
SENATE BILL 5674

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By Senators Boehnke and Dozier

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1 AN ACT Relating to manufacturing facilities; adding a new section
2 to chapter 84.36 RCW; creating new sections; and providing an
3 expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the purpose of this act to retain
6 and increase manufacturing opportunities in Washington state. Chapter
7 64, Laws of 2021, also known as the Washington BEST manufacturing
8 act, which was approved unanimously by the legislature in 2021, calls
9 for a doubling of Washington's manufacturing jobs over the next 10
10 years, along with a doubling of the number of manufacturing firms
11 owned by women and people of color. It is further the purpose of this
12 act to stimulate the construction of new manufacturing facilities and
13 the rehabilitation of existing vacant and underutilized buildings for
14 manufacturing purposes. To achieve these purposes, this chapter
15 provides for special valuations for eligible improvements associated
16 with manufacturing.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 84.36
18 RCW to read as follows:

19 (1)(a) All buildings, machinery, equipment, and other personal
20 property which is used primarily for manufacturing, the land upon

1 which the property is located, and land that is reasonably necessary
2 for the manufacturing facility, which together comprise a new
3 manufacturing facility or an addition to an existing manufacturing
4 facility, is exempt from property taxation for the six assessment
5 years following the date on which the facility or the addition to the
6 existing facility becomes operational.

7 (b) In addition to the conditions in (a) of this subsection, if
8 the facility is a green manufacturing facility, or a manufacturing
9 facility that exports goods through Washington seaports, all
10 buildings, machinery, equipment, and other personal property that is
11 used primarily for manufacturing, the land upon which this property
12 is located, and land that is reasonably necessary for the
13 manufacturing facility, which together comprise a new manufacturing
14 facility or an addition to an existing manufacturing facility, is
15 exempt from property taxation for the eight assessment years
16 following the date on which the facility or the addition to the
17 existing facility becomes operational.

18 (2) Claims for exemptions authorized by this section must be
19 filed with the county assessor on forms prescribed by the department
20 and furnished by the assessor. Once filed, the exemption is valid for
21 six years or eight years and may not be renewed. The county assessor
22 shall verify and approve claims as the assessor determines to be
23 justified and in accordance with this section. The department may
24 adopt rules as necessary to properly administer this section.

25 (3) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this
26 section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

27 (a) "Green manufacturing facility" means a manufacturing facility
28 that has been certified by a state or nationally recognized
29 organization that rates the sustainability of the manufacturing
30 process.

31 (b) "Manufacturing facility" means a facility that is used to
32 manufacture, as defined in RCW 82.04.120.

33 (4) This section expires January 1, 2036.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Section 2 of this act applies for taxes
35 levied for collection in calendar years 2026 through 2035.

36 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** RCW 82.32.808 does not apply to this act.

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