SHB 1459 - H AMD **015 ADOPTED 1-15-96**

By Representative Van Luven

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The legislature finds that property owners often hire property management companies to manage their real property. Frequently, the property management companies also manage the personnel who perform the necessary services at the property location. In these cases, the property owners may pay the on-site personnel through the property management company. The property management company is merely acting as a conduit for the property owner's payment to the personnel at the property site.

This act is not intended to modify the taxation of amounts received by a property management company for purposes other than payment to on-site personnel.

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

This chapter shall not apply to amounts received by a property management company from the owner of a property for gross wages and benefits paid directly to or on behalf of on-site personnel from property management trust accounts that are required to be maintained under RCW 18.85.310.

As used in this section, "on-site personnel" means a person who meets all of the following conditions: (1) The person works primarily at the owner's property; (2) the person's duties include leasing property units, maintaining the property, collecting rents, or similar activities; and (3) pursuant to a written property management agreement, the person's compensation is the obligation of the property owner and not the property manager.

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NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect April 1, 1996."

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Correct the title accordingly.

EFFECT: Clarifies that exemption applies only when compensation is paid from property management trust accounts.

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