW 84.36.010 and 2014 c 207 s 5 are each amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 (1) All property belonging exclusively to the United States, the  
10 state, or any county or municipal corporation; all property belonging  
11 exclusively to any federally recognized Indian tribe, if (a) the  
12 tribe is located in the state, and (b) the property is used  
13 exclusively for essential government services; all state route number  
14 16 corridor transportation systems and facilities constructed under  
15 chapter 47.46 RCW; all property under a financing contract pursuant  
16 to chapter 39.94 RCW or recorded agreement granting immediate  
17 possession and use to the public bodies listed in this section or  
18 under an order of immediate possession and use pursuant to RCW  
19 8.04.090; and, for a period of forty years from acquisition, all  
20 property of a community center; is exempt from taxation. All property  
21 belonging exclusively to a foreign national government is exempt from

1 taxation if that property is used exclusively as an office or  
2 residence for a consul or other official representative of the  
3 foreign national government, and if the consul or other official  
4 representative is a citizen of that foreign nation.

5 ~~(2) ((Property owned by a federally recognized Indian tribe,~~  
6 ~~which is used for economic development purposes, may only qualify for~~  
7 ~~the exemption from taxes in this section if the property was owned by~~  
8 ~~the tribe prior to March 1, 2014.~~

9 ~~(3))~~ For the purposes of this section the following definitions  
10 apply unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

11 (a) "Community center" means property, including a building or  
12 buildings, determined to be surplus to the needs of a district by a  
13 local school board, and purchased or acquired by a nonprofit  
14 organization for the purposes of converting them into community  
15 facilities for the delivery of nonresidential coordinated services  
16 for community members. The community center may make space available  
17 to businesses, individuals, or other parties through the loan or  
18 rental of space in or on the property.

19 (b) "Essential government services" means services such as tribal  
20 administration, public facilities, fire, police, public health,  
21 education, sewer, water, environmental and land use, transportation,  
22 utility services, and economic development.

23 (c) "Economic development" means commercial activities, including  
24 those that facilitate the creation or retention of businesses or  
25 jobs, or that improve the standard of living or economic health of  
26 tribal communities.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** 2014 c 207 s 14 (uncodified) is repealed.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** 2015 3rd sp.s. c 6 s 2306 (uncodified) is  
29 repealed.

30 **Sec. 4.** 2017 c 323 s 301 (uncodified) is amended to read as  
31 follows:

32 (1) Except as provided otherwise in this part, this act is  
33 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health,  
34 or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public  
35 institutions, and takes effect July 1, 2015.

36 (2) Parts IV, VI, VIII, and XIX of this act are necessary for the  
37 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or

1 support of the state government and its existing public institutions,  
2 and take effect September 1, 2015.

3 (3) Part X of this act takes effect October 1, 2016.

4 (4) Section 1105 of this act takes effect January 1, 2016.

5 (5) Except for section 2004 of this act, Part XX of this act  
6 takes effect January 1, 2019.

7 (~~(6) Section 2004 of this act takes effect January 1, 2022.~~)

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The provisions of RCW 82.32.805 and  
9 82.32.808 do not apply to this act.

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