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3	Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert:
4	"PART I
5	STATE CONTRIBUTION
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7	NEW SECTION. Sec. 101. A new section is added to chapter
8	82.14 RCW to read as follows:
9	(1) The legislative authority of a county with a population of
10	one million or more may impose a sales and use tax in accordance
11	with the terms of this chapter. The tax is in addition to other
12	taxes authorized by law and shall be collected from those persons
13	who are taxable by the state under chapters 82.08 and 82.12 RCW
14	upon the occurrence of any taxable event within the county. The
15	rate of tax shall not exceed 0.017 percent of the selling price in
16	the case of a sales tax or value of the article used in the case of
17	a use tax.
18	(2) The tax imposed under subsection (1) of this section shall
19	be deducted from the amount of tax otherwise required to be
20	collected or paid over to the department of revenue under chapter
21	82.08 or 82.12 RCW. The department of revenue shall perform the
22	collection of such taxes on behalf of the county at no cost to the
23	county.
24	(3) Moneys collected under this section shall only be used for
25	the purpose of paying the principal and interest payments on bonds
26	issued by a county to construct a baseball stadium.
27	(4) No tax may be collected under this section before January
28	1, 1996, and no tax may be collected under this section until the
29	county legislative authority has adopted resolutions imposing the
30	taxes under RCW 82.14.360. The tax imposed in this section shall

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expire when the bonds issued for the construction of the baseball

stadium are retired, but not more than twenty years after the bonds are issued.

3 (5) As used in this section, "baseball stadium" means a 4 baseball stadium with natural turf and a retractable roof or 5 canopy, together with associated parking facilities, constructed in 6 the largest city in a county with a population of one million or 7 more.

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9 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 102. A new section is added to chapter 10 67.70 RCW to read as follows:

11 The lottery commission shall conduct at least two but not more 12 than four games with sports themes per year.

14 **Sec. 103.** RCW 67.70.240 and 1987 c 513 s 7 are each amended 15 to read as follows:

16 The moneys in the state lottery account shall be used only: 17 (1) For the payment of prizes to the holders of winning lottery tickets or shares; (2) for purposes of making deposits into the 18 reserve account created by RCW 67.70.250 and into the lottery 19 20 administrative account created by RCW 67.70.260; (3) for purposes of making deposits into the state's general fund; (4) for purposes 21 of making deposits into the housing trust fund under the provisions 22 23 of section 7 of this 1987 act; (5) for distribution to a county for 24 the purpose of paying the principal and interest payments on bonds 25 issued by the county to construct a baseball stadium, as defined in section 101 of this act, including reasonably necessary 26 preconstruction costs; (6) for the purchase and promotion of 27 28 lottery games and game-related services; and  $\left(\left(\frac{6}{1}\right)\right)$  (7) for the Three million dollars shall be 29 payment of agent compensation. 30 distributed under subsection (5) of this section during calendar year 1996. During subsequent years, such distributions shall equal 31 the prior year's distributions increased by four percent. 32 Distributions under subsection (5) of this section shall cease when 33

the bonds issued for the construction of the baseball stadium are
 retired, but not more than twenty years after the bonds are issued.
 The office of financial management shall require the allotment

4 of all expenses paid from the account and shall report to the ways
5 and means committees of the senate and house of representatives any
6 changes in the allotments.

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8 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 104. Sections 101 through 103 of this act 9 constitute the entire state contribution for a baseball stadium, as 10 defined in section 101 of this act. The state will not make any 11 additional contributions based on revised cost or revenue 12 estimates, cost overruns, unforeseen circumstances, or any other 13 reason.

## PART II LOCAL FUNDING

18 Sec. 201. RCW 82.14.360 and 1995 1st sp.s. c 14 s 7 are each 19 amended to read as follows:

20 (1) The legislative authority of a county with a population of one million or more ((operating under a county charter)) may impose 21 a special stadium sales and use tax ((by resolution adopted on or 22 23 before December 31, 1995, for collection following its approval by 24 a majority of the voters in the county at a general or special 25 election)) upon the retail sale or use within the county by restaurants, taverns, and bars of food and beverages that are 26 27 taxable by the state under chapters 82.08 and 82.12 RCW. The rate of the tax shall not exceed four-tenths of one percent of the 28 selling price in the case of a sales tax, or value of the article 29 30 used in the case of a use tax. The tax imposed under this subsection is in addition to any other taxes authorized by law and 31 shall not be credited against any other tax imposed upon the same 32

1 <u>taxable event.</u> As used in this section, "restaurant" does not 2 include grocery stores, mini-markets, or convenience stores.

(2) The legislative authority of a county with a population of 3 4 one million or more may impose a special stadium sales and use tax upon retail car rentals within the county that are taxable by the 5 state under chapters 82.08 and 82.12 RCW. б The rate of the tax 7 shall ((equal one-tenth of one)) not exceed two percent of the 8 selling price in the case of a sales tax, or rental value of the 9 ((article used)) vehicle in the case of a use tax. The tax imposed 10 under this ((section)) subsection is in addition to any other taxes authorized by law and shall not be credited against any other tax 11 12 imposed upon the same taxable event.

13 (3) The revenue from the ((tax)) <u>taxes</u> imposed under this section shall be used for the purpose of principal and interest 14 15 payments on bonds issued by ((a public facilities district, created within)) the county ((under chapter 36.100 RCW,)) to acquire, 16 17 construct, own, remodel, maintain, equip, reequip, repair, and operate a baseball stadium ((with a retractable roof or canopy and 18 19 natural turf.)) The county shall issue bonds, in an amount 20 determined to be necessary by the public facilities district, for the district to acquire, construct, own, and equip the baseball 21 22 If the revenue from the tax imposed under this section stadium. 23 exceeds the amount needed for such principal and interest payments 24 in any year, the excess shall be used solely:

25 <u>(a) For ((either or both: (a))) early retirement of the bonds</u> 26 issued for the baseball stadium; ((or (b) retirement of bonds 27 issued for expanding, remodelling, repairing, or reequipping of a 28 multipurpose stadium that has a seating capacity over forty-five 29 thousand;)) and

30 (b) If the revenue from the taxes imposed under this section 31 exceeds the amount needed for the purposes in (a) of this 32 subsection in any year, the excess shall be placed in a contingency 33 fund which may only be used to pay unanticipated capital costs on

1 <u>the baseball stadium, excluding any cost overruns on initial</u> 2 <u>construction</u>.

3 (4) The ((tax)) taxes authorized under this section may be 4 collected only after the county executive has certified to the 5 department of revenue that a professional major league baseball 6 team has made a binding and legally enforceable contractual 7 commitment to:

8 (a) Play at least ninety percent of its home games in the 9 stadium for a period of time not shorter than the term of the bonds 10 issued to finance the initial construction of the stadium;

(b) Contribute ((principal of)) forty-five million dollars 11 12 toward the ((bonded)) reasonably necessary preconstruction costs 13 including, but not limited to architectural, engineering, environmental, and legal services, and the cost of construction of 14 15 the stadium, or to any associated public purpose separate from bond-financed property, including without limitation land 16 acquisition, parking facilities, equipment, infrastructure or other 17 similar costs associated with the project, which contribution shall 18 19 be made during a term not to exceed the term of the bonds issued to 20 finance the initial construction of the stadium. If all or part of 21 the contribution is made after the date of issuance of the bonds, the team shall contribute an additional amount equal to the 22 23 accruing interest on the deferred portion of the contribution, 24 calculated at the interest rate on the bonds maturing in the year in which the deferred contribution is made. No part of the 25 contribution may be made without the consent of the county until a 26 public facilities district is created under chapter 36.100 RCW to 27 acquire, construct, own, remodel, maintain, equip, reequip, repair, 28 and operate a baseball stadium. To the extent possible, 29 30 contributions shall be structured in a manner that would allow for the issuance of bonds to construct the stadium that are exempt from 31 federal income taxes; and 32

(c) Share a portion of the profits generated by the baseball 1 2 team from the operation of the professional franchise for a period of time equal to the term of the bonds issued to finance the 3 initial construction of the stadium, after offsetting any losses 4 incurred by the baseball team after the effective date of chapter 5 14, Laws of 1995 1st sp. sess. Such profits and the portion to be б 7 shared shall be defined by agreement between the public facilities 8 district and the baseball team. The shared profits shall be used 9 to retire the bonds issued to finance the initial construction of 10 the stadium. If the bonds are retired before the expiration of their term, the shared profits shall be paid to the public 11 12 facilities district.

(5) No tax may be collected under this section before January 13 1, 1996. Before collecting the taxes under this section or issuing 14 15 bonds for a baseball stadium, the county shall create a public facilities district under chapter 36.100 RCW to acquire, construct, 16 own, remodel, maintain, equip, reequip, repair, and operate a 17 baseball stadium, and the county shall acquire and contribute to 18 19 the district such real property as the district determines to be 20 necessary as a site for the baseball stadium. The proceeds of any bonds issued for the baseball stadium or any other facility that 21 the district will own shall be provided to the district. 22

23 (6) As used in this section, "baseball stadium" means a
 24 baseball stadium as defined in section 101 of this act.

25 <u>(7)</u> The ((tax)) taxes imposed under this section shall expire 26 when the bonds issued for the construction of the ((new public 27 facilities)) baseball stadium are retired, but not later than 28 twenty years after the tax is first collected.

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30 Sec. 202. RCW 35.21.280 and 1995 1st sp.s. c 14 s 8 are each 31 amended to read as follows:

Every city and town may levy and fix a tax of not more than one cent on twenty cents or fraction thereof to be paid by the

person who pays an admission charge to any place: PROVIDED, No 1 2 city or town shall impose such tax on persons paying an admission to any activity of any elementary or secondary school. 3 This 4 includes a tax on persons who are admitted free of charge or at 5 reduced rates to any place for which other persons pay a charge or б a regular higher charge for the same privileges or accommodations. 7 A city that is located in a county with a population of one million 8 or more may not levy a tax on events in stadia constructed on or 9 after January 1, 1995, that are owned by ((county government or)) 10 a public facilities district under chapter 36.100 RCW and that have seating capacities over forty thousand. The city or town may 11 12 require anyone who receives payment for an admission charge to 13 collect and remit the tax to the city or town.

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The term "admission charge" includes:

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(1) A charge made for season tickets or subscriptions;

16 (2) A cover charge, or a charge made for use of seats and
17 tables reserved or otherwise, and other similar accommodations;

18 (3) A charge made for food and refreshment in any place where19 free entertainment, recreation or amusement is provided;

20 (4) A charge made for rental or use of equipment or facilities 21 for purposes of recreation or amusement; if the rental of the 22 equipment or facilities is necessary to the enjoyment of a 23 privilege for which a general admission is charged, the combined 24 charges shall be considered as the admission charge;

(5) Automobile parking charges if the amount of the charge is
 determined according to the number of passengers in the automobile.

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28 sec. 203. RCW 36.38.010 and 1995 1st sp.s. c 14 s 9 are each 29 amended to read as follows:

(1) Any county may by ordinance enacted by its county
legislative authority, levy and fix a tax of not more than one cent
on twenty cents or fraction thereof to be paid for county purposes
by persons who pay an admission charge to any place, including a

1 tax on persons who are admitted free of charge or at reduced rates 2 to any place for which other persons pay a charge or a regular 3 higher charge for the same or similar privileges or accommodations; 4 and require that one who receives any admission charge to any place 5 shall collect and remit the tax to the county treasurer of the PROVIDED, No county shall impose such tax on persons б county: paying an admission to any activity of any elementary or secondary 7 8 school.

9 (2) As used in this chapter, the term "admission charge" 10 includes a charge made for season tickets or subscriptions, a cover charge, or a charge made for use of seats and tables, reserved or 11 otherwise, and other similar accommodations; a charge made for food 12 13 and refreshments in any place where any free entertainment, recreation, or amusement is provided; a charge made for rental or 14 15 use of equipment or facilities for purpose of recreation or amusement, and where the rental of the equipment or facilities is 16 17 necessary to the enjoyment of a privilege for which a general admission is charged, the combined charges shall be considered as 18 19 the admission charge. It shall also include any automobile parking 20 charge where the amount of such charge is determined according to 21 the number of passengers in any automobile.

(3) The tax herein authorized shall not be exclusive and shall 22 23 not prevent any city or town within the taxing county, when authorized by law, from imposing within its corporate limits a tax 24 25 of the same or similar kind: PROVIDED, That whenever the same or similar kind of tax is imposed by any such city or town, no such 26 27 tax shall be levied within the corporate limits of such city or town by the county, except that the legislative authority of a 28 county with a population of one million or more may exclusively 29 30 levy ((a tax)) taxes on events in stadiums constructed on or after January 1, 1995, that are owned by ((county government or)) a 31 public facilities district under chapter 36.100 RCW and that have 32 seating capacities over forty thousand at the ((rate)) rates of: 33

1 (a) Not more than one cent on twenty cents or fraction thereof, to be used for the purpose of paying the principal and 2 3 interest payments on bonds issued by a county to construct a baseball stadium as defined in section 101 of this act. 4 If the 5 revenue from this exceeds the amount needed for that purpose, the б excess shall be placed in a contingency fund which may only be used 7 to pay unanticipated capital costs on the baseball stadium, 8 excluding any cost overruns on initial construction; and

9 (b) Not more than one cent on twenty cents or fraction 10 thereof, to be used for the purpose of paying the principal and interest payments on bonds issued by a county to construct a 11 12 baseball stadium as defined in section 101 of this act. The tax 13 imposed under this subsection (b) shall expire when the bonds issued for the construction of the baseball stadium are retired, 14 15 but not later than twenty years after the tax is first collected. (((4) By contract, the county shall obligate itself to provide 16 17 the revenue from the tax authorized by this section on events in stadia owned, managed, or operated by a public facilities district, 18 19 having seating capacities over forty thousand, and constructed on 20 or after January 1, 1995, to the public facilities district.))

## PART III MISCELLANEOUS

25 Sec. 301. RCW 36.100.010 and 1995 1st sp.s. c 14 s 1 are each 26 amended to read as follows:

(1) A public facilities district may be created in any countyand shall be coextensive with the boundaries of the county.

(2) A public facilities district shall be created upon adoption of a resolution providing for the creation of such a district by the county legislative authority in which the proposed district is located.

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(3) A public facilities district is a municipal corporation,
 an independent taxing "authority" within the meaning of Article
 VII, section 1 of the state Constitution, and a "taxing district"
 within the meaning of Article VII, section 2 of the state
 Constitution.

6 (4) No taxes authorized under this chapter may be assessed or 7 levied unless a majority of the voters of the public facilities 8 district has approved such tax at a general or special election. 9 A single ballot proposition may both validate the imposition of the 10 sales and use tax under RCW 82.14.048 and the excise tax under RCW 11 36.100.040.

(5) A public facilities district shall constitute a body corporate and shall possess all the usual powers of a corporation for public purposes as well as all other powers that may now or hereafter be specifically conferred by statute, including, but not limited to, the authority to hire employees, staff, and services, to enter into contracts, and to sue and be sued.

18 (6) The county legislative authority <u>or a city council</u> may 19 transfer property to the public facilities district ((<del>as part of</del> 20 the process of creating the public facilities district)) <u>created</u> 21 under this chapter. <u>No property that is encumbered with debt or</u> 22 that is in need of major capital renovation may be transferred to 23 the district without the agreement of the district and revenues 24 adequate to retire the existing indebtedness.

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26 Sec. 302. RCW 36.100.020 and 1995 1st sp.s. c 14 s 2 are each 27 amended to read as follows:

(1) A public facilities district shall be governed by a board
of directors consisting of five or seven members as provided in
this section. If the largest city in the county has a population
that is at least forty percent of the total county population, the
board of directors of the public facilities district shall consist
of five members selected as follows: (a) Two members appointed by

1 the county legislative authority to serve for four-year staggered 2 terms; (b) two members appointed by the city council of the largest 3 city in the county to serve for four-year staggered terms; and (c) 4 one person to serve for a four-year term who is selected by the 5 other directors. If the largest city in the county has a б population of less than forty percent of the total county 7 population, the county legislative authority shall establish in the 8 resolution creating the public facilities district whether the 9 board of directors of the public facilities district has either 10 five or seven members, and the county legislative authority shall appoint the members of the board of directors to reflect the 11 interests of cities and towns in the county, as well as the 12 13 unincorporated area of the county. However, if the county has a population of one million or more, the largest city in the county 14 15 has a population of less than forty percent of the total county population, and the county operates under a county charter, which 16 17 provides for an elected county executive, three members shall be appointed by the governor subject to confirmation by the senate. 18 19 Of the remaining members, two shall be appointed and confirmed by 20 the legislative authority of the county. If the board has seven members, the remaining two members shall be appointed by the county 21 22 executive subject to confirmation by the county legislative authority. No member of the board of directors my exercise any of 23 24 the powers of his or her office until confirmed by the legislative body specified in this section. Not more than two members 25 appointed by the governor shall belong to the same political party. 26 27 Not more than one member appointed by the county executive or the county legislative authority, respectively, may belong to the same 28 29 political party.

30 (2) At least one member on the board of directors shall be
 31 representative of the lodging industry in the public facilities
 32 district before the public facilities district imposes the excise
 33 tax under RCW 36.100.040.

1 (3) Members of the board of directors shall serve four-year 2 terms of office, except that two of the initial five board members 3 or three of the initial seven board members shall serve two-year 4 terms of office.

5 (4) A vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the 6 original appointment was made and the person appointed to fill a 7 vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term of the 8 office for the position to which he or she was appointed.

9 (5) A <u>director appointed by the governor may be removed from</u> 10 <u>office by the governor. Any other</u> director may be removed from 11 office by action of at least two-thirds of the members of the 12 <u>legislative</u> authority which made the appointment.

14 **Sec. 303.** RCW 39.10.120 and 1994 c 132 s 12 are each amended 15 to read as follows:

16 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, the 17 alternative public works contracting procedures authorized under 18 this chapter are limited to public works contracts signed before 19 July 1, 1997. Methods of public works contracting authorized by 20 RCW 39.10.050 and 39.10.060 shall remain in full force and effect 21 until completion of contracts signed before July 1, 1997.

22 (2) For the purposes of a baseball stadium as defined in 23 section 101 of this act, the design-build contracting procedures 24 under RCW 39.10.050 shall remain in full force and effect until 25 completion of contracts signed before December 31, 1997.

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27 Sec. 304. RCW 39.10.902 and 1994 c 132 s 15 are each amended 28 to read as follows:

29The following acts or parts of acts, as now existing or30hereafter amended, are each repealed, effective July 1, 1997:

31 (1) RCW 39.10.010 and 1994 c 132 ú 1;
32 (2) RCW 39.10.020 and 1994 c 132 ú 2;
33 (3) RCW 39.10.030 and 1994 c 132 ú 3;

1	(4) RCW 39.10.040 and 1994 c 132 ú 4;
2	(5) RCW 39.10.050 and 1994 c 132 ú 5;
3	(6) RCW 39.10.060 and 1994 c 132 ú 6;
4	(7) RCW 39.10.070 and 1994 c 132 ú 7;
5	(8) RCW 39.10.080 and 1994 c 132 ú 8;
6	(9) RCW 39.10.090 and 1994 c 132 ú 9;
7	(10) RCW 39.10.100 and 1994 c 132 ú 10;
8	(11) RCW 39.10.110 and 1994 c 132 ú 11;
9	(12) (( <del>RCW 39.10.120 and 1994 c 132 ú 12;</del>
10	<del>(13)</del> )) RCW 39.10.900 and 1994 c 132 ú 13;
11	(( <del>(14)</del> )) <u>(13)</u> RCW 39.10.901 and 1994 c 132 ú 14; and
12	(( <del>(15)</del> )) <u>(14)</u> RCW 39.10.902 and 1994 c 132 ú 15.
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14	Sec. 305. RCW 82.29A.130 and 1995 c 138 s 1 are each amended
15	to read as follows:
16	The following leasehold interests shall be exempt from taxes
17	imposed pursuant to RCW 82.29A.030 and 82.29A.040:
18	(1) All leasehold interests constituting a part of the
19	operating properties of any public utility which is assessed and
20	taxed as a public utility pursuant to chapter 84.12 RCW.
21	(2) All leasehold interests in facilities owned or used by a
22	school, college or university which leasehold provides housing for
23	students and which is otherwise exempt from taxation under
24	provisions of RCW 84.36.010 and 84.36.050.
25	(3) All leasehold interests of subsidized housing where the
26	fee ownership of such property is vested in the government of the
27	United States, or the state of Washington or any political
28	subdivision thereof but only if income qualification exists for
29	such housing.
30	(4) All leasehold interests used for fair purposes of a
31	nonprofit fair association that sponsors or conducts a fair or
32	fairs which receive support from revenues collected pursuant to RCW
33	67.16.100 and allocated by the director of the department of

agriculture where the fee ownership of such property is vested in the government of the United States, the state of Washington or any of its political subdivisions: PROVIDED, That this exemption shall not apply to the leasehold interest of any sublessee of such nonprofit fair association if such leasehold interest would be taxable if it were the primary lease.

7 (5) All leasehold interests in any property of any public 8 entity used as a residence by an employee of that public entity who 9 is required as a condition of employment to live in the publicly 10 owned property.

(6) All leasehold interests held by enrolled Indians of lands owned or held by any Indian or Indian tribe where the fee ownership of such property is vested in or held in trust by the United States and which are not subleased to other than to a lessee which would qualify pursuant to this chapter, RCW 84.36.451 and 84.40.175.

16 (7) All leasehold interests in any real property of any Indian 17 or Indian tribe, band, or community that is held in trust by the United States or is subject to a restriction against alienation 18 19 imposed by the United States: PROVIDED, That this exemption shall 20 apply only where it is determined that contract rent paid is greater than or equal to ninety percent of fair market rental, to 21 be determined by the department of revenue using the same criteria 22 used to establish taxable rent in RCW 82.29A.020(2)(b). 23

(8) All leasehold interests for which annual taxable rent is
less than two hundred fifty dollars per year. For purposes of this
subsection leasehold interests held by the same lessee in
contiguous properties owned by the same lessor shall be deemed a
single leasehold interest.

(9) All leasehold interests which give use or possession of the leased property for a continuous period of less than thirty days: PROVIDED, That for purposes of this subsection, successive leases or lease renewals giving substantially continuous use of possession of the same property to the same lessee shall be deemed

1 a single leasehold interest: PROVIDED FURTHER, That no leasehold 2 interest shall be deemed to give use or possession for a period of 3 less than thirty days solely by virtue of the reservation by the 4 public lessor of the right to use the property or to allow third 5 parties to use the property on an occasional, temporary basis.

6 (10) All leasehold interests under month-to-month leases in 7 residential units rented for residential purposes of the lessee 8 pending destruction or removal for the purpose of constructing a 9 public highway or building.

10 (11) All leasehold interests in any publicly owned real or 11 personal property to the extent such leasehold interests arises 12 solely by virtue of a contract for public improvements or work 13 executed under the public works statutes of this state or of the 14 United States between the public owner of the property and a 15 contractor.

16 (12) All leasehold interests that give use or possession of 17 state adult correctional facilities for the purposes of operating 18 correctional industries under RCW 72.09.100.

19 (13) All leasehold interests used to provide organized and 20 supervised recreational activities for disabled persons of all ages in a camp facility and for public recreational purposes by a 21 22 nonprofit organization, association, or corporation that would be exempt from property tax under RCW 84.36.030(1) if it owned the 23 24 property. If the publicly owned property is used for any taxable 25 purpose, the leasehold excise taxes set forth in RCW 82.29A.030 and 26 82.29A.040 shall be imposed and shall be apportioned accordingly.

27 (14) All leasehold interests in the public or entertainment 28 areas of a baseball stadium with natural turf and a retractable 29 roof or canopy that is in a county with a population of over one 30 million, that has a seating capacity of over forty thousand, and 31 that is constructed on or after January 1, 1995. "Public or 32 entertainment areas" include ticket sales areas, ramps and stairs, 33 lobbies and concourses, parking areas, concession areas,

1 restaurants, hospitality and stadium club areas, kitchens or other 2 work areas primarily servicing other public or entertainment areas, public rest room areas, press and media areas, control booths, 3 broadcast and production areas, retail sales areas, museum and 4 5 exhibit areas, scoreboards or other public displays, storage areas, б loading, staging, and servicing areas, seating areas and suites, 7 the playing field, and any other areas to which the public has 8 access or which are used for the production of the entertainment 9 event or other public usage, and any other personal property used 10 for these purposes. "Public or entertainment areas" does not include locker rooms or private offices exclusively used by the 11 12 lessee.

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14 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 306. A new section is added to chapter
15 43.31C RCW to read as follows:

16 The siting and construction of a baseball stadium, as defined 17 in section 101 of this act, is exempted from compliance with this 18 chapter.

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20 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 307. A new section is added to chapter 21 35.21 RCW to read as follows:

The processing by a city department or office of a permit application relating to a baseball stadium, as defined in section 101 of this act, shall take priority over all other permit applications that have not been full processed by the department or office.

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28 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 308. Part headings as used in this act
 29 constitute no part of the law.

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31 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 309. This act is necessary for the 32 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or 33 support of the state government and its existing public

institutions, and shall take effect immediately, except sections 2 102 and 103 of this act shall take effect January 1, 1996." 3

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