

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**HOUSE BILL 2943**

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2020 Regular Session

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Yeas 97 Nays 0

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**Speaker of the House of  
Representatives**

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**President of the Senate**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 2943** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** Representatives Robinson, Chapman, and Tharinger

Read first time 02/18/20. Referred to Committee on Finance.

1            AN ACT Relating to providing a business and occupation tax  
2 preference for behavioral health administrative services  
3 organizations; adding a new section to chapter 82.04 RCW; creating a  
4 new section; providing an effective date; and providing an expiration  
5 date.

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

7            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**    (1) This section is the tax preference  
8 performance statement for the tax preference contained in section 2,  
9 chapter . . ., Laws of 2020 (section 2 of this act). This performance  
10 statement is only intended to be used for subsequent evaluation of  
11 the tax preference. It is not intended to create a private right of  
12 action by any party or to be used to determine eligibility for  
13 preferential tax treatment.

14            (2) The legislature categorizes this tax preference as one  
15 intended to accomplish a general purpose, reducing taxes so more  
16 money can go directly to behavioral health services, as indicated in  
17 RCW 82.32.808(2)(f).

18            (3) It is the legislature's specific public policy objective to  
19 support behavioral health services that can prevent more serious and  
20 costly health issues.

1 (4) If a review finds that the amount of funding available for  
2 behavioral health services by these taxpayers increased, then the  
3 legislature intends to extend the expiration date of the tax  
4 preference.

5 (5) In order to obtain the data necessary to perform the review  
6 in subsection (4) of this section, the joint legislative audit and  
7 review committee may refer to any data collected by the state.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 82.04  
9 RCW to read as follows:

10 (1) A health or social welfare organization may deduct from the  
11 measure of tax amounts received as compensation for providing mental  
12 health services or substance use disorder treatment services under a  
13 government-funded program.

14 (2) A behavioral health administrative services organization may  
15 deduct from the measure of tax amounts received from the state of  
16 Washington for distribution to a health or social welfare  
17 organization that is eligible to deduct the distribution under  
18 subsection (1) of this section.

19 (3) A person claiming a deduction under this section must file a  
20 complete annual tax performance report with the department under RCW  
21 82.32.534.

22 (4) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this  
23 section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

24 (a) "Behavioral health administrative services organization" has  
25 the same meaning as provided in RCW 71.24.025.

26 (b) "Health or social welfare organization" has the meaning  
27 provided in RCW 82.04.431.

28 (c) "Mental health services" means mental health services as  
29 described in chapter 71.24 RCW.

30 (d) "Substance use disorder treatment services" means substance  
31 use disorder treatment services as described in chapter 71.24 RCW.

32 (5) This section expires January 1, 2031.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act takes effect July 1, 2020.

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