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**By** Representatives Walen, Ryu, Shavers, Lekanoff, Reeves, and Donaghy

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1 AN ACT Relating to providing a property tax exemption for  
2 property owned by a qualifying nonprofit organization and loaned,  
3 leased, or rented to and used by any government entity to provide  
4 character-building, benevolent, protective, or rehabilitative social  
5 services; amending RCW 84.36.030; and creating new sections.

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

7 **Sec. 1.** RCW 84.36.030 and 2014 c 99 s 4 are each amended to read  
8 as follows:

9 The following real and personal property is exempt from taxation:

10 (1)(a) Property owned by nonprofit organizations or associations,  
11 organized and conducted for nonsectarian purposes, which shall be  
12 used for character-building, benevolent, protective or rehabilitative  
13 social services directed at persons of all ages.

14 (b) Property owned by nonprofit organizations exempt under (a) of  
15 this subsection or would be exempt if the services were provided by  
16 the nonprofit, and is loaned, leased, or rented to and used by the  
17 United States, the state, any county or municipal corporation, any  
18 federally recognized Indian tribe located in the state, or another  
19 nonprofit organization to provide the social services described in  
20 (a) of this subsection.

1       (c) The sale of donated merchandise is (~~not~~) considered (~~a~~  
2 ~~nonexempt~~) an exempt use of the property under this section if the  
3 proceeds are devoted to the furtherance of the purposes of the  
4 selling organization or association as specified in this subsection  
5 (1).

6       (2) Property owned by any nonprofit church, denomination, group  
7 of churches, or an organization or association, the membership of  
8 which is comprised solely of churches or their qualified  
9 representatives, which is utilized as a camp facility if used for  
10 organized and supervised recreational activities and church purposes  
11 as related to such camp facilities. The exemption provided by this  
12 (~~paragraph~~) subsection shall apply to a maximum of (~~two hundred~~)  
13 200 acres of any such camp as selected by the church, including  
14 buildings and other improvements thereon.

15       (3) Property, including buildings and improvements required for  
16 the maintenance and safeguarding of such property, owned by nonprofit  
17 organizations or associations engaged in character building of boys  
18 and girls under (~~eighteen~~) 18 years of age, and used for such  
19 purposes and uses, provided such purposes and uses are for the  
20 general public good: PROVIDED, That if existing charters provide that  
21 organizations or associations, which would otherwise qualify under  
22 the provisions of this (~~paragraph~~) subsection, serve boys and girls  
23 up to the age of (~~twenty-one~~) 21 years, then such organizations or  
24 associations shall be deemed qualified pursuant to this section.

25       (4) Property owned by all organizations and societies of veterans  
26 of any war of the United States, recognized as such by the department  
27 of defense, which shall have national charters, and which shall have  
28 for their general purposes and objects the preservation of the  
29 memories and associations incident to their war service and the  
30 consecration of the efforts of their members to mutual helpfulness  
31 and to patriotic and community service to state and nation. To be  
32 exempt such property must be used in such manner as may be reasonably  
33 necessary to carry out the purposes and objects of such societies.

34       (5) Property owned by all corporations, incorporated under any  
35 act of congress, whose principal purposes are to furnish volunteer  
36 aid to members of the armed forces of the United States and also to  
37 carry on a system of national and international relief and to apply  
38 the same in mitigating the sufferings caused by pestilence, famine,  
39 fire, floods, and other national calamities and to devise and carry  
40 on measures for preventing the same.

1 (6) Property owned by nonprofit organizations exempt from federal  
2 income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code of  
3 1954, as amended, that are guarantee agencies under the federal  
4 guaranteed student loan program or that issue debt to provide or  
5 acquire student loans.

6 (7) To be exempt under this section, the property must be used  
7 exclusively for the purposes for which exemption is granted, except  
8 as otherwise provided in this section or RCW 84.36.805.

9 (8) For the purposes of this section, "general public good" means  
10 members of the community derive a benefit from the rental or use of  
11 the property by the nonprofit community group or organization.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act applies to taxes levied for  
13 collection in 2026 and thereafter.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** RCW 82.32.805 and 82.32.808 do not apply  
15 to this act.

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