SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1791

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By House Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Paul, Low, Ramel, Peterson, Nance, Springer, and Leavitt)

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AN ACT Relating to increasing the flexibility of existing funding sources to fund public safety and other facilities by modifying the local real estate excise tax; amending RCW 82.45.010, 82.45.010, 82.46.010, 82.46.015, 82.46.035, and 82.46.037; creating a new section; providing an effective date; and providing an expiration date.

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

8 Sec. 1. RCW 82.45.010 and 2022 c 199 s 3 are each amended to 9 read as follows:

(1) As used in this chapter, the term "sale" has its ordinary 10 11 meaning and includes any conveyance, grant, assignment, quitclaim, or 12 transfer of the ownership of or title to real property, including 13 standing timber, or any estate or interest therein for a valuable 14 consideration, and any contract for such conveyance, grant, assignment, quitclaim, or transfer, and any lease with an option to 15 16 purchase real property, including standing timber, or any estate or 17 interest therein or other contract under which possession of the 18 property is given to the purchaser, or any other person at the 19 purchaser's direction, and title to the property is retained by the 20 vendor as security for the payment of the purchase price. The term

also includes the grant, assignment, quitclaim, sale, or transfer of
 improvements constructed upon leased land.

3 (2)(a) The term "sale" also includes the transfer or acquisition 4 within any ((thirty-six)) <u>36</u> month period of a controlling interest 5 in any entity with an interest in real property located in this state 6 for a valuable consideration.

(b) For the sole purpose of determining whether, pursuant to the 7 exercise of an option, a controlling interest was transferred or 8 acquired within a ((thirty-six)) 36 month period, the date that the 9 option agreement was executed is the date on which the transfer or 10 11 acquisition of the controlling interest is deemed to occur. For all 12 other purposes under this chapter, the date upon which the option is exercised is the date of the transfer or acquisition of the 13 14 controlling interest.

15 (c) For purposes of this subsection, all acquisitions of persons 16 acting in concert must be aggregated for purposes of determining 17 whether a transfer or acquisition of a controlling interest has taken 18 place. The department must adopt standards by rule to determine when 19 persons are acting in concert. In adopting a rule for this purpose, 20 the department must consider the following:

(i) Persons must be treated as acting in concert when they have a relationship with each other such that one person influences or controls the actions of another through common ownership; and

(ii) When persons are not commonly owned or controlled, they must 24 25 be treated as acting in concert only when the unity with which the 26 purchasers have negotiated and will consummate the transfer of ownership interests supports a finding that they are acting as a 27 single entity. If the acquisitions are completely independent, with 28 29 each purchaser buying without regard to the identity of the other purchasers, then the acquisitions are considered separate 30 31 acquisitions.

32 33 (3) The term "sale" does not include:

(a) A transfer by gift, devise, or inheritance.

34 (b) A transfer by transfer on death deed, to the extent that it 35 is not in satisfaction of a contractual obligation of the decedent 36 owed to the recipient of the property.

37 (c) A transfer of any leasehold interest other than of the type 38 mentioned above.

39 (d) A cancellation or forfeiture of a vendee's interest in a 40 contract for the sale of real property, whether or not such contract 1 contains a forfeiture clause, or deed in lieu of foreclosure of a 2 mortgage.

3 (e) The partition of property by tenants in common by agreement 4 or as the result of a court decree.

5 (f) The assignment of property or interest in property from one 6 spouse or one domestic partner to the other spouse or other domestic 7 partner in accordance with the terms of a decree of dissolution of 8 marriage or state registered domestic partnership or in fulfillment 9 of a property settlement agreement.

10 (g) The assignment or other transfer of a vendor's interest in a 11 contract for the sale of real property, even though accompanied by a 12 conveyance of the vendor's interest in the real property involved.

(h) Transfers by appropriation or decree in condemnation proceedings brought by the United States, the state or any political subdivision thereof, or a municipal corporation.

16 (i) A mortgage or other transfer of an interest in real property 17 merely to secure a debt, or the assignment thereof.

(j) Any transfer or conveyance made pursuant to a deed of trust or an order of sale by the court in any mortgage, deed of trust, or lien foreclosure proceeding or upon execution of a judgment, or deed in lieu of foreclosure to satisfy a mortgage or deed of trust.

(k) A conveyance to the federal housing administration or veterans administration by an authorized mortgagee made pursuant to a contract of insurance or guaranty with the federal housing administration or veterans administration.

(1) A transfer in compliance with the terms of any lease or contract upon which the tax as imposed by this chapter has been paid or where the lease or contract was entered into prior to the date this tax was first imposed.

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(m) The sale of any grave or lot in an established cemetery.

(n) A sale by the United States, this state or any politicalsubdivision thereof, or a municipal corporation of this state.

33 (o) A sale to a regional transit authority or public corporation 34 under RCW 81.112.320 under a sale/leaseback agreement under RCW 35 81.112.300.

36 (p) A transfer of real property, however effected, if it consists 37 of a mere change in identity or form of ownership of an entity where 38 there is no change in the beneficial ownership. These include 39 transfers to a corporation or partnership which is wholly owned by 40 the transferor and/or the transferor's spouse or domestic partner or

1 children of the transferor or the transferor's spouse or domestic partner. However, if thereafter such transferee corporation or 2 3 partnership voluntarily transfers such real property, or such transferor, spouse or domestic partner, or children of the transferor 4 or the transferor's spouse or domestic partner voluntarily transfer 5 6 stock in the transferee corporation or interest in the transferee 7 partnership capital, as the case may be, to other than (i) the transferor and/or the transferor's spouse or domestic partner or 8 children of the transferor or the transferor's spouse or domestic 9 partner, (ii) a trust having the transferor and/or the transferor's 10 spouse or domestic partner or children of the transferor or the 11 12 transferor's spouse or domestic partner as the only beneficiaries at the time of the transfer to the trust, or (iii) a corporation or 13 partnership wholly owned by the original transferor and/or the 14 15 transferor's spouse or domestic partner or children of the transferor 16 or the transferor's spouse or domestic partner, within three years of 17 the original transfer to which this exemption applies, and the tax on the subsequent transfer has not been paid within ((sixty)) 60 days of 18 19 becoming due, excise taxes become due and payable on the original transfer as otherwise provided by law. 20

(q) (i) A transfer that for federal income tax purposes does not involve the recognition of gain or loss for entity formation, liquidation or dissolution, and reorganization, including but not limited to nonrecognition of gain or loss because of application of 26 U.S.C. Sec. 332, 337, 351, 368(a) (1), 721, or 731 of the internal revenue code of 1986, as amended.

27 (ii) However, the transfer described in (q)(i) of this subsection 28 cannot be preceded or followed within a ((thirty-six)) 36 month period by another transfer or series of transfers, that, when 29 combined with the otherwise exempt transfer or transfers described in 30 31 (q)(i) of this subsection, results in the transfer of a controlling 32 interest in the entity for valuable consideration, and in which one or more persons previously holding a controlling interest in the 33 entity receive cash or property in exchange for any interest the 34 person or persons acting in concert hold in the entity. This 35 subsection (3)(q)(ii) does not apply to that part of the transfer 36 involving property received that is the real property interest that 37 the person or persons originally contributed to the entity or when 38 39 one or more persons who did not contribute real property or belong to 40 the entity at a time when real property was purchased receive cash or

personal property in exchange for that person or persons' interest in the entity. The real estate excise tax under this subsection (3)(q)(ii) is imposed upon the person or persons who previously held a controlling interest in the entity.

5 (r) A qualified sale of a manufactured/mobile home community, as 6 defined in RCW 59.20.030.

7 (s)(i) A transfer of a qualified low-income housing development 8 or controlling interest in a qualified low-income housing 9 development, unless, due to noncompliance with federal statutory 10 requirements, the seller is subject to recapture, in whole or in 11 part, of its allocated federal low-income housing tax credits within 12 the four years prior to the date of transfer.

(ii) For purposes of this subsection (3)(s), "qualified low-13 income housing development" means real property and improvements in 14 respect to which the seller or, in the case of a transfer of a 15 controlling interest, the owner or beneficial owner, was allocated 16 17 federal low-income housing tax credits authorized under 26 U.S.C. 18 Sec. 42 or successor statute, by the Washington state housing finance 19 commission or successor state-authorized tax credit allocating 20 agency.

(iii) This subsection (3)(s) does not apply to transfers of a qualified low-income housing development or controlling interest in a qualified low-income housing development occurring on or after July 1, 2035.

25 (iv) The Washington state housing finance commission, in 26 consultation with the department, must gather data on: (A) The fiscal savings, if any, accruing to transferees as a result of the exemption 27 28 provided in this subsection (3)(s); (B) the extent to which transferors of qualified low-income housing developments receive 29 consideration, including any assumption of debt, as part of a 30 31 transfer subject to the exemption provided in this subsection (3)(s); 32 and (C) the continued use of the property for low-income housing. The 33 Washington state housing finance commission must provide this information to the joint legislative audit and review committee. The 34 committee must conduct a review of the tax preference created under 35 this subsection (3)(s) in calendar year 2033, as required under 36 chapter 43.136 RCW. 37

38 (t)(i) A qualified transfer of residential property by a legal 39 representative of a person with developmental disabilities to a 40 qualified entity subject to the following conditions:

1 (A) The adult child with developmental disabilities of the 2 transferor of the residential property must be allowed to reside in 3 the residence or successor property so long as the placement is safe 4 and appropriate as determined by the department of social and health 5 services;

6 (B) The title to the residential property is conveyed without the 7 receipt of consideration by the legal representative of a person with 8 developmental disabilities to a qualified entity;

9 (C) The residential property must have no more than four living 10 units located on it; and

11 (D) The residential property transferred must remain in continued use for ((fifty)) 50 years by the qualified entity as supported 12 living for persons with developmental disabilities by the qualified 13 14 entity or successor entity. If the qualified entity sells or otherwise conveys ownership of the residential property the proceeds 15 16 of the sale or conveyance must be used to acquire similar residential 17 property and such similar residential property must be considered the successor for continued use. The property will not be considered in 18 continued use if the department of social and health services finds 19 that the property has failed, after a reasonable time to remedy, to 20 21 meet any health and safety statutory or regulatory requirements. If the department of social and health services determines that the 22 property fails to meet the requirements for continued use, the 23 department of social and health services must notify the department 24 25 and the real estate excise tax based on the value of the property at 26 the time of the transfer into use as residential property for persons with developmental disabilities becomes immediately due and payable 27 by the qualified entity. The tax due is not subject to penalties, 28 29 fees, or interest under this title.

30 (ii) For the purposes of this subsection (3)(t) the definitions 31 in RCW 71A.10.020 apply.

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(iii) A "qualified entity" is:

(A) A nonprofit organization under Title 26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3) of the federal internal revenue code of 1986, as amended, as of June 7, 2018, or a subsidiary under the same taxpayer identification number that provides residential supported living for persons with developmental disabilities; or

(B) A nonprofit adult family home, as defined in RCW 70.128.010,that exclusively serves persons with developmental disabilities.

1 (iv) In order to receive an exemption under this subsection 2 (3)(t) an affidavit must be submitted by the transferor of the 3 residential property and must include a copy of the transfer 4 agreement and any other documentation as required by the department.

5 (u)(i) The sale by an affordable homeownership facilitator of 6 self-help housing to a low-income household.

7 (ii) The definitions in this subsection (3)(u) apply to this 8 subsection (3)(u) unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

9 (A) "Affordable homeownership facilitator" means a nonprofit 10 community or neighborhood-based organization that is exempt from 11 income tax under Title 26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c) of the internal revenue 12 code of 1986, as amended, as of October 1, 2019, and that is the 13 developer of self-help housing.

(B) "Low-income" means household income as defined by the department, provided that the definition may not exceed ((eighty)) <u>80</u> percent of median household income, adjusted for household size, for the county in which the dwelling is located.

18 (C) "Self-help housing" means dwelling residences provided for 19 ownership by low-income individuals and families whose ownership 20 requirement includes labor participation. "Self-help housing" does 21 not include residential rental housing provided on a commercial basis 22 to the general public.

(v)(i) A sale or transfer of real property to a qualifying 23 grantee that uses the property for housing for low-income persons and 24 25 receives or otherwise qualifies the property for an exemption from 26 real and personal property taxes under RCW 84.36.560, 84.36.049, 35.82.210, 35.21.755, or 84.36.010. For purposes of this subsection 27 (3) (v), "qualifying grantee" means a nonprofit entity as defined in 28 29 RCW 84.36.560, a nonprofit entity or qualified cooperative association as defined in RCW 84.36.049, a housing authority created 30 31 under RCW 35.82.030 or 35.82.300, a public corporation established 32 under RCW 35.21.660 or 35.21.730, or a county or municipal 33 corporation. A qualifying grantee that is a county or municipal corporation must record a covenant at the time of transfer that 34 prohibits using the property for any purpose other than for low-35 36 income housing for a period of at least 10 years. At a minimum, the covenant must address price restrictions and household income limits 37 for the low-income housing. A qualifying grantee must comply with the 38 39 requirements described in (v)(i)(A), (B), or (C) of this subsection

and must also certify, by affidavit at the time of sale or transfer,
 that it intends to comply with those requirements.

3 (A) If the qualifying grantee intends to operate existing housing4 on the property, within one year of the sale or transfer:

5 (I) The qualifying grantee must receive or qualify the property 6 for a tax exemption under RCW 84.36.560, 84.36.049, 7 35.82.210, 35.21.755, or 84.36.010; and

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(II) The property must be used as housing for low-income persons.

9 (B) If the qualifying grantee intends to develop new housing on 10 the site, within five years of the sale or transfer:

(I) The qualifying grantee must receive or qualify the property for a tax exemption under RCW 84.36.560, 84.36.049, 35.82.210, 35.21.755, or 84.36.010; and

14 (II) The property must be used as housing for low-income persons.

15 (C) If the qualifying grantee intends to substantially 16 rehabilitate the premises as defined in RCW 59.18.200, within three 17 years:

(I) The qualifying grantee must receive or qualify the property for a tax exemption under RCW 84.36.560, 84.36.049, 35.82.210, 35.21.755, or 84.36.010; and

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(II) The property must be used as housing for low-income persons.

(ii) If the qualifying grantee fails to satisfy the requirements described in (v)(i)(A), (B), or (C) of this subsection, within the timelines described in (v)(i)(A), (B), or (C) of this subsection, the qualifying grantee must pay the tax that would have otherwise been due at the time of initial transfer, plus interest calculated from the date of initial transfer pursuant to RCW 82.32.050.

(iii) If a qualifying grantee transfers the property to a 28 29 different qualifying grantee within the original timelines described in (v)(i)(A), (B), or (C) of this subsection, neither the original 30 31 qualifying grantee nor the new qualifying grantee is required to pay 32 the tax, so long as the new qualifying grantee satisfies the requirements as described in (v)(i)(A), (B), or (C) of this 33 subsection within the exemption period of the initial transfer. If 34 35 the new qualifying grantee fails to satisfy the requirements 36 described in (v)(i)(A), (B), or (C) of this subsection, only the new qualifying grantee is liable for the payment of taxes required by 37 (v)(ii) of this subsection. There is no limit on the number of 38 transfers between qualifying grantees within the original timelines. 39

1 (iv) Each affidavit must be filed with the department upon 2 completion of the sale or transfer of property, including transfers 3 from a qualifying grantee to a different qualifying grantee. The 4 qualifying grantee must provide proof to the department as required 5 by the department once the requirements as described in (v)(i)(A), 6 (B), or (C) of this subsection have been satisfied.

7 (v) For the purposes of this subsection (3)(v), "low-income" has 8 the same meaning as in (u) of this subsection.

9 <u>(w)(i) Beginning January 1, 2026, the sale of qualified space in</u> 10 <u>a development that qualifies for a property tax exemption under RCW</u> 11 <u>84.36.560, 84.36.049, 35.82.210, 35.21.755, or 84.36.010 to a</u> 12 <u>nonprofit organization, a housing authority, or public corporation</u> 13 <u>for use for an exempt community purpose.</u>

14 <u>(ii) For the purposes of this subsection (3)(w), the following</u> 15 <u>definitions apply:</u>

16 <u>(A) "Affordable housing development" means a development with</u> 17 housing provided to households with a household income that does not 18 <u>exceed 80 percent of median household income at initial occupancy,</u> 19 <u>adjusted for household size, for the county in which the dwelling is</u> 20 located.

(B) "Exempt community purpose" means any use to provide a service that benefits affordable housing development tenants or the public including, but not limited to, health clinics, senior day care, food banks, community centers, and early learning facilities.

25 (C) "Nonprofit organization" means an organization exempt from 26 taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code of 1986 27 (26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3)), as amended.

28 (D) "Qualified space" means any portion of an affordable housing 29 development that is accessible to tenants or the public that 30 constitutes a separate legal parcel of property under chapter 64.32, 31 64.34, or 64.90 RCW.

32 Sec. 2. RCW 82.45.010 and 2022 c 199 s 4 are each amended to 33 read as follows:

(1) As used in this chapter, the term "sale" has its ordinary meaning and includes any conveyance, grant, assignment, quitclaim, or transfer of the ownership of or title to real property, including standing timber, or any estate or interest therein for a valuable consideration, and any contract for such conveyance, grant, assignment, quitclaim, or transfer, and any lease with an option to 1 purchase real property, including standing timber, or any estate or 2 interest therein or other contract under which possession of the 3 property is given to the purchaser, or any other person at the 4 purchaser's direction, and title to the property is retained by the 5 vendor as security for the payment of the purchase price. The term 6 also includes the grant, assignment, quitclaim, sale, or transfer of 7 improvements constructed upon leased land.

8 (2)(a) The term "sale" also includes the transfer or acquisition 9 within any ((thirty-six)) <u>36</u> month period of a controlling interest 10 in any entity with an interest in real property located in this state 11 for a valuable consideration.

12 (b) For the sole purpose of determining whether, pursuant to the exercise of an option, a controlling interest was transferred or 13 acquired within a ((thirty-six)) 36 month period, the date that the 14 option agreement was executed is the date on which the transfer or 15 16 acquisition of the controlling interest is deemed to occur. For all other purposes under this chapter, the date upon which the option is 17 18 exercised is the date of the transfer or acquisition of the 19 controlling interest.

(c) For purposes of this subsection, all acquisitions of persons acting in concert must be aggregated for purposes of determining whether a transfer or acquisition of a controlling interest has taken place. The department must adopt standards by rule to determine when persons are acting in concert. In adopting a rule for this purpose, the department must consider the following:

(i) Persons must be treated as acting in concert when they have a
relationship with each other such that one person influences or
controls the actions of another through common ownership; and

29 (ii) When persons are not commonly owned or controlled, they must be treated as acting in concert only when the unity with which the 30 31 purchasers have negotiated and will consummate the transfer of 32 ownership interests supports a finding that they are acting as a single entity. If the acquisitions are completely independent, with 33 each purchaser buying without regard to the identity of the other 34 35 purchasers, then the acquisitions are considered separate 36 acquisitions.

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(3) The term "sale" does not include:

38 (a) A transfer by gift, devise, or inheritance.

1 (b) A transfer by transfer on death deed, to the extent that it 2 is not in satisfaction of a contractual obligation of the decedent 3 owed to the recipient of the property.

4 (c) A transfer of any leasehold interest other than of the type 5 mentioned above.

6 (d) A cancellation or forfeiture of a vendee's interest in a 7 contract for the sale of real property, whether or not such contract 8 contains a forfeiture clause, or deed in lieu of foreclosure of a 9 mortgage.

10 (e) The partition of property by tenants in common by agreement 11 or as the result of a court decree.

12 (f) The assignment of property or interest in property from one 13 spouse or one domestic partner to the other spouse or other domestic 14 partner in accordance with the terms of a decree of dissolution of 15 marriage or state registered domestic partnership or in fulfillment 16 of a property settlement agreement.

(g) The assignment or other transfer of a vendor's interest in a contract for the sale of real property, even though accompanied by a conveyance of the vendor's interest in the real property involved.

(h) Transfers by appropriation or decree in condemnation proceedings brought by the United States, the state or any political subdivision thereof, or a municipal corporation.

(i) A mortgage or other transfer of an interest in real property merely to secure a debt, or the assignment thereof.

(j) Any transfer or conveyance made pursuant to a deed of trust or an order of sale by the court in any mortgage, deed of trust, or lien foreclosure proceeding or upon execution of a judgment, or deed in lieu of foreclosure to satisfy a mortgage or deed of trust.

(k) A conveyance to the federal housing administration or veterans administration by an authorized mortgagee made pursuant to a contract of insurance or guaranty with the federal housing administration or veterans administration.

(1) A transfer in compliance with the terms of any lease or contract upon which the tax as imposed by this chapter has been paid or where the lease or contract was entered into prior to the date this tax was first imposed.

37 (m) The sale of any grave or lot in an established cemetery.

(n) A sale by the United States, this state or any politicalsubdivision thereof, or a municipal corporation of this state.

(o) A sale to a regional transit authority or public corporation
 under RCW 81.112.320 under a sale/leaseback agreement under RCW
 81.112.300.

(p) A transfer of real property, however effected, if it consists 4 of a mere change in identity or form of ownership of an entity where 5 6 there is no change in the beneficial ownership. These include transfers to a corporation or partnership which is wholly owned by 7 the transferor and/or the transferor's spouse or domestic partner or 8 children of the transferor or the transferor's spouse or domestic 9 partner. However, if thereafter such transferee corporation or 10 11 partnership voluntarily transfers such real property, or such transferor, spouse or domestic partner, or children of the transferor 12 or the transferor's spouse or domestic partner voluntarily transfer 13 stock in the transferee corporation or interest in the transferee 14 partnership capital, as the case may be, to other than (i) the 15 16 transferor and/or the transferor's spouse or domestic partner or 17 children of the transferor or the transferor's spouse or domestic partner, (ii) a trust having the transferor and/or the transferor's 18 spouse or domestic partner or children of the transferor or the 19 transferor's spouse or domestic partner as the only beneficiaries at 20 21 the time of the transfer to the trust, or (iii) a corporation or partnership wholly owned by the original transferor and/or the 22 23 transferor's spouse or domestic partner or children of the transferor or the transferor's spouse or domestic partner, within three years of 24 25 the original transfer to which this exemption applies, and the tax on the subsequent transfer has not been paid within sixty days of 26 becoming due, excise taxes become due and payable on the original 27 28 transfer as otherwise provided by law.

(q) (i) A transfer that for federal income tax purposes does not involve the recognition of gain or loss for entity formation, liquidation or dissolution, and reorganization, including but not limited to nonrecognition of gain or loss because of application of 26 U.S.C. Sec. 332, 337, 351, 368(a) (1), 721, or 731 of the internal revenue code of 1986, as amended.

(ii) However, the transfer described in (q)(i) of this subsection cannot be preceded or followed within a ((thirty-six)) <u>36</u> month period by another transfer or series of transfers, that, when combined with the otherwise exempt transfer or transfers described in (q)(i) of this subsection, results in the transfer of a controlling interest in the entity for valuable consideration, and in which one

or more persons previously holding a controlling interest in the 1 entity receive cash or property in exchange for any interest the 2 3 person or persons acting in concert hold in the entity. This subsection (3)(q)(ii) does not apply to that part of the transfer 4 involving property received that is the real property interest that 5 6 the person or persons originally contributed to the entity or when one or more persons who did not contribute real property or belong to 7 the entity at a time when real property was purchased receive cash or 8 personal property in exchange for that person or persons' interest in 9 the entity. The real estate excise tax under this subsection 10 11 (3) (q) (ii) is imposed upon the person or persons who previously held 12 a controlling interest in the entity.

(r) A qualified sale of a manufactured/mobile home community, as defined in RCW 59.20.030, that takes place on or after June 12, 2008, but before December 31, 2018.

(s) (i) A transfer of a qualified low-income housing development or controlling interest in a qualified low-income housing development, unless, due to noncompliance with federal statutory requirements, the seller is subject to recapture, in whole or in part, of its allocated federal low-income housing tax credits within the four years prior to the date of transfer.

22 (ii) For purposes of this subsection (3)(s), "qualified low-23 income housing development" means real property and improvements in respect to which the seller or, in the case of a transfer of a 24 25 controlling interest, the owner or beneficial owner, was allocated federal low-income housing tax credits authorized under 26 U.S.C. 26 Sec. 42 or successor statute, by the Washington state housing finance 27 28 commission or successor state-authorized tax credit allocating 29 agency.

30 (iii) This subsection (3)(s) does not apply to transfers of a 31 qualified low-income housing development or controlling interest in a 32 qualified low-income housing development occurring on or after July 33 1, 2035.

The Washington state housing finance commission, in 34 (iv) 35 consultation with the department, must gather data on: (A) The fiscal savings, if any, accruing to transferees as a result of the exemption 36 provided in this subsection (3)(s); (B) the extent to 37 which transferors of qualified low-income housing developments receive 38 39 consideration, including any assumption of debt, as part of a 40 transfer subject to the exemption provided in this subsection (3)(s);

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and (C) the continued use of the property for low-income housing. The Washington state housing finance commission must provide this information to the joint legislative audit and review committee. The committee must conduct a review of the tax preference created under this subsection (3)(s) in calendar year 2033, as required under chapter 43.136 RCW.

7 (t)(i) A qualified transfer of residential property by a legal 8 representative of a person with developmental disabilities to a 9 qualified entity subject to the following conditions:

10 (A) The adult child with developmental disabilities of the 11 transferor of the residential property must be allowed to reside in 12 the residence or successor property so long as the placement is safe 13 and appropriate as determined by the department of social and health 14 services;

(B) The title to the residential property is conveyed without the receipt of consideration by the legal representative of a person with developmental disabilities to a qualified entity;

18 (C) The residential property must have no more than four living 19 units located on it; and

(D) The residential property transferred must remain in continued 20 21 use for ((fifty)) 50 years by the qualified entity as supported living for persons with developmental disabilities by the qualified 22 23 entity or successor entity. If the qualified entity sells or otherwise conveys ownership of the residential property the proceeds 24 25 of the sale or conveyance must be used to acquire similar residential 26 property and such similar residential property must be considered the successor for continued use. The property will not be considered in 27 continued use if the department of social and health services finds 28 29 that the property has failed, after a reasonable time to remedy, to meet any health and safety statutory or regulatory requirements. If 30 31 the department of social and health services determines that the 32 property fails to meet the requirements for continued use, the department of social and health services must notify the department 33 and the real estate excise tax based on the value of the property at 34 the time of the transfer into use as residential property for persons 35 36 with developmental disabilities becomes immediately due and payable by the qualified entity. The tax due is not subject to penalties, 37 38 fees, or interest under this title.

39 (ii) For the purposes of this subsection (3)(t) the definitions 40 in RCW 71A.10.020 apply.

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(iii) A "qualified entity" is:

2 (A) A nonprofit organization under Title 26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3) 3 of the federal internal revenue code of 1986, as amended, as of June 4 7, 2018, or a subsidiary under the same taxpayer identification 5 number that provides residential supported living for persons with 6 developmental disabilities; or

7 (B) A nonprofit adult family home, as defined in RCW 70.128.010,
8 that exclusively serves persons with developmental disabilities.

9 (iv) In order to receive an exemption under this subsection 10 (3)(t) an affidavit must be submitted by the transferor of the 11 residential property and must include a copy of the transfer 12 agreement and any other documentation as required by the department.

(u) (i) A sale or transfer of real property to a qualifying 13 grantee that uses the property for housing for low-income persons and 14 receives or otherwise qualifies the property for an exemption from 15 16 real and personal property taxes under RCW 84.36.560, 84.36.049, 17 35.82.210, 35.21.755, or 84.36.010. For purposes of this subsection (3)(u), "qualifying grantee" means a nonprofit entity as defined in 18 19 84.36.560, a nonprofit entity or qualified cooperative RCW association as defined in RCW 84.36.049, a housing authority created 20 under RCW 35.82.030 or 35.82.300, a public corporation established 21 22 under RCW 35.21.660 or 35.21.730, or a county or municipal corporation. A qualifying grantee that is a county or municipal 23 24 corporation must record a covenant at the time of transfer that 25 prohibits using the property for any purpose other than for low-26 income housing for a period of at least 10 years. At a minimum, the covenant must address price restrictions and household income limits 27 for the low-income housing. A qualifying grantee must comply with the 28 29 requirements described in (u)(i)(A), (B), or (C) of this subsection and must also certify, by affidavit at the time of sale or transfer, 30 31 that it intends to comply with those requirements.

32 (A) If the qualifying grantee intends to operate existing housing33 on the property, within one year of the sale or transfer:

(I) The qualifying grantee must receive or qualify the property for a tax exemption under RCW 84.36.560, 84.36.049, 35.82.210, 35.21.755, or 84.36.010; and

37 (II) The property must be used as housing for low-income persons.

(B) If the qualifying grantee intends to develop new housing onthe site, within five years of the sale or transfer:

1 (I) The qualifying grantee must receive or qualify the property 2 for a tax exemption under RCW 84.36.560, 84.36.049, 3 35.82.210, 35.21.755, or 84.36.010; and

4 (II) The property must be used as housing for low-income persons.
5 (C) If the qualifying grantee intends to substantially
6 rehabilitate the premises as defined in RCW 59.18.200, within three
7 years:

8 (I) The qualifying grantee must receive or qualify the property 9 for a tax exemption under RCW 84.36.560, 84.36.049, 10 35.82.210, 35.21.755, or 84.36.010; and

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(II) The property must be used as housing for low-income persons.

(ii) If the qualifying grantee fails to satisfy the requirements described in (u)(i)(A), (B), or (C) of this subsection, within the timelines described in (u)(i)(A), (B), or (C) of this subsection, the qualifying grantee must pay the tax that would have otherwise been due at the time of initial transfer, plus interest calculated from the date of initial transfer pursuant to RCW 82.32.050.

18 (iii) If a qualifying grantee transfers the property to a different qualifying grantee within the original timelines described 19 in (u)(i)(A), (B), or (C) of this subsection, neither the original 20 21 qualifying grantee nor the new qualifying grantee is required to pay 22 the tax, so long as the new qualifying grantee satisfies the requirements as described in (u)(i)(A), (B), or (C) of this 23 subsection within the exemption period of the initial transfer. If 24 25 the new qualifying grantee fails to satisfy the requirements described in (u)(i)(A), (B), or (C) of this subsection, only the new 26 qualifying grantee is liable for the payment of taxes required by 27 28 (u)(ii) of this subsection. There is no limit on the number of 29 transfers between qualifying grantees within the original timelines.

30 (iv) Each affidavit must be filed with the department upon 31 completion of the sale or transfer of property, including transfers 32 from a qualifying grantee to a different qualifying grantee. The 33 qualifying grantee must provide proof to the department as required 34 by the department once the requirements as described in (u)(i)(A), 35 (B), or (C) of this subsection have been satisfied.

36 (v) For the purposes of this subsection (3)(u), "low-income" 37 means household income as defined by the department, provided that 38 the definition may not exceed 80 percent of median household income, 39 adjusted for household size, for the county in which the dwelling is 40 located.

1	<u>(v)(i) The sale of qualified space in a development that</u>
2	qualifies for a property tax exemption under RCW 84.36.560,
3	<u>84.36.049, 35.82.210, 35.21.755, or 84.36.010 to a nonprofit</u>
4	organization, a housing authority, or public corporation for use for
5	an exempt community purpose.
6	(ii) For the purposes of this subsection (3)(v), the following
7	definitions apply:
8	(A) "Affordable housing development" means a development with
9	housing provided to households with a household income that does not
10	exceed 80 percent of median household income at initial occupancy,
11	adjusted for household size, for the county in which the dwelling is
12	located.
13	(B) "Exempt community purpose" means any use to provide a service
14	that benefits affordable housing development tenants or the public
15	including, but not limited to, health clinics, senior day care, food
16	banks, community centers, and early learning facilities.
17	(C) "Nonprofit organization" means an organization exempt from
18	taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code of 1986
19	(26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3)), as amended.
20	(D) "Qualified space" means any portion of an affordable housing
21	development that is accessible to tenants or the public that

21 <u>development that is accessible to tenants or the public that</u> 22 <u>constitutes a separate legal parcel of property under chapter 64.32,</u> 23 <u>64.34, or 64.90 RCW.</u>

24 Sec. 3. RCW 82.46.010 and 2021 c 296 s 10 are each amended to 25 read as follows:

(1) The legislative authority of any county or city must identify in the adopted budget the capital projects funded in whole or in part from the proceeds of the tax authorized in this section, and must indicate that such tax is intended to be in addition to other funds that may be reasonably available for such capital projects.

31 (2)(((-a))) The legislative authority of any county or any city may impose an excise tax on each sale of real property in the 32 unincorporated areas of the county for the county tax and in the 33 corporate limits of the city for the city tax at a rate not exceeding 34 35 ((one-quarter of one)) <u>0.25</u> percent of the selling price. ((Except as provided in subsection (8) of this section, the)) The revenues from 36 this tax must be used by any city or county ((with a population of 37 5,000 or less and any city or county that does not plan under RCW 38 36.70A.040)) for any capital purpose identified in a capital 39

1 improvements plan and local capital improvements, including those 2 listed in RCW 35.43.040((-

(b) Except as provided in subsection (8) of this section, after 3 April 30, 1992, revenues generated from the tax imposed under this 4 subsection (2) in counties over 5,000 population and cities over 5 6 5,000 population that are required or choose to plan under RCW 36.70A.040 must be used solely)) and for ((financing)) capital 7 projects specified in a capital facilities plan element of a 8 comprehensive plan and housing relocation assistance under RCW 9 59.18.440 and 59.18.450. However, revenues (((i))) <u>(a)</u> pledged by 10 such counties and cities to debt retirement prior to April 30, 1992, 11 12 may continue to be used for that purpose until the original debt for which the revenues were pledged is retired, or ((((ii))) (b) committed 13 prior to April 30, 1992, by such counties or cities to a project may 14 continue to be used for that purpose until the project is completed. 15

16 (3) In lieu of imposing the tax authorized in RCW 82.14.030(2), 17 the legislative authority of any county or any city may impose an 18 additional excise tax on each sale of real property in the 19 unincorporated areas of the county for the county tax and in the 20 corporate limits of the city for the city tax at a rate not exceeding 21 ((one-half of one)) 0.5 percent of the selling price.

(4) Taxes imposed under this section must be collected from persons who are taxable by the state under chapter 82.45 RCW upon the occurrence of any taxable event within the unincorporated areas of the county or within the corporate limits of the city, as the case may be.

(5) Taxes imposed under this section must comply with all applicable rules, regulations, laws, and court decisions regarding real estate excise taxes as imposed by the state under chapter 82.45 RCW.

(6) The definitions in this subsection (6) apply throughout thissection unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

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(a) "City" means any city or town.

(b) "Capital project" means those public works projects of a 34 35 local government for planning, acquisition, construction, reconstruction, repair, replacement, rehabilitation, or improvement 36 of streets; roads; highways; sidewalks; street and road lighting 37 systems; traffic signals; bridges; domestic water systems; storm and 38 39 sanitary sewer systems; parks; recreational facilities; law enforcement facilities; fire protection facilities; trails; 40

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1 libraries; administrative facilities; judicial facilities; river flood control projects; waterway flood control projects by those 2 jurisdictions that, prior to June 11, 1992, have expended funds 3 derived from the tax authorized by this section for such purposes; 4 until December 31, 1995, housing projects for those jurisdictions 5 6 that, prior to June 11, 1992, have expended or committed to expend funds derived from the tax authorized by this section or the tax 7 authorized by RCW 82.46.035 for such purposes; and technology 8 infrastructure that is integral to the capital project. 9

10 (7) ((From July 22, 2011, until December 31, 2016, a city or 11 county may use the greater of \$100,000 or 35 percent of available 12 funds under this section, but not to exceed \$1,000,000 per year, for 13 the operations and maintenance of existing capital projects as 14 defined in subsection (6) of this section.

15 (8) After May 13, 2021, through December 31, 2023, a city or 16 county may use the greater of \$100,000 or 35 percent of available 17 funds under this section for the operation of, maintenance of, and 18 service support for, existing capital projects, including the 19 provision of services to residents of affordable housing or shelter 20 units.)) A county or city may use available funds under this section 21 for any eligible use in RCW 82.46.035.

22 Sec. 4. RCW 82.46.015 and 2021 c 296 s 11 are each amended to 23 read as follows:

(1) ((After May 13, 2021, through December 31, 2023, a)) A city or county may use the greater of \$100,000 or 35 percent of available funds from revenues collected under RCW 82.46.010 for the maintenance of, operation of, and service support for, existing capital projects, as defined in RCW 82.46.010 <u>and 82.46.035</u>, and including the provision of services to residents of affordable housing or shelter units.

31 (2) ((After December 31, 2023, a city or county that meets the 32 requirements of subsection (3) of this section may use the greater of 33 \$100,000 or 25 percent of available funds, but not to exceed 34 \$1,000,000 per year, from revenues collected under RCW 82.46.010 for 35 the maintenance of capital projects, as defined in RCW 82.46.010.

36 (3)) A city or county may use revenues pursuant to subsection 37 ((-2)) (1) of this section if:

38 (a) ((The city or county prepares a written report demonstrating 39 that it has or will have adequate funding from all sources of public funding to pay for all capital projects, as defined in RCW 82.46.010, identified in its capital facilities plan for the succeeding two-year period. Cities or counties not required to prepare a capital facilities plan may satisfy this provision by using a document that, at a minimum, identifies capital project needs and available public funding sources for the succeeding two-year period; and

7 (b)(i)) The city or county has not enacted, after June 9, 2016: 8 Any requirement on the listing or sale of real property; or any 9 requirement on landlords, at the time of executing a lease, to 10 perform or provide physical improvements or modifications to real 11 property or fixtures, except if necessary to address an immediate 12 threat to health or safety; or

13 (((ii))) (b) Any local requirement adopted by the city or county 14 under (((b)(i))) (a) of this subsection is: Specifically authorized 15 by RCW 35.80.030, 35A.11.020, chapter 7.48 RCW, or chapter 19.27 RCW; 16 specifically authorized by other state or federal law; or a seller or 17 landlord disclosure requirement pursuant to RCW 64.06.080.

18 (((4) The report prepared under subsection (3)(a) of this section 19 must: (a) Include information necessary to determine compliance with the requirements of subsection (3) (a) of this section; (b) identify 20 21 how revenues collected under RCW 82.46.010 were used by the city or county during the prior two-year period; (c) identify how funds 22 authorized under subsection (2) of this section will be used during 23 24 the succeeding two-year period; and (d) identify what percentage of 25 funding for capital projects within the city or county is attributable to revenues under RCW 82.46.010 compared to all other 26 27 sources of capital project funding. The city or county must prepare 28 and adopt the report as part of its regular, public budget process.

29 (5) The authority to use funds as authorized in this section is 30 in addition to the authority to use funds pursuant to RCW 31 82.46.010(7), which remains in effect through December 31, 2016.

32 (6) For purposes of this section, "maintenance" means the use of 33 funds for labor and materials that will preserve, prevent the decline 34 of, or extend the useful life of a capital project. "Maintenance" 35 does not include labor or material costs for routine operations of a 36 capital project.)

37 Sec. 5. RCW 82.46.035 and 2021 c 296 s 12 are each amended to 38 read as follows:

1 (1) ((Except for revenues used after May 13, 2021, through 2 December 31, 2023, as provided in subsection (3) of this section, 3 the)) The legislative authority of any county or city must identify 4 in the adopted budget the capital projects funded in whole or in part 5 from the proceeds of the tax authorized in this section, and must 6 indicate that such tax is intended to be in addition to other funds 7 that may be reasonably available for such capital projects.

(2) The legislative authority of any county or any city that 8 plans under RCW 36.70A.040(1) may impose an additional excise tax on 9 each sale of real property in the unincorporated areas of the county 10 11 for the county tax and in the corporate limits of the city for the 12 city tax at a rate not exceeding ((one-quarter of one)) 0.25 percent of the selling price. Any county choosing to plan under RCW 13 36.70A.040(2) and any city within such a county may only adopt an 14 ordinance imposing the excise tax authorized by this section if the 15 16 ordinance is first authorized by a proposition approved by a majority 17 of the voters of the taxing district voting on the proposition at a 18 general election held within the district or at a special election 19 within the taxing district called by the district for the purpose of submitting such proposition to the voters. 20

21 (3) ((Revenues)) Except as provided in subsection (5) of this 22 section, revenues generated from the tax imposed under subsection (2) of this section must be used by such counties and cities solely for 23 ((financing)) capital projects specified in a capital facilities plan 24 25 element of a comprehensive plan((, except that the greater of 26 \$100,000 or 35 percent of revenues may additionally be used for the operation of, maintenance of, and service support for, existing 27 28 capital projects after May 13, 2021, through December 31, 2023)). 29 However, revenues (a) pledged by such counties and cities to debt retirement prior to March 1, 1992, may continue to be used for that 30 31 purpose until the original debt for which the revenues were pledged 32 is retired, or (b) committed prior to March 1, 1992, by such counties or cities to a project may continue to be used for that purpose until 33 the project is completed. 34

35 (4) ((Revenues generated by the tax imposed by this section must 36 be deposited in a separate account after December 31, 2023.

37 (5)) As used in this section, "city" means any city or town and 38 "capital project" means those public works projects <u>or public</u> 39 <u>investments</u> of a local government for:

(a) Planning, acquisition, construction, reconstruction, repair,
 replacement, rehabilitation, or improvement of streets, roads,
 highways, sidewalks, street and road lighting systems, traffic
 signals, bridges, domestic water systems, storm and sanitary sewer
 systems;

6 (b) Planning, construction, reconstruction, repair, 7 rehabilitation, or improvement of parks; ((and))

8 (c) ((Until January 1, 2026, planning)) Planning, acquisition, 9 construction, reconstruction, repair, replacement, rehabilitation, or 10 improvement of facilities for those experiencing homelessness and 11 affordable housing projects; and

(d) Any use allowed under RCW 82.46.010.

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13 (((6))) <u>(5) Revenues generated by the tax imposed under</u> 14 <u>subsection (2) of this section may be used towards planning,</u> 15 <u>acquisition, construction, reconstruction, repair, replacement,</u> 16 <u>rehabilitation, or improvement of facilities for those experiencing</u> 17 <u>homelessness and affordable housing projects that are supported</u> 18 <u>through an interlocal housing collaboration as established under</u> 19 <u>chapter 39.34 RCW.</u>

27 (7) A county or city using funds for uses in subsection $((\frac{5}{}))$ 28 (4)(c) of this section must document in its plan under RCW 29 36.70A.070(3) that it has funds during the next two years for capital 30 projects in subsection $((\frac{5}{}))$ (4)(a) of this section.

31 (8) When the governor files a notice of noncompliance under RCW 32 36.70A.340 with the secretary of state and the appropriate county or 33 city, the county or city's authority to impose the additional excise 34 tax under this section is temporarily rescinded until the governor 35 files a subsequent notice rescinding the notice of noncompliance.

36 Sec. 6. RCW 82.46.037 and 2021 c 296 s 13 are each amended to 37 read as follows:

38 (1) A city or county that meets the requirements of subsection 39 (2) of this section may use the greater of (0,000 or (25)) 35 percent of available funds((, but not to exceed \$1,000,000 per year, except for the period from May 13, 2021, through December 31, 2023, when the greater of \$100,000 or 35 percent may be used)) from revenues collected under RCW 82.46.035 for((:

5 (a) The maintenance of capital projects, as defined in RCW
6 82.46.035(5);

7 (b) The planning, acquisition, construction, reconstruction, 8 repair, replacement, rehabilitation, improvement, or maintenance of 9 capital projects as defined in RCW 82.46.010(6)(b) that are not also 10 included within the definition of capital projects in RCW 11 82.46.035(5); and

12 (c) The)) the operation of, the maintenance of, and service 13 support for, existing capital projects as included in the definition 14 of capital project in RCW 82.46.035((-5))) (4) and 82.46.010(6) (b) (($_{\tau}$ 15 from May 13, 2021, through December 31, 2023)).

16 (2) A ((city or county may use revenues pursuant to subsection (1) of this section after May 13, 2021, through December 31, 2023. 18 Thereafter, a)) city or county may use revenues pursuant to 19 subsection (1) of this section if:

(a) ((The city or county prepares a written report demonstrating that it has or will have adequate funding from all sources of public funding to pay for all capital projects, as defined in RCW 82.46.035(5), identified in its capital facilities plan for the succeeding two-year period; and

(b) (i)) The city or county has not enacted, after June 9, 2016, any requirement on the listing or sale of real property; or any requirement on landlords, at the time of executing a lease, to perform or provide physical improvements or modifications to real property or fixtures, except if necessary to address an immediate threat to health or safety;

(((ii))) (b) Any local requirement adopted by the city or county under (((b)(i))) (a) of this subsection is: Specifically authorized by RCW 35.80.030, 35A.11.020, chapter 7.48 RCW, or chapter 19.27 RCW; specifically authorized by other state or federal law; or a seller or landlord disclosure requirement pursuant to RCW 64.06.080((; or

36 (iii) For a city or county using funds under subsection (1)(b) of 37 this section, the requirements of this subsection apply, except that 38 the date for such enactment under (b)(i) of this subsection is ninety 39 days after October 19, 2017.

1 (3) The report prepared under subsection (2) (a) of this section must: (a) Include information necessary to determine compliance with 2 the requirements of subsection (2) (a) of this section; (b) identify 3 how revenues collected under RCW 82.46.035 were used by the city or 4 county during the prior two-year period; (c) identify how funds 5 authorized under subsection (1) of this section will be used during 6 the succeeding two-year period; and (d) identify what percentage of 7 funding for capital projects within the city or county is 8 attributable to revenues under RCW 82.46.035 compared to all other 9 10 sources of capital project funding. The city or county must prepare and adopt the report as part of its regular, public budget process. 11

12 (4) For purposes of this section, "maintenance" means the use of 13 funds for labor and materials that will preserve, prevent the decline 14 of, or extend the useful life of a capital project. "Maintenance" 15 does not include labor or material costs for routine operations of a 16 capital project)).

17 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 7. RCW 82.32.805 and 82.32.808 do not apply 18 to this act.

19 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 8. Section 1 of this act expires January 1, 20 2030.

21 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 9. Section 2 of this act takes effect January 22 1, 2030.

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