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1 AN ACT Relating to increasing state revenues to preserve funding 2. for education, public safety, health care, and safety net services for 3 elderly, disabled, and vulnerable people by preventing abusive tax transactions, narrowing or 4 eliminating certain tax preferences, and providing equitable tax treatment; amending RCW 5 6 82.04.220, 82.04.2907, 82.04.460, 82.32.090, 82.12.020, 82.45.033, 82.45.070, 82.45.080, 82.45.100, 82.45.220, 43.07.390, 82.04.4292, 7 82.04.423, 82.04.4266, 82.04.250, 82.04.250, 82.04.298, 82.04.334, 8 82.04.4463, 82.08.806, 82.32.545, 82.32.550, 82.32.630, 82.32.632, 9 82.45.195, 35.102.150, 48.14.080, 82.48.010, 82.48.020, 10 82.48.030, 11 82.48.070, 82.48.080, 82.48.110, 82.16.050, 82.12.0254, 82.45.010, 12 82.45.080, and 82.32.145; reenacting and amending RCW 82.04.260, 82.04.261, 82.04.440, 82.04.360, and 82.45.010; adding new sections to 13 14 chapter 82.04 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 82.32 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 82.08 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 82.12 15 16 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 82.48 RCW; adding a new section to 17 chapter 82.16 RCW; creating new sections; repealing RCW 82.08.0273, 18 82.04.062, 82.08.890, 82.12.890, and 82.04.44525; providing effective dates; providing an expiration date; and declaring an emergency. 19

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2 PART I

# 3 Minimum Nexus Standards

- NEW SECTION. Sec. 101. (1) The legislature finds that out-of-state businesses that do not have a physical presence in Washington earn significant income from Washington residents from providing services or collecting royalties on the use of intangible property in this state. The legislature further finds that these businesses receive significant benefits and opportunities provided by the state, such as: Laws providing protection of business interests or regulating consumer credit; access to courts and judicial process to enforce business rights, including debt collection and intellectual property rights; an orderly and regulated marketplace; and police and fire protection and a transportation system benefiting in-state agents and other representatives of out-of-state businesses. Therefore, the legislature intends to extend the state's business and occupation tax to these companies to ensure that they pay their fair share of the cost of services that this state renders and the infrastructure it provides.
- (2)(a) The legislature also finds that the current cost apportionment method in RCW 82.04.460(1) for apportioning most service income has been difficult for both taxpayers and the department to apply due in large part (i) to the difficulty in assigning certain costs of doing business inside or outside of this state, and (ii) to its dissimilarity with the apportionment methods used in other states for their business activity taxes.
- (b) The legislature further finds that there is a trend among states to adopt a single factor apportionment formula based on sales. The legislature recognizes that adoption of a sales factor only apportionment method has the advantages of simplifying apportionment and making Washington a more attractive place for businesses to expand their property and payroll. For these reasons, the legislature adopts single factor sales apportionment for purposes of apportioning royalty income and certain service income.
- (c) Nothing in this act may be construed, however, to authorize apportionment of the gross income or value of products taxable under the following business and occupation tax classifications: Retailing,

- 1 wholesaling, manufacturing, processing for hire, extracting, extracting
- 2 for hire, printing, government contracting, public road construction,
- 3 the classifications in RCW 82.04.280 (2), (4), (6), and (7), and any
- 4 other activity not specifically included in the definition of
- 5 apportionable activities in RCW 82.04.460.
- 6 **Sec. 102.** RCW 82.04.220 and 1961 c 15 s 82.04.220 are each amended to read as follows:
- 8  $\underline{\text{(1)}}$  There is levied and  $((\frac{\text{shall be}}{\text{be}}))$  collected from every person
- 9 <u>that has substantial nexus with this state</u> a tax for the act or
- 10 privilege of engaging in business activities. ((Such)) The tax ((shall
- 11 be)) is measured by the application of rates against value of products,
- 12 gross proceeds of sales, or gross income of the business, as the case
- may be.
- 14 (2) A person who has substantial nexus with this state in any tax
- 15 year will be deemed to have substantial nexus with this state for the
- 16 <u>following four tax years.</u>
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 103. A new section is added to chapter 82.04
- 18 RCW to read as follows:
- 19 "Engaging within this state" and "engaging within the state," when
- 20 used in connection with any apportionable activity as defined in RCW
- 21 82.04.460, means that a person generates gross income of the business
- 22 from sources within this state, such as customers or intangible
- 23 property located in this state, regardless of whether the person is
- 24 physically present in this state.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 104. A new section is added to chapter 82.04
- 26 RCW to read as follows:
- 27 (1) A person engaging in business is deemed to have substantial
- 28 nexus with this state if the person is:
- 29 (a) An individual and is a resident or domiciliary of this state;
- 30 (b) A business entity and is organized or commercially domiciled in
- 31 this state; or
- 32 (c) A nonresident individual or a business entity that is organized
- 33 or commercially domiciled outside this state, and in any tax year the
- 34 person has:
- 35 (i) More than fifty thousand dollars of property in this state;

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(ii) More than fifty thousand dollars of payroll in this state;

- 2 (iii) More than five hundred thousand dollars of receipts from this 3 state; or
  - (iv) At least twenty-five percent of the person's total property, total payroll, or total receipts in this state.
  - (2)(a) Property counting toward the thresholds in subsection (1)(c)(i) and (iv) of this section is the average value of the taxpayer's property, including intangible property, owned or rented and used in this state during the tax year.
  - (b)(i) Property owned by the taxpayer, other than loans and credit card receivables owned by the taxpayer, is valued at its original cost basis. Loans and credit card receivables owned by the taxpayer are valued at their outstanding principal balance, without regard to any reserve for bad debts. However, if a loan or credit card receivable is charged off in whole or in part for federal income tax purposes, the portion of the loan or credit card receivable charged off is deducted from the outstanding principal balance.
  - (ii) Property rented by the taxpayer is valued at eight times the net annual rental rate. For purposes of this subsection, "net annual rental rate" means the annual rental rate paid by the taxpayer less any annual rental rate received by the taxpayer from subrentals.
  - (c) The average value of property must be determined by averaging the values at the beginning and ending of the tax year; but the department may require the averaging of monthly values during the tax year if reasonably required to properly reflect the average value of the taxpayer's property.
  - (d)(i) For purposes of this subsection (2), loans and credit card receivables are deemed owned and used in this state as follows:
  - (A) Loans secured by real property, personal property, or both real and personal property, are deemed owned and used in the state if the real property or personal property securing the loan is located within this state. If the property securing the loan is located both within this state and one or more other states, the loan is deemed owned and used in this state if more than fifty percent of the fair market value of the real or personal property is located within this state. If more than fifty percent of the fair market value of the real or personal property is not located within any one state, then the loan is deemed owned and used in this state if the borrower is located in this state.

The determination of whether the real or personal property securing a loan is located within this state must be made, as of the time the original agreement was made, and any and all subsequent substitutions of collateral must be disregarded.

- (B) Loans not secured by real or personal property are deemed owned and used in this state if the borrower is located in this state.
- (C) Credit card receivables are deemed owned and used in this state if the billing address of the cardholder is in this state.
- (ii) The definitions in section 106 of this act apply to this subsection.
- (e) Notwithstanding anything else to the contrary in this subsection, property counting toward the thresholds in subsection (1)(c)(i) and (iv) of this section does not include a person's ownership of, or rights in, computer software as defined in RCW 82.04.215, including computer software used in providing a digital automated service; master copies of software; and digital goods and digital codes residing on servers located in this state.
- (3)(a) Payroll counting toward the thresholds in subsection (1)(c)(ii) and (iv) of this section is the total amount paid by the taxpayer for compensation in this state during the tax year plus nonemployee compensation paid to representative third parties in this state. Nonemployee compensation paid to representative third parties includes the gross amount paid to nonemployees who represent the taxpayer in interactions with the taxpayer's clients and includes sales commissions.
- (b) Compensation is paid in this state if the compensation is properly reportable to this state for unemployment compensation tax purposes, regardless of whether the compensation was actually reported to this state.
- (c) Nonemployee compensation is paid in this state if the service performed by the representative third party occurs entirely or primarily within this state.
- (d) For purposes of this subsection, "compensation" means wages, salaries, commissions, and any other form of remuneration paid to employees and defined as gross income under 26 U.S.C. Sec. 61 of the federal internal revenue code of 1986, as existing on July 1, 2010.
  - (4) Receipts counting toward the thresholds in subsection

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(1)(c)(iii) and (iv) of this section are those amounts included in the numerator of the receipts factor under sections 105 and 106 of this act.

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- 4 (5)(a) Each December, the department must review the cumulative percentage change in the consumer price index. 5 The department must adjust the thresholds in subsection (1)(c)(i) through (iii) of this 6 7 section if the consumer price index has changed by five percent or more 8 since the later of July 1, 2010, or the date that the thresholds were last adjusted under this subsection. For purposes of determining the 9 10 cumulative percentage change in the consumer price index, the department must compare the consumer price index available as of 11 12 December 1st of the current year with the consumer price index as of 13 the later of July 1, 2010, or the date that the thresholds were last 14 adjusted under this subsection. The thresholds must be adjusted to reflect that cumulative percentage change in the consumer price index. 15 The adjusted thresholds must be rounded to the nearest one thousand 16 17 dollars. Any adjustment will apply to tax periods that begin after the 18 adjustment is made.
  - (b) As used in this subsection, "consumer price index" means the consumer price index for all urban consumers (CPI-U) available from the bureau of labor statistics of the United States department of labor.
  - (6) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this section, a person is not subject to taxes imposed under this chapter on any activity not included in the definition of apportionable activities in RCW 82.04.460, unless the person has a physical presence in this state, which need only be demonstrably more than a slightest presence. For purposes of this subsection, a person is physically present in this state if the person has property or employees in this state or the person, either directly or through an agent or other representative, engages in activities in this state that are significantly associated with the person's ability to establish or maintain a market for its products in this state.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 105. A new section is added to chapter 82.04 RCW to read as follows:
- 35 (1) The apportionable income of a person within the scope of RCW 36 82.04.460(1) is apportioned to Washington by multiplying its apportionable income by the receipts factor. Persons who are subject

to tax under more than one of the tax classifications enumerated in RCW 82.04.460(3)(a) (i) through (ix) must calculate a separate receipts factor for each tax classification that the person is taxable under.

- (2) For purposes of subsection (1) of this section, the receipts factor is a fraction and is calculated as provided in subsections (3) and (4) of this section and section 106 of this act.
- (3)(a) The numerator of the receipts factor is the total gross income of the business of the taxpayer attributable to this state during the tax year from engaging in an apportionable activity. The denominator of the receipts factor is the total gross income of the business of the taxpayer from engaging in an apportionable activity everywhere in the world during the tax year.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, for purposes of computing the receipts factor, gross income of the business generated from each apportionable activity is attributable to the state:
- (i) Where the customer received the benefit of the taxpayer's service or, in the case of gross income from royalties, where the customer used the taxpayer's intangible property.
- (ii) If the customer received the benefit of the service or used the intangible property in more than one state, gross income of the business must be attributed to the state in which the benefit of the service was primarily received or in which the intangible property was primarily used.
- (iii) If the taxpayer is unable to attribute gross income of the business under the provisions of (b)(i) or (ii) of this subsection (3), gross income of the business must be attributed to the state from which the customer ordered the service or, in the case of royalties, the office of the customer from which the royalty agreement with the taxpayer was negotiated.
- (iv) If the taxpayer is unable to attribute gross income of the business under the provisions of (b)(i), (ii), or (iii) of this subsection (3), gross income of the business must be attributed to the state to which the billing statements or invoices are sent to the customer by the taxpayer.
- (v) If the taxpayer is unable to attribute gross income of the business under the provisions of (b)(i), (ii), (iii), or (iv) of this subsection (3), gross income of the business must be attributed to the state from which the customer sends payment to the taxpayer.

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(vi) If the taxpayer is unable to attribute gross income of the business under the provisions of (b)(i), (ii), (iii), (iv), or (v) of this subsection (3), gross income of the business must be attributed to the state where the customer is located as indicated by the customer's address: (A) Shown in the taxpayer's business records maintained in the regular course of business; or (B) obtained during consummation of the sale or the negotiation of the contract for services or for the use of the taxpayer's intangible property, including any address of a customer's payment instrument when readily available to the taxpayer and no other address is available.

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(vii) If the taxpayer is unable to attribute gross income of the business under the provisions of (b)(i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), or (vi) of this subsection (3), gross income of the business must be attributed to the commercial domicile of the taxpayer.

(viii) For purposes of this subsection (3)(b), "customer" means a person or entity to whom the taxpayer makes a sale or renders services or from whom the taxpayer otherwise receives gross income of the business. "Customer" includes anyone who pays royalties or charges in the nature of royalties for the use of the taxpayer's intangible property.

(c) Gross income of the business from engaging in an apportionable activity must be excluded from the denominator of the receipts factor if, in respect to such activity, at least some of the activity is performed in this state, and the gross income is attributable under (b) of this subsection (3) to a state in which the taxpayer is not taxable. For purposes of this subsection (3)(c), "not taxable" means that the taxpayer is not subject to a business activities tax by that state, except that a taxpayer is taxable in a state in which it would be deemed to have substantial nexus with that state under the standards in section 104(1) of this act regardless of whether that state imposes such a tax. "Business activities tax" means a tax measured by the amount of, or economic results of, business activity conducted in a The term includes taxes measured in whole or in part on net income or gross income or receipts. "Business activities tax" does not include a sales tax, use tax, or a similar transaction tax, imposed on sale or acquisition of goods or services, whether or not denominated a gross receipts tax or a tax imposed on the privilege of doing business.

(d) This subsection (3) does not apply to financial institutions with respect to apportionable income taxable under RCW 82.04.290. Financial institutions must calculate the receipts factor as provided in section 106 of this act and subsection (4) of this section with respect to apportionable income taxable under RCW 82.04.290. For purposes of this subsection, "financial institution" has the same meaning as in section 106 of this act.

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- 8 (4) A taxpayer may calculate the receipts factor for the current tax year based on the most recent calendar year for which information 9 10 is available for the full calendar year. If a taxpayer does not calculate the receipts factor for the current tax year based on 11 12 previous calendar year information as authorized in this subsection, 13 the business must use current year information to calculate the receipts factor for the current tax year. In either case, a taxpayer 14 must correct the reporting for the current tax year when complete 15 information is available to calculate the receipts factor for that 16 year, but not later than October 31st of the following tax year. 17 Interest will apply to any additional tax due on a corrected tax 18 Interest must be assessed at the rate provided for delinquent 19 excise taxes under chapter 82.32 RCW, retroactively to the date the 20 21 original return was due, and will accrue until the additional taxes are 22 paid. Penalties as provided in RCW 82.32.090 will apply to any such 23 additional tax due only if the current tax year reporting is not 24 corrected and the additional tax is not paid by October 31st of the 25 following tax year. Interest as provided in RCW 82.32.060 will apply 26 to any tax paid in excess of that properly due on a return as a result 27 of a taxpayer using previous calendar year data or incomplete current-28 year data to calculate the receipts factor.
- 29 (5) Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions 30 in this subsection apply throughout this section.
- 31 (a) "Apportionable activities" and "apportionable income" have the 32 same meaning as in RCW 82.04.460.
  - (b) "State" has the same meaning as in section 106 of this act.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 106. A new section is added to chapter 82.04 RCW to read as follows:
- 36 (1) A financial institution must, for purposes of apportioning 37 gross income of the business taxable under RCW 82.04.290 using the

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apportionment method provided in section 105(1) of this act, calculate the receipts factor as provided in this section and section 105(4) of this act. Financial institutions that are subject to tax under any other tax classification enumerated in RCW 82.04.460(3)(a) (i) through (v) and (vii) through (ix) must calculate a separate receipts factor, as provided in section 105 of this act, for each of the other tax classifications that the financial institution is taxable under.

- (2)(a)(i) The numerator of the receipts factor includes gross income from interest, fees, and penalties on loans secured by real property, personal property, or both real and personal property, if the real or personal property is located within this state. If the property securing the loan is located both within this state and one or more other states, the income described in this subsection (2)(a)(i) is included in the numerator of the receipts factor if more than fifty percent of the fair market value of the real or personal property is located within this state. If more than fifty percent of the fair market value of the real or personal property is not located within any one state, then the income described in this subsection (2)(a)(i) is included in the numerator of the receipts factor if the borrower is located in this state.
- (ii) The denominator of the receipts factor includes gross income from interest, fees, and penalties on loans secured by real property, personal property, or both real and personal property, wherever the property is located.
- (iii) The determination of whether the real or personal property securing a loan is located within this state must be made as of the time the original agreement was made and any and all subsequent substitutions of collateral must be disregarded.
- (b) The numerator of the receipts factor includes gross income from interest, fees, and penalties on loans not secured by real or personal property if the borrower is located in this state. The denominator of the receipts factor includes gross income from interest, fees, and penalties on loans that are not secured by real or personal property, regardless of where the borrower is located.
- (c) The receipts factor includes gross income from net gains, which may not be less than zero, on the sale of loans. Net gains on the sale of loans includes income recorded under the coupon stripping rules of

1 26 U.S.C. Sec. 1286 of the federal internal revenue code of 1986, as existing on July 1, 2010.

- (i) The amount of net gains, which may not be less than zero, on the sale of loans secured by real property, personal property, or both real and personal property, included in the numerator of the receipts factor is determined by multiplying such net gains by a fraction. The numerator of the fraction is the amount included in the numerator of the receipts factor under (a) of this subsection (2). The denominator of the fraction is the amount included in the denominator of the receipts factor under (a) of this subsection (2).
- (ii) The amount of net gains, which may not be less than zero, from the sale of loans not secured by real or personal property included in the numerator of the receipts factor is determined by multiplying such net gains by a fraction. The numerator of the fraction is the amount included in the numerator of the receipts factor under (b) of this subsection (2). The denominator of the fraction is the amount included in the denominator of the receipts factor under (b) of this subsection (2).
- (iii) The denominator of the receipts factor includes gross income from net gains, which may not be less than zero, on all sales of loans.
- (d) Loan servicing fees are included in the receipts factor as provided in (d)(i) and (ii) of this subsection (2).
- (i)(A)(I) The numerator of the receipts factor includes gross income from loan servicing fees derived from loans secured by real property, personal property, or both real and personal property, multiplied by a fraction. The numerator of the fraction is the amount included in the numerator of the receipts factor under (a) of this subsection (2). The denominator of the fraction is the amount included in the denominator of the receipts factor under (a) of this subsection (2).
- (II) The denominator of the receipts factor includes gross income from all loan servicing fees derived from loans secured by real property, personal property, or both real and personal property.
- (B)(I) The numerator of the receipts factor includes gross income from loan servicing fees derived from loans not secured by real or personal property multiplied by a fraction. The numerator of the fraction is the amount included in the numerator of the receipts factor

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under (b) of this subsection (2). The denominator of the fraction is the amount included in the denominator of the receipts factor under (b) of this subsection (2).

- (II) The denominator of the receipts factor includes gross income from all loan servicing fees derived from loans not secured by real or personal property.
- (ii) If the financial institution receives loan servicing fees for servicing either the secured or the unsecured loans of another, the numerator of the receipts factor includes such fees if the borrower is located in this state. The denominator of the receipts factor includes all such fees.
- (e)(i) Interest, dividends, net gains (which may not be less than zero), and other income from investment assets and activities and from trading assets and activities, as provided in this subsection (2)(e), are included in the receipts factor. Investment assets and activities and trading assets and activities include but are not limited to: Investment securities; trading account assets; federal funds; securities purchased and sold under agreements to resell or repurchase; options; futures contracts; forward contracts; notional principal contracts such as swaps; equities; and foreign currency transactions.
- (ii) The numerator of the receipts factor includes gross income from interest, dividends, net gains (which may not be less than zero), and other receipts from investment assets and activities and from trading assets and activities described in (e)(i) of this subsection (2) that are attributable to this state. The denominator of the receipts factor includes all such gross income wherever earned.
- (A) The amount of interest, dividends, net gains (which may not be less than zero), and other income from investment assets and activities in the investment account to be attributed to this state and included in the numerator of the receipts factor is determined by multiplying all such income from such assets and activities by a fraction. The numerator of the fraction is the average value of such assets that are properly assigned to a regular place of business of the financial institution within this state. The denominator of the fraction is the average value of all such assets.
- (B)(I) The amount of interest from federal funds sold and purchased and from securities purchased under resale agreements and securities sold under repurchase agreements attributable to this state and

included in the numerator of the receipts factor is determined by multiplying the amount described in (e)(ii)(B)(II) of this subsection (2) from such funds and such securities by a fraction. The numerator of the fraction is the average value of federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell that are properly assigned to a regular place of business of the financial institution within this state. The denominator of the fraction is the average value of all such funds and such securities.

- (II) The amount used for purposes of making the calculation in (e)(ii)(B)(I) of this subsection (2) is the amount by which interest from federal funds sold and securities purchased under resale agreements exceeds interest expense on federal funds purchased and securities sold under repurchase agreements.
- (C)(I) The amount of interest, dividends, gains and other income from trading assets and activities, including but not limited to assets and activities in the matched book, in the arbitrage book, and foreign currency transactions, but excluding amounts described in (e)(ii)(A) or (B) of this subsection (2), attributable to this state and included in the numerator of the receipts factor is determined by multiplying the amount described in (e)(ii)(C)(II) of this subsection (2) by a fraction. The numerator of the fraction is the average value of such trading assets that are properly assigned to a regular place of business of the financial institution within this state. The denominator of the fraction is the average value of all such assets.
- (II) The amount used for purposes of making the calculation in (e)(ii)(C)(I) of this subsection (2) is the amount by which interest, dividends, gains and other receipts from trading assets and activities, including but not limited to assets and activities in the matched book, in the arbitrage book, and foreign currency transactions, exceed amounts paid in lieu of interest, amounts paid in lieu of dividends, and losses from such assets and activities.
- (D) For purposes of this subsection (2)(e)(ii), average value must be determined using the rules for determining the average value of property set forth in section 104(2) of this act.
- (iii) In lieu of using the method set forth in (e)(ii) of this subsection (2), the financial institution may elect, or the department may require, in order to fairly represent the business activity of the

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financial institution in this state, the use of the method set forth in this subsection (2)(e)(iii).

- (A) The amount of interest, dividends, net gains (which may not be less than zero), and other income from investment assets and activities in the investment account to be attributed to this state and included in the numerator of the receipts factor is determined by multiplying all such income from such assets and activities by a fraction. The numerator of the fraction is the gross income from such assets and activities that are properly assigned to a regular place of business of the financial institution within this state. The denominator of the fraction is the gross income from all such assets and activities.
- (B) The amount of interest from federal funds sold and purchased and from securities purchased under resale agreements and securities sold under repurchase agreements attributable to this state and included in the numerator of the receipts factor is determined by multiplying the amount described in (e)(ii)(B)(II) of this subsection (2) from such funds and such securities by a fraction. The numerator of the fraction is the gross income from such funds and such securities that are properly assigned to a regular place of business of the financial institution within this state. The denominator of the fraction is the gross income from all such funds and such securities.
- (C) The amount of interest, dividends, gains and other receipts from trading assets and activities, including but not limited to assets and activities in the matched book, in the arbitrage book, and foreign currency transactions, but excluding amounts described in (e)(ii)(A) or (B) of this subsection (2), attributable to this state and included in the numerator of the receipts factor is determined by multiplying the amount described in (e)(ii)(C)(II) of this subsection (2) by a fraction. The numerator of the fraction is the gross income from such trading assets and activities that are properly assigned to a regular place of business of the financial institution within this state. The denominator of the fraction is the gross income from all such assets and activities.
- (iv) If the financial institution elects or is required by the department to use the method set forth in (e)(iii) of this subsection (2), it must use this method for subsequent tax returns unless the financial institution receives prior permission from the department to use, or the department requires, a different method.

(v) The financial institution has the burden of proving that an investment asset or activity or trading asset or activity was properly assigned to a regular place of business outside of this state by demonstrating that the day-to-day decisions regarding the asset or activity occurred at a regular place of business outside this state. If the day-to-day decisions regarding an investment asset or activity or trading asset or activity occur at more than one regular place of business and one such regular place of business is in this state and one such regular place of business is outside this state, such asset or activity is considered to be located at the regular place of business of the financial institution where the investment or trading policies or guidelines with respect to the asset or activity are established. Such policies and guidelines are presumed, subject to rebuttal by preponderance of the evidence, to be established at the commercial domicile of the financial institution.

- (f) The numerator of the receipts factor includes gross income from interest, fees, and penalties on credit card receivables, and gross income from fees charged to cardholders, such as annual fees, if the billing address of the cardholder is in this state. The denominator of the receipts factor includes gross income from interest, fees, and penalties on all credit card receivables, and gross income from fees charged to all cardholders, such as annual fees.
- (g)(i) The numerator of the receipts factor includes gross income from net gains, which may not be less than zero, from the sale of credit card receivables multiplied by a fraction. The numerator of the fraction is the amount included in the numerator of the receipts factor under (f) of this subsection (2). The denominator of the fraction is the amount included in the denominator of the receipts factor under (f) of this subsection (2).
- (ii) The denominator of the receipts factor includes gross income from net gains, which may not be less than zero, from all sales of credit card receivables.
- (h)(i) The numerator of the receipts factor includes gross income from all credit card issuer's reimbursement fees multiplied by a fraction. The numerator of the fraction is the amount included in the numerator of the receipts factor under (f) of this subsection (2). The denominator of the fraction is the amount included in the denominator of the receipts factor under (f) of this subsection (2).

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(ii) The denominator of the receipts factor includes gross income from all credit card issuer's reimbursement fees.

- (i) The numerator of the receipts factor includes gross income from merchant discounts if the commercial domicile of the merchant is in this state. The denominator of the receipts factor includes gross income from all merchant discounts. For purposes of this subsection (2)(i), gross income must be computed net of any cardholder charge backs but may not be reduced by any interchange transaction fees or by any issuer's reimbursement fees paid to another for charges made by its cardholders.
- (j) Apportionable income that would be attributable under this subsection (2) to a state in which the financial institution is not taxable must be excluded from the denominator of the receipts factor if at least some of the activity that generated the income is performed in this state, and the gross income is attributable under this subsection (2) to a state in which the taxpayer is not taxable. For purposes of this subsection (2)(j), "not taxable" has the same meaning as in section 105 of this act.
- (k)(i) The numerator of the receipts factor includes apportionable income taxable under RCW 82.04.290 and not otherwise included in the receipts factor under this subsection (2) if the activity producing the apportionable income is performed in this state. If the activity is performed both inside and outside this state, the numerator of the receipts factor includes apportionable income taxable under RCW 82.04.290 and not otherwise included in the receipts factor under this subsection (2) if a greater proportion of the activity producing the apportionable income is performed in this state based on cost of performance.
- (ii) The denominator of the receipts factor includes apportionable income taxable under RCW 82.04.290 from activities performed everywhere, where the apportionable income taxable under RCW 82.04.290 is not otherwise included in the receipts factor under this subsection (2).
- 34 (3) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4) of this section, 35 the definitions in the multistate tax commission's recommended formula 36 for the apportionment and allocation of net income of financial 37 institutions, adopted November 17, 1994, as existing on the effective 38 date of this section, apply to this section.

- 1 (4) Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions 2 in this subsection apply throughout this section.
- 3 (a) "Apportionable income" has the same meaning as in RCW 4 82.04.460.
- 5 (b) "Credit card" means a card or device existing for the purpose 6 of obtaining money, property, labor, or services on credit.

- (c) "Financial institution" has the same meaning as in WAC 458-20-14601. However, the department may not make any substantive changes to the definition of "financial institution" in WAC 458-20-14601 unless the changes implement a legislative amendment to this definition of financial institution.
- 12 (d) "State" means a state of the United States, the District of
  13 Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, any territory or possession
  14 of the United States, or any foreign country or political subdivision
  15 of a foreign country.
- **Sec. 107.** RCW 82.04.2907 and 2009 c 535 s 407 are each amended to read as follows:
  - (1) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business of receiving income from royalties ((or charges in the nature of royalties for the granting of intangible rights, such as copyrights, licenses, patents, or franchise fees)), the amount of tax with respect to ((such)) the business ((shall be)) is equal to the gross income from royalties ((or charges in the nature of royalties from the business)) multiplied by the rate of 0.484 percent.
  - (2) For the purposes of this section, "gross income from royalties" means compensation for the use of intangible property, ((such as)) including charges in the nature of royalties, regardless of where the intangible property will be used. For purposes of this subsection, "intangible property" includes copyrights, patents, licenses, franchises, trademarks, trade names, and similar items. ((#t)) "Gross income from royalties" does not include compensation for any natural resource, the licensing of prewritten computer software to the end user, or the licensing ((or use)) of digital goods, digital codes, or digital automated services to the end user as defined in RCW 82.04.190(11).

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**Sec. 108.** RCW 82.04.460 and 2004 c 174 s 6 are each amended to 2 read as follows:

- (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, any person ((rendering services)) earning apportionable income taxable under ((RCW 82.04.290 or 82.04.2908)) this chapter and ((maintaining places of business both within and without this state which contribute to the rendition of such services shall)) also taxable in another state, must, for the purpose of computing tax liability under ((RCW 82.04.290 or 82.04.2908)) this chapter, apportion to this state, in accordance with section 105 of this act, that portion of the person's ((gross)) apportionable income ((which is)) derived from ((services rendered)) business activities performed within this state. ((Where such apportionment cannot be accurately made by separate accounting methods, the taxpayer shall apportion to this state that proportion of the taxpayer's total income which the cost of doing business within the state bears to the total cost of doing business both within and without the state.))
- (2) ((Notwithstanding the provision of subsection (1) of this section, persons doing business both within and without the state who receive gross income from service charges, as defined in RCW 63.14.010 (relating to amounts charged for granting the right or privilege to make deferred or installment payments) or who receive gross income from engaging in business as financial institutions within the scope of chapter 82.14A RCW (relating to city taxes on financial institutions) shall apportion or allocate gross income taxable under RCW 82.04.290 to this state pursuant to rules promulgated by the department consistent with uniform rules for apportionment or allocation developed by the states.
- (3)) The department ((shall)) may by rule provide a method or methods of apportioning or allocating gross income derived from sales of telecommunications service and competitive telephone service (s) taxed under this chapter, if the gross proceeds of sales subject to tax under this chapter do not fairly represent the extent of the taxpayer's income attributable to this state. ((The rules shall be, so far as feasible, consistent with the methods of apportionment contained in this section and shall require the consideration of those facts, circumstances, and apportionment factors as will result in an equitable

- and constitutionally permissible division of the services.)) The rule 1 2 must provide for an equitable and constitutionally permissible division 3 of the tax base.
  - (3) For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply unless the context clearly requires otherwise:
- (a) "Apportionable income" means gross income of the business 7 generated from engaging in apportionable activities, including income received from apportionable activities performed outside this state if the income would be taxable under this chapter if received from activities in this state, less the exemptions and deductions allowable under this chapter. For purposes of this subsection, "apportionable activities means only those activities taxed under:
- 13 (i) RCW 82.04.255;

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- 14 (ii) RCW 82.04.260 (3), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), and (13);
- (iii) RCW 82.04.280(5); 15
- (iv) RCW 82.04.285; 16
- 17 (v) RCW 82.04.286;
- (vi) RCW 82.04.290; 18
- (vii) RCW 82.04.2907; 19
- (viii) RCW 82.04.2908; and 20
- 21 (ix) RCW 82.04.260(14), 82.04.263, and 82.04.280(1), but only to 22 the extent of any activity that would be taxable under any of the provisions enumerated under (a)(i) through (viii) of this subsection 23 24 (3) if the tax classifications in RCW 82.04.260(14), 82.04.263, and
- 82.04.280(1) did not exist. 25
- 26 (b)(i) "Taxable in another state" means that the taxpayer is 27 subject to a business activities tax by another state on its income received from engaging in apportionable activities; or the taxpayer is 28 29 not subject to a business activities tax by another state on its income received from engaging in apportionable activities, but any other state 30 has jurisdiction to subject the taxpayer to a business activities tax 31 on such income under the substantial nexus standards in section 104(1) 32
- of this act. 33
- (ii) For purposes of this subsection (3)(b): 34
- 35 (A) "Business activities tax" has the same meaning as in section 36 105 of this act; and
- 37 (B) "State" has the same meaning as in section 106 of this act.

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### Abusive Tax Transactions

3 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 201.** A new section is added to chapter 82.32 4 RCW to read as follows:

- (1) The department must disregard, for tax purposes, abusive tax avoidance transactions. In disregarding an abusive tax avoidance transaction, the department may:
- (a) Recharacterize the nature of income, such as recharacterizing dividends received from a related entity as income received for providing services to that entity;
- (b) Disregard the form of a corporate or other entity, even when legal formalities have been observed, when the form of entity is used as part of an abusive tax avoidance transaction;
- 14 (c) Treat the tax effects of the transaction, plan, or arrangement 15 according to its underlying substance rather than its form;
  - (d) Treat a series of formally separate steps as a single transaction; and
  - (e) Take any other reasonable steps necessary to deny the tax benefit that would otherwise arise as a result of the abusive tax avoidance transaction.
  - (2) For purposes of this section, "abusive tax avoidance transaction" means the avoidance of any tax collected by the department under the provisions of this chapter by means of a transaction, plan, or arrangement that lacks economic substance.
  - (3)(a) A transaction, plan, or arrangement will be considered as having economic substance only if:
  - (i) The transaction, plan, or arrangement changes in a meaningful way, apart from its tax effects, the taxpayer's economic position;
- 29 (ii) The taxpayer has a substantial nontax purpose for entering 30 into the transaction, plan, or arrangement; and
  - (iii) The transaction, plan, or arrangement is an objectively reasonable means of accomplishing the substantial nontax purpose.
- 33 (b) A transaction, plan, or arrangement that carries some risk of 34 loss and profit potential may nevertheless be found to lack economic 35 substance if the economic risks and profit potential are so 36 insignificant when compared to the tax benefits that a reasonable 37 person would conclude that the taxpayer would not have engaged in the 38 transaction, plan, or arrangement absent its tax effects.

(c) An objective of achieving favorable financial accounting benefits arising from tax savings is not deemed to be a substantial nontax purpose for entering into a transaction, plan, or arrangement.

- (d)(i) Except as provided in (d)(ii) of this subsection (3) the burden is on the department to establish that a transaction, plan, or arrangement lacks economic substance.
- (ii) If the taxpayer fails to produce records requested by the department that are relevant in determining whether a transaction, plan, or arrangement has economic substance, the burden is on the taxpayer to establish that the transaction, plan, or arrangement has economic substance.
- (4) The provisions of this section are cumulative and nonexclusive and do not affect any other remedies provided to the department under statutory or common law.
- (5) The department must by rule, and as resources allow, provide guidance on what it considers to be an abusive tax avoidance transaction. The adoption of a rule as required under this subsection is not a condition precedent for the department to use the authority provided in this section to disregard abusive tax avoidance transactions. The rule adopted under this section must include examples of abusive tax avoidance transactions.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 202. A new section is added to chapter 82.32 RCW to read as follows:
  - (1)(a) The department may not use section 201 of this act to disregard any transaction, plan, or arrangement initiated before July 1, 2010, if, in respect to such transaction, plan, or arrangement, the taxpayer had reported its tax liability in conformance with either specific written instructions provided by the department to the taxpayer, a determination published under the authority of RCW 82.32.410, or other document published by the department.
  - (b) This section does not apply if the transaction, plan, or arrangement engaged in by the taxpayer differs materially from the transaction, plan, or arrangement that was addressed in the specific written instructions, published determination, or other published document.
  - (2) For purposes of this section, "specific written instructions" means tax reporting instructions provided to a taxpayer and which

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- 1 specifically identifies the taxpayer to whom the instructions apply.
- 2 Specific written instructions may be provided as part of an audit, tax
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- 5 **Sec. 203.** RCW 82.32.090 and 2006 c 256 s 6 are each amended to 6 read as follows:
  - (1) If payment of any tax due on a return to be filed by a taxpayer is not received by the department of revenue by the due date, there ((shall be)) is assessed a penalty of five percent of the amount of the tax; and if the tax is not received on or before the last day of the month following the due date, there ((shall be)) is assessed a total penalty of fifteen percent of the amount of the tax under this subsection; and if the tax is not received on or before the last day of the second month following the due date, there ((shall be)) is assessed a total penalty of twenty-five percent of the amount of the tax under this subsection. No penalty so added shall be less than five dollars.
  - (2) If the department of revenue determines that any tax has been substantially underpaid, there ((shall be)) is assessed a penalty of five percent of the amount of the tax determined by the department to If payment of any tax determined by the department to be due is not received by the department by the due date specified in the notice, or any extension thereof, there ((shall be)) is assessed a total penalty of fifteen percent of the amount of the tax under this subsection; and if payment of any tax determined by the department to be due is not received on or before the thirtieth day following the due date specified in the notice of tax due, or any extension thereof, there ((shall be)) is assessed a total penalty of twenty-five percent of the amount of the tax under this subsection. No penalty so added ((shall)) may be less than five dollars. As used in this section, "substantially underpaid" means that the taxpayer has paid less than eighty percent of the amount of tax determined by the department to be due for all of the types of taxes included in, and for the entire period of time covered by, the department's examination, and the amount of underpayment is at least one thousand dollars.
  - (3) If a warrant ((be)) is issued by the department ((of revenue)) for the collection of taxes, increases, and penalties, there ((shall))

be)) is added thereto a penalty of ten percent of the amount of the tax, but not less than ten dollars.

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- (4) If the department finds that a person has engaged in any business or performed any act upon which a tax is imposed under this title and that person has not obtained from the department a registration certificate as required by RCW 82.32.030, the department ((shall)) must impose a penalty of five percent of the amount of tax due from that person for the period that the person was not registered as required by RCW 82.32.030. The department ((shall)) may not impose the penalty under this subsection (4) if a person who has engaged in business taxable under this title without first having registered as required by RCW 82.32.030, prior to any notification by the department of the need to register, obtains a registration certificate from the department.
- (5) If the department finds that all or any part of a deficiency resulted from the disregard of specific written instructions as to reporting or tax liabilities, the department ((shall)) must add a penalty of ten percent of the amount of the additional tax found due because of the failure to follow the instructions. A taxpayer disregards specific written instructions when the department ((of revenue)) has informed the taxpayer in writing of the taxpayer's tax obligations and the taxpayer fails to act in accordance with those instructions unless the department has not issued final instructions because the matter is under appeal pursuant to this chapter or departmental regulations. The department ((shall)) may not assess the penalty under this section upon any taxpayer who has made a good faith effort to comply with the specific written instructions provided by the department to that taxpayer. Specific written instructions may be given as a part of a tax assessment, audit, determination, or closing agreement, provided that such specific written instructions ((shall)) apply only to the taxpayer addressed or referenced on such documents. Any specific written instructions by the department ((of revenue shall)) must be clearly identified as such and ((shall)) must inform the taxpayer that failure to follow the instructions may subject the taxpayer to the penalties imposed by this subsection.
- (6) If the department finds that all or any part of a deficiency resulted from engaging in an abusive tax avoidance transaction, as defined in section 201 of this act, the department must assess a

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penalty of thirty-five percent of the additional tax found to be due as a result of engaging in the abusive tax avoidance transaction. The penalty provided in this subsection may be assessed together with any other applicable penalties provided in this section on the same tax found to be due, except for the evasion penalty provided in subsection (7) of this section. The department may not assess the penalty under this subsection if, before the department discovers the taxpayer's use of an abusive tax avoidance transaction, the taxpayer discloses its participation in the abusive tax avoidance transaction to the department.

(7) If the department finds that all or any part of the deficiency resulted from an intent to evade the tax payable ((hereunder)), a further penalty of fifty percent of the additional tax found to be due ((shall)) must be added.

 $((\frac{7}{}))$  (8) The penalties imposed under subsections (1) through (4) of this section can each be imposed on the same tax found to be due. This subsection does not prohibit or restrict the application of other penalties authorized by law.

((+8)) (9) The department ((+8)) may not impose both the evasion penalty and the penalty for disregarding specific written instructions or the penalty provided in subsection (6) of this section on the same tax found to be due.

((+9))) (10) For the purposes of this section, "return" means any document a person is required by the state of Washington to file to satisfy or establish a tax or fee obligation that is administered or collected by the department ((+9)), and that has a statutorily defined due date.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 204. (1) The legislature finds that this state's tax policy with respect to the taxation of transactions between affiliated entities and the income derived from such transactions (intercompany transactions) has motivated some taxpayers to engage in transactions designed solely or primarily to minimize the tax effects of intercompany transactions. The legislature further finds that some intercompany transactions result from taxpayers that are required to establish affiliated entities to comply with regulatory mandates and that transactions between such affiliates effectively increases the tax burden in this state on the affiliated group of entities.

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(2) Therefore, as existing resources allow, the department of revenue is directed to conduct a review of the state's tax policy with respect to the taxation of intercompany transactions. The review must include the impacts of such transactions under the state's business and occupation tax and state and local sales and use taxes. The department may include other taxes in the review as it deems appropriate.

- (3) In conducting the review, the department must examine how this state's tax policy compares to the tax policy of other states with respect to the taxation of intercompany transactions. The department's review must include an analysis of potential alternatives to the current policy of taxing intercompany transactions, including their estimated revenue impacts if practicable.
- (4) In conducting this review, the department may seek input from members of the business community and others as it deems appropriate.
- (5) The department must report its findings to the fiscal committees of the house of representatives and senate by December 1, 2010. However, if the department has not completed its review by December 1, 2010, the department must provide the fiscal committees of the legislature with a brief status report by December 1, 2010, and the final report by December 1, 2011.
- **Sec. 205.** RCW 82.12.020 and 2009 c 535 s 305 are each amended to 22 read as follows:
  - (1) There is ((hereby)) levied and ((there shall be)) collected from every person in this state a tax or excise for the privilege of using within this state as a consumer any:
  - (a) Article of tangible personal property ((purchased at retail, or)) acquired by ((lease, gift, repossession, or bailment, or extracted or produced or manufactured by the person so using the same, or otherwise furnished to a person engaged in any business taxable under RCW 82.04.280 (2) or (7))) the user in any manner, including tangible personal property acquired at a casual or isolated sale, and including by-products used by the manufacturer thereof, except as otherwise provided in this chapter, irrespective of whether the article or similar articles are manufactured or are available for purchase within this state;
    - (b) Prewritten computer software, regardless of the method of

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- delivery, but excluding prewritten computer software that is either provided free of charge or is provided for temporary use in viewing information, or both;
  - (c) Services defined as a retail sale in RCW 82.04.050 (2) (a) or (g), (3)(a), or (6)(b), excluding services defined as a retail sale in RCW 82.04.050(6)(b) that are provided free of charge;
    - (d) Extended warranty; or

- (e)(i) Digital good, digital code, or digital automated service, including the use of any services provided by a seller exclusively in connection with digital goods, digital codes, or digital automated services, whether or not a separate charge is made for such services.
- (ii) With respect to the use of digital goods, digital automated services, and digital codes acquired by purchase, the tax imposed in this subsection (1)(e) applies in respect to:
- 15 (A) Sales in which the seller has granted the purchaser the right 16 of permanent use;
  - (B) Sales in which the seller has granted the purchaser a right of use that is less than permanent;
  - (C) Sales in which the purchaser is not obligated to make continued payment as a condition of the sale; and
  - (D) Sales in which the purchaser is obligated to make continued payment as a condition of the sale.
  - (iii) With respect to digital goods, digital automated services, and digital codes acquired other than by purchase, the tax imposed in this subsection (1)(e) applies regardless of whether or not the consumer has a right of permanent use or is obligated to make continued payment as a condition of use.
  - (2) The provisions of this chapter do not apply in respect to the use of any article of tangible personal property, extended warranty, digital good, digital code, digital automated service, or service taxable under RCW 82.04.050 (2) (a) or (g), (3)(a), or (6)(b), if the sale to, or the use by, the present user or the present user's bailor or donor has already been subjected to the tax under chapter 82.08 RCW or this chapter and the tax has been paid by the present user or by the present user's bailor or donor.
  - (3)(a) Except as provided in this section, payment of the tax imposed by this chapter or chapter 82.08 RCW by one purchaser or user of tangible personal property, extended warranty, digital good, digital

code, digital automated service, or other service does not have the effect of exempting any other purchaser or user of the same property, extended warranty, digital good, digital code, digital automated service, or other service from the taxes imposed by such chapters.

(b) The tax imposed by this chapter does not apply:

- (i) If the sale to, or the use by, the present user or his or her bailor or donor has already been subjected to the tax under chapter 82.08 RCW or this chapter and the tax has been paid by the present user or by his or her bailor or donor;
- (ii) In respect to the use of any article of tangible personal property acquired by bailment and the tax has once been paid based on reasonable rental as determined by RCW 82.12.060 measured by the value of the article at time of first use multiplied by the tax rate imposed by chapter 82.08 RCW or this chapter as of the time of first use;
- (iii) In respect to the use of any article of tangible personal property acquired by bailment, if the property was acquired by a previous bailee from the same bailor for use in the same general activity and the original bailment was prior to June 9, 1961; or
- (iv) To the use of digital goods or digital automated services, which were obtained through the use of a digital code, if the sale of the digital code to, or the use of the digital code by, the present user or the present user's bailor or donor has already been subjected to the tax under chapter 82.08 RCW or this chapter and the tax has been paid by the present user or by the present user's bailor or donor.
- (4)(a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection (4), the tax is levied and must be collected in an amount equal to the value of the article used, value of the digital good or digital code used, value of the extended warranty used, or value of the service used by the taxpayer, multiplied by the applicable rates in effect for the retail sales tax under RCW 82.08.020.
- (b) In the case of a seller required to collect use tax from the purchaser, the tax must be collected in an amount equal to the purchase price multiplied by the applicable rate in effect for the retail sales tax under RCW 82.08.020.
- (5) For purposes of the tax imposed in this section, "person"
  includes anyone within the definition of "buyer," "purchaser," and
  "consumer" in RCW 82.08.010.

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- (1) As used in this chapter, the term "sale" ((shall have)) has its ordinary meaning and ((shall)) 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 purchase real property, including standing timber, or any estate or interest therein or other contract under which possession of the property is given to the purchaser, or any other person at the purchaser's direction, and title to the property is retained by the vendor as security for the payment of the purchase price. also includes the grant, assignment, quitclaim, sale, or transfer of improvements constructed upon leased land.
  - (2)(a) The term "sale" also includes the transfer or acquisition within any twelve-month period of a controlling interest in any entity with an interest in real property located in this state for a valuable consideration.
  - (b) For the sole purpose of determining whether, pursuant to the exercise of an option, a controlling interest was transferred or acquired within a twelve-month period, the date that the option agreement was executed is the date on which the transfer or acquisition of the controlling interest is deemed to occur. For all other purposes under this chapter, the date upon which the option is exercised is the date of the transfer or acquisition of the controlling interest.
  - (c) For purposes of this subsection, all acquisitions of persons acting in concert ((shall)) <u>must</u> be aggregated for purposes of determining whether a transfer or acquisition of a controlling interest has taken place. The department ((of revenue shall)) <u>must</u> adopt standards by rule to determine when persons are acting in concert. In adopting a rule for this purpose, the department ((shall)) <u>must</u> consider the following:
  - ((\(\frac{(a)}{a}\))) (i) Persons ((\(\frac{shall}{a}\))) \(\text{must}\) 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

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- $((\frac{b}{b}))$  (ii) When persons are not commonly owned or controlled, they  $(\frac{shall}{b})$  must be treated as acting in concert only when the unity with which the purchasers have negotiated and will consummate the transfer of ownership interests supports a finding that they are acting as a single entity. If the acquisitions are completely independent, with each purchaser buying without regard to the identity of the other purchasers, then the acquisitions  $(\frac{shall be}{a})$  are considered separate acquisitions.
  - (3) The term "sale" ((shall)) does not include:

- (a) A transfer by gift, devise, or inheritance.
- (b) A transfer of any leasehold interest other than of the type mentioned above.
- (c) A cancellation or forfeiture of a vendee's interest in a contract for the sale of real property, whether or not such contract contains a forfeiture clause, or deed in lieu of foreclosure of a mortgage.
- (d) The partition of property by tenants in common by agreement or as the result of a court decree.
- (e) The assignment of property or interest in property from one spouse or one domestic partner to the other spouse or other domestic partner in accordance with the terms of a decree of dissolution of marriage or state registered domestic partnership or in fulfillment of a property settlement agreement.
- (f) 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.
- (g) Transfers by appropriation or decree in condemnation proceedings brought by the United States, the state or any political subdivision thereof, or a municipal corporation.
- (h) A mortgage or other transfer of an interest in real property merely to secure a debt, or the assignment thereof.
- (i) 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.
- (j) A conveyance to the federal housing administration or veterans administration by an authorized mortgagee made pursuant to a contract

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of insurance or guaranty with the federal housing administration or veterans administration.

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- (k) 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.
  - (1) The sale of any grave or lot in an established cemetery.
- (m) A sale by the United States, this state or any political subdivision thereof, or a municipal corporation of this state.
- (n) 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.
- (o) A transfer of real property, however effected, if it consists of a mere change in identity or form of ownership of an entity where there is no change in the beneficial ownership. These include transfers to a corporation or partnership which is wholly owned by the transferor and/or the transferor's spouse or domestic partner or children of the transferor or the transferor's spouse or domestic partner((: PROVIDED, That)). However, if thereafter such transferee corporation or partnership voluntarily transfers such real property, or such transferor, spouse or domestic partner, or children of the transferor or the transferor's spouse or domestic partner voluntarily transfer stock in the transferee corporation or interest in the transferee partnership capital, as the case may be, to other than (((1))) (i) the transferor and/or the transferor's spouse or domestic partner or children of the transferor or the transferor's spouse or domestic partner,  $((\frac{2}{2}))$  (ii) a trust having the transferor and/or the transferor's spouse or domestic partner or children of the transferor the the transferor's spouse or domestic partner as beneficiaries at the time of the transfer to the trust, or  $((\frac{3}{3}))$ (iii) a corporation or partnership wholly owned by the original transferor and/or the transferor's spouse or domestic partner or children of the transferor or the transferor's spouse or domestic partner, within three years of the original transfer to which this exemption applies, and the tax on the subsequent transfer has not been paid within sixty days of becoming due, excise taxes ((shall)) become due and payable on the original transfer as otherwise provided by law.

(p)(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 ((section)) 26 U.S.C. Sec. 332, 337, 351, 368(a)(1), 721, or 731 of the internal revenue code of 1986, as amended.

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- 7 (ii) However, the transfer described in (p)(i) of this subsection 8 cannot be preceded or followed within a twelve-month period by another transfer or series of transfers, that, when combined with the otherwise 9 10 exempt transfer or transfers described in (p)(i) of this subsection, 11 results in the transfer of a controlling interest in the entity for 12 valuable consideration, and in which one or more persons previously 13 holding a controlling interest in the entity receive cash or property 14 in exchange for any interest the person or persons acting in concert hold in the entity. This subsection (3)(p)(ii) does not apply to that 15 part of the transfer involving property received that is the real 16 17 property interest that the person or persons originally contributed to 18 the entity or when one or more persons who did not contribute real 19 property or belong to the entity at a time when real property was 20 purchased receive cash or personal property in exchange for that person 21 or persons' interest in the entity. The real estate excise tax under 22 this subsection (3)(p)(ii) is imposed upon the person or persons who 23 previously held a controlling interest in the entity.
- (q) 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.
- 27 **Sec. 207.** RCW 82.45.033 and 1993 sp.s. c 25 s 505 are each amended to read as follows:
- 29 <u>(1)</u> As used in this chapter, the term "controlling interest" has 30 the following meaning:
  - $((\frac{1}{1}))$  (a) In the case of a corporation, either fifty percent or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the corporation entitled to vote, or fifty percent of the capital, profits, or beneficial interest in the voting stock of the corporation; and
- $((\frac{(2)}{2}))$  (b) In the case of a partnership, association, trust, or other entity, fifty percent or more of the capital, profits, or

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- beneficial interest in such partnership, association, trust, or other
  entity.
- 3 (2) The department may, at the department's option, enforce the 4 obligation of the seller under this chapter as provided in this 5 subsection (2):

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- (a) In the transfer or acquisition of a controlling interest as defined in subsection (1)(a) of this section, either against the corporation in which a controlling interest is transferred or acquired, against the person or persons who acquired the controlling interest in the corporation or, when the corporation is not a publicly traded company, against the person or persons who transferred the controlling interest in the corporation; and
- (b) In the transfer or acquisition of a controlling interest as

  defined in subsection (1)(b) of this section, either against the entity

  in which a controlling interest is transferred or acquired or against

  the person or persons who transferred or acquired the controlling

  interest in the entity.
- 18 **Sec. 208.** RCW 82.45.070 and 1969 ex.s. c 223 s 28A.45.070 are each 19 amended to read as follows:

The tax ((herein)) provided for <u>in this chapter</u> and any interest or penalties thereon ((shall be)) <u>is</u> a specific lien upon each ((piece))

parcel of real property <u>located in this state that is either</u> sold <u>or</u>

that is owned by an entity in which a controlling interest has been transferred or acquired. The lien attaches from the time of sale until the tax ((shall have been)) <u>is</u> paid, which lien may be enforced in the manner prescribed for the foreclosure of mortgages.

- 27 **Sec. 209.** RCW 82.45.080 and 1980 c 154 s 3 are each amended to 28 read as follows:
- 29 <u>(1)</u> The tax levied under this chapter ((shall be)) is the obligation of the seller and the department ((of revenue)) may, at the department's option, enforce the obligation through an action of debt against the seller or the department may proceed in the manner prescribed for the foreclosure of mortgages ((and resort to)). The department's use of one course of enforcement ((shall)) is not ((be)) an election not to pursue the other.

(2) For purposes of this section and notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the seller is the parent corporation of a wholly owned subsidiary, when such subsidiary is the transferor to a third-party transferee and the subsidiary is dissolved before paying the tax imposed under this chapter.

- **Sec. 210.** RCW 82.45.100 and 2007 c 111 s 112 are each amended to 7 read as follows:
  - (1) Payment of the tax imposed under this chapter is due and payable immediately at the time of sale, and if not paid within one month thereafter ((shall)) will bear interest from the time of sale until the date of payment.
  - (a) Interest imposed before January 1, 1999, ((shall be)) <u>is</u> computed at the rate of one percent per month.
    - (b) Interest imposed after December 31, 1998,  $((shall\ be))$  <u>is</u> computed on a monthly basis at the rate as computed under RCW 82.32.050(2). The rate so computed ((shall)) <u>must</u> be adjusted on the first day of January of each year for use in computing interest for that calendar year. The department  $((of\ revenue\ shall))$  <u>must</u> provide written notification to the county treasurers of the variable rate on or before December 1st of the year preceding the calendar year in which the rate applies.
    - (2) In addition to the interest described in subsection (1) of this section, if the payment of any tax is not received by the county treasurer or the department of revenue, as the case may be, within one month of the date due, there ((shall be)) is assessed a penalty of five percent of the amount of the tax; if the tax is not received within two months of the date due, there ((shall)) will be assessed a total penalty of ten percent of the amount of the tax; and if the tax is not received within three months of the date due, there ((shall)) will be assessed a total penalty of twenty percent of the amount of the tax. The payment of the penalty described in this subsection ((shall be)) is collectible from the seller only, and RCW 82.45.070 does not apply to the penalties described in this subsection.
    - (3) If the tax imposed under this chapter is not received by the due date, the transferee (( $\frac{\text{shall be}}{\text{old}}$ )) is personally liable for the tax, along with any interest as provided in subsection (1) of this section, unless(( $\div$

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- (b) Either the transferor or transferee notifies the department of revenue in writing of the occurrence of the sale within thirty days following the date of the sale)).
- (4) If upon examination of any affidavits or from other information obtained by the department or its agents it appears that all or a portion of the tax is unpaid, the department ((shall)) must assess against the taxpayer the additional amount found to be due plus interest and penalties as provided in subsections (1) and (2) of this section. The department ((shall)) must notify the taxpayer by mail, or electronically as provided in RCW 82.32.135, of the additional amount and the same ((shall)) becomes due and ((shall)) must be paid within thirty days from the date of the notice, or within such further time as the department may provide.
- (5) No assessment or refund may be made by the department more than four years after the date of sale except upon a showing of:
  - (a) Fraud or misrepresentation of a material fact by the taxpayer;
- 20 (b) A failure by the taxpayer to record documentation of a sale or 21 otherwise report the sale to the county treasurer; or
- 22 (c) A failure of the transferor or transferee to report the sale under RCW 82.45.090(2).
  - (6) Penalties collected on taxes due under this chapter under subsection (2) of this section and RCW 82.32.090 (2) through (7) ((shall)) <u>must</u> be deposited in the housing trust fund as described in chapter 43.185 RCW.
- **Sec. 211.** RCW 82.45.220 and 2005 c 326 s 3 are each amended to 29 read as follows:
  - (1) An organization that fails to report a transfer of the controlling interest in the organization under RCW 43.07.390 to the secretary of state and is later determined to be subject to real estate excise taxes due to the transfer, ((shall be)) is subject to the provisions of RCW 82.45.100 as well as the evasion penalty in RCW 82.32.090(((6))) (7).
- 36 (2) Subsection (1) of this section also applies to the failure to

- 1 report to the secretary of state the granting of an option to acquire
- 2 <u>an interest in the organization if the exercise of the option would</u>
- 3 result in a sale as defined in RCW 82.45.010(2).

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- 4 **Sec. 212.** RCW 43.07.390 and 2005 c 326 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:
  - (1)(a) The secretary of state ((shall)) must adopt rules requiring any entity that is required to file an annual report with the secretary of state, including entities under Titles 23, 23B, 24, and 25 RCW, to disclose: (i) Any transfer ((in)) of the controlling interest ((of)) in the entity ((and any interest in real property)); and (ii) the granting of any option to acquire an interest in the entity if the exercise of the option would result in a sale as defined in RCW
- 82.45.010(2).
   (b) The disclosure requirement in this subsection only applies to

entities owning an interest in real property located in this state.

- (2) This information ((shall)) <u>must</u> be made available to the department of revenue upon request for the purposes of tracking the transfer of the controlling interest in <u>entities owning</u> real property and to determine when the real estate excise tax is applicable in such cases.
- 21 (3) For the purposes of this section, "controlling interest" has 22 the same meaning as provided in RCW 82.45.033.

23 PART III

# Placing a Cap On the First Mortgage Deduction

- 25 **Sec. 301.** RCW 82.04.4292 and 1980 c 37 s 12 are each amended to read as follows:
- 27 (1) In computing tax there may be deducted from the measure of tax 28 by those engaged in banking, loan, security or other financial 29 businesses, amounts derived from interest received on investments or 30 loans primarily secured by first mortgages or trust deeds on 31 nontransient residential properties.
- 32 (2) The total amount a person may deduct under this section for any 33 calendar year may not exceed thirty-five million dollars.

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PART IV

# Repealing the Nonresident Sales Tax Exemption

NEW SECTION. Sec. 401. RCW 82.08.0273 (Exemptions--Sales to nonresidents of tangible personal property, digital goods, and digital codes for use outside the state--Proof of nonresident status--Penalties) and 2009 c 535 s 512, 2007 c 135 s 2, 2003 c 53 s 399, 1993 c 444 s 1, 1988 c 96 s 1, 1982 1st ex.s. c 5 s 1, & 1980 c 37 s 39 are each repealed.

9 PART V

# Direct Seller Business and Occupation Tax Exemption

NEW SECTION. Sec. 501. (1) A business and occupation tax exemption is provided in RCW 82.04.423 for certain out-of-state sellers that sell consumer products exclusively to or through a direct seller's representative. The intent of the legislature in enacting this exemption was to provide a narrow exemption for out-of-state businesses engaged in direct sales of consumer products, typically accomplished through in-home parties or door-to-door selling.

- (2) In Dot Foods, Inc. v. Dep't of Revenue, Docket No. 81022-2 (September 10, 2009), the Washington supreme court held that the exemption in RCW 82.04.423 applied to a taxpayer: (a) That sold nonconsumer products through its representative in addition to consumer products; and (b) whose consumer products were ultimately sold at retail in permanent retail establishments.
- (3) The legislature finds that most out-of-state businesses selling consumer products in this state will either be eligible for the exemption under RCW 82.04.423 or could easily restructure their business operations to qualify for the exemption. As a result, the legislature expects that the broadened interpretation of the direct sellers' exemption will lead to large and devastating revenue losses. This comes at a time when the state's existing budget is facing a two billion six hundred million dollar shortfall, which could grow, while at the same time the demand for state and state-funded services is also growing. Moreover, the legislature further finds that RCW 82.04.423 provides preferential tax treatment for out-of-state businesses over their in-state competitors and now creates a strong incentive for in-state businesses to move their operations outside Washington.

(4) Therefore, the legislature finds that it is necessary to reaffirm the legislature's intent in establishing the direct sellers' exemption and prevent the loss of revenues resulting from the expanded interpretation of the exemption by amending RCW 82.04.423 retroactively to conform the exemption to the original intent of the legislature and by prospectively ending the direct sellers' exemption effective July 1, 2010. The legislature recognizes that the department of revenue has asked the Washington supreme court to reconsider its decision in *Dot Foods*. As a result, if the *Dot Foods* decision is not final on the effective date of section 502 of this act, it is the legislature's intent that the amendments in section 502 of this act be considered clarifying in nature.

- **Sec. 502.** RCW 82.04.423 and 1983 1st ex.s. c 66 s 5 are each 14 amended to read as follows:
  - (1) <u>Prior to April 1, 2010, this chapter ((shall)) does</u> not apply to any person in respect to gross income derived from the business of making sales at wholesale or retail if such person:
    - (a) Does not own or lease real property within this state; and
  - (b) Does not regularly maintain a stock of tangible personal property in this state for sale in the ordinary course of business; and
  - (c) Is not a corporation incorporated under the laws of this state; and
  - (d) Makes sales in this state exclusively to or through a direct seller's representative.
    - (2) For purposes of this section, the term "direct seller's representative" means a person who buys only consumer products on a buy-sell basis or a deposit-commission basis for resale, by the buyer or any other person, in the home or otherwise than in a permanent retail establishment, or who sells at retail, or solicits the sale at retail of, only consumer products in the home or otherwise than in a permanent retail establishment; and
    - (a) Substantially all of the remuneration paid to such person, whether or not paid in cash, for the performance of services described in this subsection is directly related to sales or other output, including the performance of services, rather than the number of hours worked; and

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- (b) The services performed by the person are performed pursuant to a written contract between such person and the person for whom the services are performed and such contract provides that the person will not be treated as an employee with respect to such purposes for federal tax purposes.
- (3) Nothing in this section ((shall)) may be construed to imply that a person exempt from tax under this section was engaged in a business activity taxable under this chapter prior to ((the enactment of this section)) August 23, 1983.

10 PART VI

# Business and Occupation Tax Preferences for Manufacturers of Products Derived from Certain Agricultural Products

- NEW SECTION. Sec. 601. (1)(a) In 1967, the legislature amended RCW 82.04.260 in chapter 149, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. to authorize a preferential business and occupation tax rate for slaughtering, breaking, and/or processing perishable meat products and/or selling the same at wholesale. The legislature finds that RCW 82.04.260(4) was interpreted by the state supreme court on January 13, 2005, in Agrilink Foods, Inc. v. Department of Revenue, 153 Wn.2d 392 (2005). The supreme court held that the preferential business and occupation tax rate on the slaughtering, breaking, and/or processing of perishable meat products applied to the processing of perishable meat products into nonperishable finished products, such as canned food.
- (b) The legislature intends to narrow the exemption provided for slaughtering, breaking, and/or processing perishable meat products and/or selling such products at wholesale by requiring that the end product be a perishable meat product; a nonperishable meat product that is comprised primarily of animal carcass by weight or volume, other than a canned meat product; or a meat by-product.
- (2)(a) A business and occupation tax exemption is provided for (i) manufacturing by canning, preserving, freezing, processing, or dehydrating fresh fruits or vegetables, and (ii) selling such products at wholesale by the manufacturer to purchasers who transport the goods out of state in the ordinary course of business. This exemption expires July 1, 2012, and is replaced by a preferential business and occupation tax rate.

(b) The legislature finds that the rationale of the Agrilink decision, if applied to these tax preferences, could result in preferential tax treatment for any processed food product that contained any fresh fruit or vegetable as an ingredient, however small the amount.

- (c) The legislature intends to narrow the tax preference provided to fruit and vegetable manufacturers by requiring that the end product be comprised either (i) exclusively of fruits and/or vegetables, or (ii) of any combination of fruits, vegetables, and certain other substances that, cumulatively, may not exceed the amount of fruits and vegetables contained in the product measured by weight or volume.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 602. A new section is added to chapter 82.04 RCW to read as follows:
- 14 (1) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business of manufacturing:
  - (a) Perishable meat products, by slaughtering, breaking, or processing, if the finished product is a perishable meat product; as to such persons the tax imposed is equal to the value of the perishable meat products manufactured, or, in the case of a processor for hire, the gross income of the business, multiplied by the rate of 0.138 percent;
  - (b) Meat products, by dehydration, curing, smoking, or any combination of these activities, if the finished meat products are not canned; as to such persons the tax imposed is equal to the value of the meat products manufactured, or, in the case of a processor for hire, the gross income of the business, multiplied by the rate of 0.138 percent;
  - (c) Hides, tallow, meat meal, and other similar meat by-products, if such products are derived in part from animals and manufactured in a rendering plant licensed under chapter 16.68 RCW; as to such persons the tax imposed is equal to the value of the products manufactured, or, in the case of a processor for hire, the gross income of the business, multiplied by the rate of 0.138 percent.
- 34 (2) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business of selling at wholesale:
  - (a) Perishable meat products; as to such persons the tax imposed is

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- equal to the gross proceeds derived from such sales multiplied by the rate of 0.138 percent;
  - (b) Meat products that have been manufactured by the seller by dehydration, curing, smoking, or any combination of such activities, if the finished meat products are not canned; as to such persons the tax imposed is equal to the gross proceeds derived from such sales multiplied by the rate of 0.138 percent;
  - (c) Hides, tallow, meat meal, and other similar meat by-products, if such products are derived in part from animals and manufactured by the seller in a rendering plant; as to such persons the tax imposed is equal to the gross proceeds derived from such sales multiplied by the rate of 0.138 percent.
- 13 (3) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this 14 section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.
- 15 (a) "Animal" means all members of the animal kingdom except humans, 16 fish, and insects.
- 17 (b) "Carcass" means all or any parts, including viscera, of a slaughtered animal.
  - (c) "Fish" means any water-breathing animal, including shellfish.
  - (d) "Hide" means any unprocessed animal pelt or skin.
  - (e)(i) "Meat products" means:

- (A) Products comprised exclusively of animal carcass; and
- (B) Except as provided in (e)(ii) of this subsection (3), products, such as jerky, sausage, and other cured meat products, that are comprised primarily of animal carcass by weight or volume and may also contain water; nitrates; nitrites; acids; binders and extenders; natural or synthetic casings; colorings; flavorings such as soy sauce, liquid smoke, seasonings, citric acid, sugar, molasses, corn syrup, and vinegar; and similar substances.
- (ii) "Meat products" does not include products containing any cereal grains or cereal-grain products, dairy products, legumes and legume products, fruit or vegetable products as defined in RCW 82.04.260, and similar ingredients, unless the ingredient is used as a flavoring. For purposes of this subsection, "flavoring" means a substance that contains the flavoring constituents derived from a spice, fruit or fruit juice, vegetable or vegetable juice, edible yeast, herb, bark, bud, root, leaf, or any other edible substance of plant origin, whose primary function in food is flavoring or seasoning

rather than nutritional, and which may legally appear as "natural 1 flavor, " "flavor, " or "flavorings" in the ingredient statement on the 2 3 label of the meat product.

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- (iii) "Meat products" includes only products that are intended for human consumption as food or animal consumption as feed.
- (f) "Perishable" means having a high risk of spoilage within thirty days of manufacture without any refrigeration or freezing.
- 8 (g) "Rendering plant" means any place of business or location where 9 dead animals or any part or portion thereof, or packing house refuse, 10 are processed for the purpose of obtaining the hide, skin, grease residue, or any other by-product whatsoever. 11
- 12 **Sec. 603.** RCW 82.04.4266 and 2006 c 354 s 3 are each amended to 13 read as follows:
- 14 (1) This chapter ((shall)) does not apply to the value of products 15 or the gross proceeds of sales derived from:
  - (a) Manufacturing fruit((s)) or vegetable((s)) products by canning, preserving, freezing, processing, or dehydrating fresh fruits or vegetables; or
    - (b) Selling at wholesale fruit((s)) or vegetable((s)) products manufactured by the seller by canning, preserving, freezing, processing, or dehydrating fresh fruits or vegetables and sold to purchasers who transport in the ordinary course of business the goods out of this state. A person taking an exemption under this subsection (1)(b) must keep and preserve records for the period required by RCW 82.32.070 establishing that the goods were transported by the purchaser in the ordinary course of business out of this state.
      - (2)(a) "Fruit or vegetable products" means:
- (i) Products comprised exclusively of fruits, vegetables, or both; 28 29 and
- (ii) Products comprised of fruits, vegetables, or both, and which 30 may also contain water, sugar, salt, seasonings, preservatives, 31 binders, stabilizers, flavorings, yeast, and similar substances. 32 However, the amount of all ingredients contained in the product, other 33 than fruits, vegetables, and water, may not exceed the amount of fruits 34 and vegetables contained in the product measured by weight or volume.
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- 36 (b) "Fruit or vegetable products" includes only products that are intended for human consumption as food or animal consumption as feed. 37

- **Sec. 604.** RCW 82.04.260 and 2009 c 479 s 64, 2009 c 461 s 1, and 2009 c 162 s 34 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:
- (1) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business of manufacturing:
- (a) Wheat into flour, barley into pearl barley, soybeans into soybean oil, canola into canola oil, canola meal, or canola by-products, or sunflower seeds into sunflower oil; as to such persons the amount of tax with respect to such business ((shall be)) is equal to the value of the flour, pearl barley, oil, canola meal, or canola by-product manufactured, multiplied by the rate of 0.138 percent;
- (b) Beginning July 1, 2012, seafood products that remain in a raw, raw frozen, or raw salted state at the completion of the manufacturing by that person; or selling manufactured seafood products that remain in a raw, raw frozen, or raw salted state at the completion of the manufacturing, to purchasers who transport in the ordinary course of business the goods out of this state; as to such persons the amount of tax with respect to such business ((shall be)) is equal to the value of the products manufactured or the gross proceeds derived from such sales, multiplied by the rate of 0.138 percent. Sellers must keep and preserve records for the period required by RCW 82.32.070 establishing that the goods were transported by the purchaser in the ordinary course of business out of this state;
- (c) Beginning July 1, 2012, dairy products that as of September 20, 2001, are identified in 21 C.F.R., chapter 1, parts 131, 133, and 135, including by-products from the manufacturing of the dairy products such as whey and casein; or selling the same to purchasers who transport in the ordinary course of business the goods out of state; as to such persons the tax imposed ((shall be)) is equal to the value of the products manufactured or the gross proceeds derived from such sales multiplied by the rate of 0.138 percent. Sellers must keep and preserve records for the period required by RCW 82.32.070 establishing that the goods were transported by the purchaser in the ordinary course of business out of this state;
- 35 (d)(i) Beginning July 1, 2012, fruit((s)) or vegetable((s))
  36 products by canning, preserving, freezing, processing, or dehydrating
  37 fresh fruits or vegetables, or selling at wholesale fruit((s)) or

vegetable((s)) products manufactured by the seller by canning, preserving, freezing, processing, or dehydrating fresh fruits or vegetables and sold to purchasers who transport in the ordinary course of business the goods out of this state; as to such persons the amount of tax with respect to such business ((shall be)) is equal to the value of the products manufactured or the gross proceeds derived from such sales multiplied by the rate of 0.138 percent. Sellers must keep and preserve records for the period required by RCW 82.32.070 establishing that the goods were transported by the purchaser in the ordinary course of business out of this state;

- (ii) For purposes of this subsection, "fruit or vegetable products" means:
- 13 <u>(A) Products comprised exclusively of fruits, vegetables, or both;</u>
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  - (B) Products comprised of fruits, vegetables, or both, and which may also contain water, sugar, salt, seasonings, preservatives, binders, stabilizers, flavorings, yeast, and similar substances. However, the amount of all ingredients contained in the product, other than fruits, vegetables, and water, may not exceed the amount of fruits and vegetables contained in the product measured by weight or volume;
  - (iii) "Fruit and vegetable products" includes only products that are intended for human consumption as food or animal consumption as feed;
    - (e) Until July 1, 2009, alcohol fuel, biodiesel fuel, or biodiesel feedstock, as those terms are defined in RCW 82.29A.135; as to such persons the amount of tax with respect to the business ((shall be)) is equal to the value of alcohol fuel, biodiesel fuel, or biodiesel feedstock manufactured, multiplied by the rate of 0.138 percent; and
    - (f) Alcohol fuel or wood biomass fuel, as those terms are defined in RCW 82.29A.135; as to such persons the amount of tax with respect to the business ( $(shall\ be)$ ) is equal to the value of alcohol fuel or wood biomass fuel manufactured, multiplied by the rate of 0.138 percent.
    - (2) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business of splitting or processing dried peas; as to such persons the amount of tax with respect to such business ((shall be)) is equal to the value of the peas split or processed, multiplied by the rate of 0.138 percent.
    - (3) Upon every nonprofit corporation and nonprofit association engaging within this state in research and development, as to such

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corporations and associations, the amount of tax with respect to such activities ( $(shall\ be)$ ) <u>is</u> equal to the gross income derived from such activities multiplied by the rate of 0.484 percent.

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- (4) ((Upon every person engaging within this state in the business of slaughtering, breaking and/or processing perishable meat products and/or selling the same at wholesale only and not at retail; as to such persons the tax imposed shall be equal to the gross proceeds derived from such sales multiplied by the rate of 0.138 percent.
- (5)) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business of acting as a travel agent or tour operator; as to such persons the amount of the tax with respect to such activities ((shall be)) is equal to the gross income derived from such activities multiplied by the rate of 0.275 percent.
- $((\frac{(6)}{(6)}))$  (5) Upon every person engaging within this state in business as an international steamship agent, international customs house broker, international freight forwarder, vessel and/or cargo charter broker in foreign commerce, and/or international air cargo agent; as to such persons the amount of the tax with respect to only international activities  $((\frac{\text{shall be}}{)})$  is equal to the gross income derived from such activities multiplied by the rate of 0.275 percent.
- (((7))) (6) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business of stevedoring and associated activities pertinent to the movement of goods and commodities in waterborne interstate or foreign commerce; as to such persons the amount of tax with respect to such business ((shall be)) is equal to the gross proceeds derived from such activities multiplied by the rate of 0.275 percent. Persons subject to taxation under this subsection ((shall be)) are exempt from payment of taxes imposed by chapter 82.16 RCW for that portion of their business subject to taxation under this subsection. Stevedoring and associated activities pertinent to the conduct of goods and commodities in waterborne interstate or foreign commerce are defined as all activities of a labor, service or transportation nature whereby cargo may be loaded or unloaded to or from vessels or barges, passing over, onto or under a wharf, pier, or similar structure; cargo may be moved to a warehouse or similar holding or storage yard or area to await further movement in import or export or may move to a consolidation freight station and be stuffed, unstuffed, containerized, separated or otherwise segregated or aggregated for delivery or loaded on any mode

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of transportation for delivery to its consignee. Specific activities Wharfage, handling, loading, included in this definition are: unloading, moving of cargo to a convenient place of delivery to the consignee or a convenient place for further movement to export mode; documentation services in connection with the receipt, delivery, checking, care, custody and control of cargo required in the transfer of cargo; imported automobile handling prior to delivery to consignee; terminal stevedoring and incidental vessel services, including but not limited to plugging and unplugging refrigerator service to containers, trailers, and other refrigerated cargo receptacles, and securing ship hatch covers.

((+8)) (7)(a) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business of disposing of low-level waste, as defined in RCW 43.145.010; as to such persons the amount of the tax with respect to such business ((+8)) is equal to the gross income of the business, excluding any fees imposed under chapter 43.200 RCW, multiplied by the rate of 3.3 percent.

(b) If the gross income of the taxpayer is attributable to activities both within and without this state, the gross income attributable to this state ((shall)) must be determined in accordance with the methods of apportionment required under RCW 82.04.460.

 $((\frac{9}{}))$  (8) Upon every person engaging within this state as an insurance producer or title insurance agent licensed under chapter 48.17 RCW or a surplus line broker licensed under chapter 48.15 RCW; as to such persons, the amount of the tax with respect to such licensed activities  $((\frac{\text{shall be}}{}))$  is equal to the gross income of such business multiplied by the rate of 0.484 percent.

(((10))) <u>(9)</u> Upon every person engaging within this state in business as a hospital, as defined in chapter 70.41 RCW, that is operated as a nonprofit corporation or by the state or any of its political subdivisions, as to such persons, the amount of tax with respect to such activities ((shall be)) <u>is</u> equal to the gross income of the business multiplied by the rate of 0.75 percent through June 30, 1995, and 1.5 percent thereafter.

 $((\frac{11}{11}))$   $\underline{(10)}$ (a) Beginning October 1, 2005, upon every person engaging within this state in the business of manufacturing commercial airplanes, or components of such airplanes, or making sales, at retail or wholesale, of commercial airplanes or components of such airplanes,

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- manufactured by the seller, as to such persons the amount of tax with respect to such business ((shall)), in the case of manufacturers, ((be)) is equal to the value of the product manufactured and the gross proceeds of sales of the product manufactured, or in the case of processors for hire, ((be)) is equal to the gross income of the business, multiplied by the rate of:
- 7 (i) 0.4235 percent from October 1, 2005, through ((the later of)) 8 June 30, 2007; and
  - (ii) 0.2904 percent beginning July 1, 2007.

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- (b) Beginning July 1, 2008, upon every person who is not eligible to report under the provisions of (a) of this subsection ((\(\frac{(11)}{11}\))) (10) and is engaging within this state in the business of manufacturing tooling specifically designed for use in manufacturing commercial airplanes or components of such airplanes, or making sales, at retail or wholesale, of such tooling manufactured by the seller, as to such persons the amount of tax with respect to such business ((\(\frac{shall}{shall}\))), in the case of manufacturers, ((\(\frac{be}{e}\))) is equal to the value of the product manufactured and the gross proceeds of sales of the product manufactured, or in the case of processors for hire, ((\(\frac{be}{e}\))) is equal to the gross income of the business, multiplied by the rate of 0.2904 percent.
- (c) For the purposes of this subsection  $((\frac{11}{11}))$  (10), "commercial airplane" and "component" have the same meanings as provided in RCW 82.32.550.
  - (d) In addition to all other requirements under this title, a person eligible for the tax rate under this subsection  $((\frac{11}{11}))$  must report as required under RCW 82.32.545.
- (e) This subsection  $((\frac{11}{11}))$  does not apply on and after July 1, 2024.
- 30  $((\frac{12}{12}))$  (11)(a) Until July 1, 2024, upon every person engaging within this state in the business of extracting timber or extracting 31 32 for hire timber; as to such persons the amount of tax with respect to the business ((shall)), in the case of extractors, ((be)) is equal to 33 the value of products, including by-products, extracted, or in the case 34 of extractors for hire, ((be)) <u>is</u> equal to the gross income of the 35 36 business, multiplied by the rate of 0.4235 percent from July 1, 2006, 37 through June 30, 2007, and 0.2904 percent from July 1, 2007, through 38 June 30, 2024.

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(b) Until July 1, 2024, upon every person engaging within this state in the business of manufacturing or processing for hire: (i) Timber into timber products or wood products; or (ii) timber products into other timber products or wood products; as to such persons the amount of the tax with respect to the business ((shall)), in the case of manufacturers, ((be)) is equal to the value of products, including by-products, manufactured, or in the case of processors for hire, ((be)) is equal to the gross income of the business, multiplied by the rate of 0.4235 percent from July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007, and 0.2904 percent from July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2024.

- (c) Until July 1, 2024, upon every person engaging within this state in the business of selling at wholesale: (i) Timber extracted by that person; (ii) timber products manufactured by that person from timber or other timber products; or (iii) wood products manufactured by that person from timber or timber products; as to such persons the amount of the tax with respect to the business ((shall be)) is equal to the gross proceeds of sales of the timber, timber products, or wood products multiplied by the rate of 0.4235 percent from July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007, and 0.2904 percent from July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2024.
- (d) Until July 1, 2024, upon every person engaging within this state in the business of selling standing timber; as to such persons the amount of the tax with respect to the business ((shall be)) is equal to the gross income of the business multiplied by the rate of 0.2904 percent. For purposes of this subsection (((12))) (11)(d), "selling standing timber" means the sale of timber apart from the land, where the buyer is required to sever the timber within thirty months from the date of the original contract, regardless of the method of payment for the timber and whether title to the timber transfers before, upon, or after severance.
- 31 (e) For purposes of this subsection, the following definitions 32 apply:
  - (i) "Biocomposite surface products" means surface material products containing, by weight or volume, more than fifty percent recycled paper and that also use nonpetroleum-based phenolic resin as a bonding agent.
  - (ii) "Paper and paper products" means products made of interwoven cellulosic fibers held together largely by hydrogen bonding. "Paper and paper products" includes newsprint; office, printing, fine, and

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- 1 pressure-sensitive papers; paper napkins, towels, and toilet tissue;
- 2 kraft bag, construction, and other kraft industrial papers; paperboard,
- 3 liquid packaging containers, containerboard, corrugated, and solid-
- 4 fiber containers including linerboard and corrugated medium; and
- 5 related types of cellulosic products containing primarily, by weight or
- 6 volume, cellulosic materials. "Paper and paper products" does not
- 7 include books, newspapers, magazines, periodicals, and other printed
- 8 publications, advertising materials, calendars, and similar types of
- 9 printed materials.
- 10 (iii) "Recycled paper" means paper and paper products having fifty
- 11 percent or more of their fiber content that comes from postconsumer
- 12 waste. For purposes of this subsection  $((\frac{12}{12}))$   $(\frac{11}{12})$
- 13 "postconsumer waste" means a finished material that would normally be
- 14 disposed of as solid waste, having completed its life cycle as a
- 15 consumer item.
- 16 (iv) "Timber" means forest trees, standing or down, on privately or
- 17 publicly owned land. "Timber" does not include Christmas trees that
- 18 are cultivated by agricultural methods or short-rotation hardwoods as
- 19 defined in RCW 84.33.035.
- 20 (v) "Timber products" means:
- 21 (A) Logs, wood chips, sawdust, wood waste, and similar products
- 22 obtained wholly from the processing of timber, short-rotation hardwoods
- as defined in RCW 84.33.035, or both;
- 24 (B) Pulp, including market pulp and pulp derived from recovered
- 25 paper or paper products; and
- 26 (C) Recycled paper, but only when used in the manufacture of
- 27 biocomposite surface products.
- (vi) "Wood products" means paper and paper products; dimensional
- 29 lumber; engineered wood products such as particleboard, oriented strand
- 30 board, medium density fiberboard, and plywood; wood doors; wood
- 31 windows; and biocomposite surface products.
- (((13))) (12) Upon every person engaging within this state in
- 33 inspecting, testing, labeling, and storing canned salmon owned by
- 34 another person, as to such persons, the amount of tax with respect to
- 35 such activities ((shall be)) is equal to the gross income derived from
- 36 such activities multiplied by the rate of 0.484 percent.
- $((\frac{(14)}{(14)}))$  (13) Upon every person engaging within this state in the

- 1 business of printing a newspaper, publishing a newspaper, or both, the
- 2 amount of tax on such business is equal to the gross income of the
- 3 business multiplied by the rate of 0.2904 percent.

- Sec. 605. RCW 82.04.250 and 2008 c 81 s 5 are each amended to read as follows:
  - (1) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business of making sales at retail, except persons taxable as retailers under other provisions of this chapter, as to such persons, the amount of tax with respect to such business ((shall be)) is equal to the gross proceeds of sales of the business, multiplied by the rate of 0.471 percent.
  - (2) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business of making sales at retail that are exempt from the tax imposed under chapter 82.08 RCW by reason of RCW 82.08.0261, 82.08.0262, or 82.08.0263, except persons taxable under RCW 82.04.260(( $\frac{11}{11}$ )) (10) or subsection (3) of this section, as to such persons, the amount of tax with respect to such business (( $\frac{11}{11}$ )) is equal to the gross proceeds of sales of the business, multiplied by the rate of 0.484 percent.
  - (3) Upon every person classified by the federal aviation administration as a federal aviation regulation part 145 certificated repair station and that is engaging within this state in the business of making sales at retail that are exempt from the tax imposed under chapter 82.08 RCW by reason of RCW 82.08.0261, 82.08.0262, or 82.08.0263, as to such persons, the amount of tax with respect to such business ((shall be)) is equal to the gross proceeds of sales of the business, multiplied by the rate of .2904 percent.
- **Sec. 606.** RCW 82.04.250 and 2007 c 54 s 5 are each amended to read 28 as follows:
  - (1) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business of making sales at retail, except persons taxable as retailers under other provisions of this chapter, as to such persons, the amount of tax with respect to such business (( $\frac{\text{shall be}}{\text{be}}$ )) is equal to the gross proceeds of sales of the business, multiplied by the rate of 0.471 percent.
  - (2) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business of making sales at retail that are exempt from the tax imposed under chapter 82.08 RCW by reason of RCW 82.08.0261, 82.08.0262, or

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- 1 82.08.0263, except persons taxable under RCW 82.04.260( $(\frac{(11)}{(11)})$ ) (10), as
- 2 to such persons, the amount of tax with respect to such business
- 3 ((shall be)) <u>is</u> equal to the gross proceeds of sales of the business,
- 4 multiplied by the rate of 0.484 percent.

- **Sec. 607.** RCW 82.04.261 and 2007 c 54 s 7 and 2007 c 48 s 4 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:
  - (1) In addition to the taxes imposed under RCW  $82.04.260((\frac{(12)}{(12)}))$  (11), a surcharge is imposed on those persons who are subject to any of the taxes imposed under RCW  $82.04.260((\frac{(12)}{(12)}))$  (11). Except as otherwise provided in this section, the surcharge is equal to 0.052 percent. The surcharge is added to the rates provided in RCW  $82.04.260((\frac{(12)}{(12)}))$  (11) (a), (b), (c), and (d). The surcharge and this section expire July 1, 2024.
- (2) All receipts from the surcharge imposed under this section ((shall)) must be deposited into the forest and fish support account created in RCW 76.09.405.
  - (3)(a) The surcharge imposed under this section  $((\frac{\text{shall be}}{\text{be}}))$  is suspended if:
  - (i) Receipts from the surcharge total at least eight million dollars during any fiscal biennium; or
  - (ii) The office of financial management certifies to the department that the federal government has appropriated at least two million dollars for participation in forest and fish report-related activities by federally recognized Indian tribes located within the geographical boundaries of the state of Washington for any federal fiscal year.
  - (b)(i) The suspension of the surcharge under (a)(i) of this subsection (3) ((shall)) takes effect on the first day of the calendar month that is at least thirty days after the end of the month during which the department determines that receipts from the surcharge total at least eight million dollars during the fiscal biennium. The surcharge ( $(shall\ be)$ ) is imposed again at the beginning of the following fiscal biennium.
  - (ii) The suspension of the surcharge under (a)(ii) of this subsection (3) ((shall)) takes effect on the later of the first day of October of any federal fiscal year for which the federal government appropriates at least two million dollars for participation in forest and fish report-related activities by federally recognized Indian

tribes located within the geographical boundaries of the state of Washington, or the first day of a calendar month that is at least thirty days following the date that the office of financial management makes a certification to the department under subsection (5) of this section. The surcharge ((shall be)) is imposed again on the first day of the following July.

- (4)(a) If, by October 1st of any federal fiscal year, the office of financial management certifies to the department that the federal government has appropriated funds for participation in forest and fish report-related activities by federally recognized Indian tribes located within the geographical boundaries of the state of Washington but the amount of the appropriation is less than two million dollars, the department ((shall)) must adjust the surcharge in accordance with this subsection.
- (b) The department ((shall)) must adjust the surcharge by an amount that the department estimates will cause the amount of funds deposited into the forest and fish support account for the state fiscal year that begins July 1st and that includes the beginning of the federal fiscal year for which the federal appropriation is made, to be reduced by twice the amount of the federal appropriation for participation in forest and fish report-related activities by federally recognized Indian tribes located within the geographical boundaries of the state of Washington.
- (c) Any adjustment in the surcharge ((shall)) takes effect at the beginning of a calendar month that is at least thirty days after the date that the office of financial management makes the certification under subsection (5) of this section.
- (d) The surcharge ((shall be)) is imposed again at the rate provided in subsection (1) of this section on the first day of the following state fiscal year unless the surcharge is suspended under subsection (3) of this section or adjusted for that fiscal year under this subsection.
- (e) Adjustments of the amount of the surcharge by the department are final and ((shall)) may not be used to challenge the validity of the surcharge imposed under this section.
- (f) The department ((shall)) <u>must</u> provide timely notice to affected taxpayers of the suspension of the surcharge or an adjustment of the surcharge.

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1 (5) The office of financial management ((shall)) <u>must</u> make the 2 certification to the department as to the status of federal 3 appropriations for tribal participation in forest and fish report-4 related activities.

Sec. 608. RCW 82.04.298 and 2008 c 49 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

- (1) The amount of tax with respect to a qualified grocery distribution cooperative's sales of groceries or related goods for resale, excluding items subject to tax under ((RCW-82.04.260(4))) section 602 of this act, to customer-owners of the grocery distribution cooperative is equal to the gross proceeds of sales of the grocery distribution cooperative multiplied by the rate of one and one-half percent.
- (2) A qualified grocery distribution cooperative is allowed a deduction from the gross proceeds of sales of groceries or related goods for resale, excluding items subject to tax under ((RCW 82.04.260(4))) section 602 of this act, to customer-owners of the grocery distribution cooperative that is equal to the portion of the gross proceeds of sales for resale that represents the actual cost of the merchandise sold by the grocery distribution cooperative to customer-owners.
- (3) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.
- (a) "Grocery distribution cooperative" means an entity that sells groceries and related items to customer-owners of the grocery distribution cooperative and has customer-owners, in the aggregate, who own a majority of the outstanding ownership interests of the grocery distribution cooperative or of the entity controlling the grocery distribution cooperative. "Grocery distribution cooperative" includes an entity that controls a grocery distribution cooperative.
  - (b) "Qualified grocery distribution cooperative" means:
- (i) A grocery distribution cooperative that has been determined by a court of record of the state of Washington to be not engaged in wholesaling or making sales at wholesale, within the meaning of RCW 82.04.270 or any similar provision of a municipal ordinance that imposes a tax on gross receipts, gross proceeds of sales, or gross

income, with respect to purchases made by customer-owners, and subsequently changes its form of doing business to make sales at wholesale of groceries or related items to its customer-owners; or

- (ii) A grocery distribution cooperative that has acquired substantially all of the assets of a grocery distribution cooperative described in (b)(i) of this subsection.
- (c) "Customer-owner" means a person who has an ownership interest in a grocery distribution cooperative and purchases groceries and related items at wholesale from that grocery distribution cooperative.
- (d) "Controlling" means holding fifty percent or more of the voting interests of an entity and having at least equal power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of the entity, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract, or otherwise.
- **Sec. 609.** RCW 82.04.334 and 2007 c 48 s 3 are each amended to read 16 as follows:
- This chapter does not apply to any sale of standing timber excluded from the definition of "sale" in RCW 82.45.010(3). The definitions in RCW 82.04.260( $(\frac{12}{12})$ ) (11) apply to this section.
- **Sec. 610.** RCW 82.04.440 and 2006 c 300 s 8 and 2006 c 84 s 6 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:
  - (1) Every person engaged in activities that are subject to tax under two or more provisions of RCW 82.04.230 through 82.04.298, inclusive, ((shall be)) is taxable under each provision applicable to those activities.
  - (2) Persons taxable under RCW 82.04.2909(2), 82.04.250, 82.04.270, 82.04.294(2), or 82.04.260 (1) (b), (c), ((4+))) or (d), (10), or (11), or ((4+))) section 602(2) of this act with respect to selling products in this state, including those persons who are also taxable under RCW 82.04.261, ((shall be)) are allowed a credit against those taxes for any (a) manufacturing taxes paid with respect to the manufacturing of products so sold in this state, and/or (b) extracting taxes paid with respect to the extracting of products so sold in this state or ingredients of products so sold in this state. Extracting taxes taken as credit under subsection (3) of this section may also be taken under this subsection, if otherwise allowable under this

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subsection. The amount of the credit ((shall)) may not exceed the tax liability arising under this chapter with respect to the sale of those products.

- (3) Persons taxable as manufacturers under RCW 82.04.240 or 82.04.260 (1)(b) or  $((\frac{12}{12}))$  (11), including those persons who are also taxable under RCW 82.04.261,  $(\frac{12}{12})$  are allowed a credit against those taxes for any extracting taxes paid with respect to extracting the ingredients of the products so manufactured in this state. The amount of the credit  $(\frac{12}{12})$  may not exceed the tax liability arising under this chapter with respect to the manufacturing of those products.
- (4) Persons taxable under RCW 82.04.230, 82.04.240, 82.04.2909(1), 82.04.294(1), 82.04.2404, or 82.04.260 (1), (2), (((4+)+)) (10), or (11), or (((1+)+)) section 602(1) of this act, including those persons who are also taxable under RCW 82.04.261, with respect to extracting or manufacturing products in this state ((shall-be)) are allowed a credit against those taxes for any (i) gross receipts taxes paid to another state with respect to the sales of the products so extracted or manufactured in this state, (ii) manufacturing taxes paid with respect to the manufacturing of products using ingredients so extracted in this state, or (iii) manufacturing taxes paid with respect to manufacturing activities completed in another state for products so manufactured in this state. The amount of the credit ((shall)) may not exceed the tax liability arising under this chapter with respect to the extraction or manufacturing of those products.
  - (5) For the purpose of this section:

- (a) "Gross receipts tax" means a tax:
- (i) Which is imposed on or measured by the gross volume of business, in terms of gross receipts or in other terms, and in the determination of which the deductions allowed would not constitute the tax an income tax or value added tax; and
- (ii) Which is also not, pursuant to law or custom, separately stated from the sales price.
  - (b) "State" means (i) the state of Washington, (ii) a state of the United States other than Washington, or any political subdivision of such other state, (iii) the District of Columbia, and (iv) any foreign country or political subdivision thereof.
- 37 (c) "Manufacturing tax" means a gross receipts tax imposed on the 38 act or privilege of engaging in business as a manufacturer, and

- includes (i) the taxes imposed in RCW 82.04.240, 82.04.2404, 82.04.2909(1), 82.04.260 (1), (2), ((4+)) (10), and (11), (and (12))) section 602(1) of this act, and 82.04.294(1); (ii) the tax imposed under RCW 82.04.261 on persons who are engaged in business as a manufacturer; and (iii) similar gross receipts taxes paid to other states.
  - (d) "Extracting tax" means a gross receipts tax imposed on the act or privilege of engaging in business as an extractor, and includes (i) the tax imposed on extractors in RCW 82.04.230 and 82.04.260((\(\frac{(12)}{12}\))) (11); (ii) the tax imposed under RCW 82.04.261 on persons who are engaged in business as an extractor; and (iii) similar gross receipts taxes paid to other states.
- 13 (e) "Business", "manufacturer", "extractor", and other terms used 14 in this section have the meanings given in RCW 82.04.020 through 15 82.04.212, notwithstanding the use of those terms in the context of 16 describing taxes imposed by other states.
- **Sec. 611.** RCW 82.04.4463 and 2008 c 81 s 8 are each amended to 18 read as follows:
  - (1) In computing the tax imposed under this chapter, a credit is allowed for property taxes and leasehold excise taxes paid during the calendar year.
    - (2) The credit is equal to:

- (a)(i)(A) Property taxes paid on buildings, and land upon which the buildings are located, constructed after December 1, 2003, and used exclusively in manufacturing commercial airplanes or components of such airplanes; and
- (B) Leasehold excise taxes paid with respect to buildings constructed after January 1, 2006, the land upon which the buildings are located, or both, if the buildings are used exclusively in manufacturing commercial airplanes or components of such airplanes; and
- (C) Property taxes or leasehold excise taxes paid on, or with respect to, buildings constructed after June 30, 2008, the land upon which the buildings are located, or both, and used exclusively for aerospace product development or in providing aerospace services, by persons not within the scope of (a)(i)(A) and (B) of this subsection (2) and are: (I) Engaged in manufacturing tooling specifically

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designed for use in manufacturing commercial airplanes or their components; or (II) taxable under RCW 82.04.290(3) or 82.04.250(3); or

- (ii) Property taxes attributable to an increase in assessed value due to the renovation or expansion, after: (A) December 1, 2003, of a building used exclusively in manufacturing commercial airplanes or components of such airplanes; and (B) June 30, 2008, of buildings used exclusively for aerospace product development or in providing aerospace services, by persons not within the scope of (a)(ii)(A) of this subsection (2) and are: (I) Engaged in manufacturing tooling specifically designed for use in manufacturing commercial airplanes or their components; or (II) taxable under RCW 82.04.290(3) or 82.04.250(3); and
- 13 (b) An amount equal to:

- (i)(A) Property taxes paid, by persons taxable under RCW  $82.04.260((\frac{11}{10}))$  (10)(a), on machinery and equipment exempt under RCW 82.08.02565 or 82.12.02565 and acquired after December 1, 2003;
- 17 (B) Property taxes paid, by persons taxable under RCW  $82.04.260((\frac{11}{10}))$  (10)(b), on machinery and equipment exempt under RCW 82.08.02565 or 82.12.02565 and acquired after June 30, 2008; or
- (C) Property taxes paid, by persons taxable under RCW ((82.04.0250(3) [82.04.250(3)])) 82.04.250(3) or 82.04.290(3), on computer hardware, computer peripherals, and software exempt under RCW 82.08.975 or 82.12.975 and acquired after June 30, 2008.
  - (ii) For purposes of determining the amount eligible for credit under (i)(A) and (B) of this subsection (2)(b), the amount of property taxes paid is multiplied by a fraction.
  - $((\langle \text{I})\rangle)$  (A) The numerator of the fraction is the total taxable amount subject to the tax imposed under RCW 82.04.260(( $\langle \text{II}\rangle$ )) (10) (a) or (b) on the applicable business activities of manufacturing commercial airplanes, components of such airplanes, or tooling specifically designed for use in the manufacturing of commercial airplanes or components of such airplanes.
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    m II})))$  (B) The denominator of the fraction is the total taxable amount subject to the tax imposed under all manufacturing classifications in chapter 82.04 RCW.
  - ((<del>(III)</del>)) <u>(C)</u> For purposes of both the numerator and denominator of the fraction, the total taxable amount refers to the total taxable amount required to be reported on the person's returns for the calendar

- year before the calendar year in which the credit under this section is earned. The department may provide for an alternative method for calculating the numerator in cases where the tax rate provided in RCW 82.04.260(((11))) (10) for manufacturing was not in effect during the full calendar year before the calendar year in which the credit under this section is earned.
  - (((1V))) (D) No credit is available under (b)(i)(A) or (B) of this subsection (2) if either the numerator or the denominator of the fraction is zero. If the fraction is greater than or equal to ninetenths, then the fraction is rounded to one.
- 11 (((V))) (E) As used in (((III))) (b)(ii)(C) of this subsection 12 (2)(((b)(ii)(C))), "returns" means the tax returns for which the tax 13 imposed under this chapter is reported to the department.
- 14 (3) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this section, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.
- 16 (a) "Aerospace product development" has the same meaning as 17 provided in RCW 82.04.4461.
- 18 (b) "Aerospace services" has the same meaning given in RCW 19 82.08.975.
- 20 (c) "Commercial airplane" and "component" have the same meanings as 21 provided in RCW 82.32.550.
  - (4) A credit earned during one calendar year may be carried over to be credited against taxes incurred in a subsequent calendar year, but may not be carried over a second year. No refunds may be granted for credits under this section.
  - (5) In addition to all other requirements under this title, a person taking the credit under this section must report as required under RCW 82.32.545.
- 29 (6) This section expires July 1, 2024.

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- 30 **Sec. 612.** RCW 82.08.806 and 2009 c 461 s 5 are each amended to read as follows:
- 32 (1) The tax levied by RCW 82.08.020 does not apply to sales, to a 33 printer or publisher, of computer equipment, including repair parts and 34 replacement parts for such equipment, when the computer equipment is 35 used primarily in the printing or publishing of any printed material, 36 or to sales of or charges made for labor and services rendered in

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- respect to installing, repairing, cleaning, altering, or improving the computer equipment. This exemption applies only to computer equipment not otherwise exempt under RCW 82.08.02565.
  - (2) A person taking the exemption under this section must keep records necessary for the department to verify eligibility under this section. This exemption is available only when the purchaser provides the seller with an exemption certificate in a form and manner prescribed by the department. The seller ((shall)) must retain a copy of the certificate for the seller's files.
- 10 (3) The definitions in this subsection (3) apply throughout this section, unless the context clearly requires otherwise.
- 12 (a) "Computer" has the same meaning as in RCW 82.04.215.

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- 13 (b) "Computer equipment" means a computer and the associated
  14 physical components that constitute a computer system, including
  15 monitors, keyboards, printers, modems, scanners, pointing devices, and
  16 other computer peripheral equipment, cables, servers, and routers.
  17 "Computer equipment" also includes digital cameras and computer
  18 software.
- 19 (c) "Computer software" has the same meaning as in RCW 82.04.215.
- 20 (d) "Primarily" means greater than fifty percent as measured by 21 time.
- (e) "Printer or publisher" means a person, as defined in RCW 82.04.030, who is subject to tax under RCW  $82.04.260((\frac{14}{14}))$  (13) or 82.04.280(1).
- (4) "Computer equipment" does not include computer equipment that 25 26 is used primarily for administrative purposes including but not limited 27 to payroll processing, accounting, customer service, telemarketing, and 28 Ιf computer equipment is used simultaneously for collection. 29 administrative and nonadministrative purposes, the administrative use 30 ((shall)) <u>must</u> be disregarded during the period of simultaneous use for 31 purposes of determining whether the computer equipment is used 32 primarily for administrative purposes.
- 33 **Sec. 613.** RCW 82.32.545 and 2008 c 81 s 10 are each amended to read as follows:
- 35 (1) The legislature finds that accountability and effectiveness are 36 important aspects of setting tax policy. In order to make policy

choices regarding the best use of limited state resources the legislature needs information on how a tax incentive is used.

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- (2)(a) A person who reports taxes under RCW  $82.04.260((\frac{(11)}{(11)}))$  (10), 3 4 82.04.250(3), or 82.04.290(3), or who claims an exemption or credit under RCW 82.04.4461, 82.08.980, 82.12.980, 82.29A.137, 84.36.655, and 5 6 82.04.4463 ((shall)) must make an annual report to the department 7 detailing employment, wages, and employer-provided health 8 retirement benefits for employment positions in Washington. However, 9 persons engaged in manufacturing commercial airplanes or components of 10 such airplanes may report employment, wage, and benefit information per 11 job at the manufacturing site. The report ((shall)) may not include 12 names of employees. The report ((shall)) must also detail employment 13 by the total number of full-time, part-time, and temporary positions. The first report filed under this subsection ((shall)) must include 14 15 employment, wage, and benefit information for the twelve-month period immediately before first use of a preferential tax rate under RCW 16  $82.04.260((\frac{(11)}{(11)}))$   $\underline{(10)}$ , 82.04.250(3), or 82.04.290(3), or tax exemption 17 or credit under RCW 82.04.4461, 82.08.980, 82.12.980, 82.29A.137, 18 19 84.36.655, and 82.04.4463, unless a survey covering this twelve-month period was filed as required by a statute repealed by chapter 81, Laws 20 21 of 2008. The report is due by March 31st following any year in which 22 a preferential tax rate under RCW 82.04.260(((11)))(10), 82.04.250(3), 23 or 82.04.290(3), is used, or tax exemption or credit under RCW 24 82.04.4461, 82.08.980, 82.12.980, 82.29A.137, 84.36.655, and 82.04.4463 This information is not subject to the confidentiality 25 26 provisions of RCW 82.32.330 and may be disclosed to the public upon 27 request.
  - (b) If a person fails to submit an annual report under (a) of this subsection by the due date of the report, the department ((shall)) must declare the amount of taxes exempted or credited, or reduced in the case of the preferential business and occupation tax rate, for that year to be immediately due and payable. Excise taxes payable under this subsection are subject to interest but not penalties, as provided under this chapter. This information is not subject to the confidentiality provisions of RCW 82.32.330 and may be disclosed to the public upon request.
  - (3) By November 1, 2010, and by November 1, 2023, the fiscal committees of the house of representatives and the senate, in

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consultation with the department, ((shall)) must report to the 1 2 legislature on the effectiveness of chapter 1, Laws of 2003 2nd sp. sess., chapter 177, Laws of 2006, and chapter 81, Laws of 2008 in 3 4 regard to keeping Washington competitive. The report ((shall)) must measure the effect of these laws on job retention, net jobs created for 5 6 Washington residents, company growth, diversification of the state's 7 economy, cluster dynamics, and other factors as the committees select. 8 The reports ((shall)) <u>must</u> include a discussion of principles to apply in evaluating whether the legislature should reenact any or all of the 9 10 tax preferences in chapter 1, Laws of 2003 2nd sp. sess., chapter 177, 11 Laws of 2006, and chapter 81, Laws of 2008.

- 12 **Sec. 614.** RCW 82.32.550 and 2008 c 81 s 12 are each amended to 13 read as follows:
  - (1)(((a) Chapter 1, Laws of 2003 2nd sp. sess. takes effect on the first day of the month in which the governor and a manufacturer of commercial airplanes sign a memorandum of agreement regarding an affirmative final decision to site a significant commercial airplane final assembly facility in Washington state. The department shall provide notice of the effective date of chapter 1, Laws of 2003 2nd sp. sess. to affected taxpayers, the legislature, and others as deemed appropriate by the department.
  - (b) Chapter 1, Laws of 2003 2nd sp. sess. is contingent upon the siting of a significant commercial airplane final assembly facility in the state of Washington. If a memorandum of agreement under subsection (1) of this section is not signed by June 30, 2005, chapter 1, Laws of 2003 2nd sp. sess. is null and void.
- 27 (c)(i) The rate in RCW 82.04.260(11)(a)(ii) takes effect July 1, 28 2007.
- (ii) If on December 31, 2007, final assembly of a superefficient airplane has not begun in Washington state, the department shall provide notice of such to affected taxpayers, the legislature, and others as deemed appropriate by the department.
- 33 (2) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this 34 section.
- (a)) "Commercial airplane" has its ordinary meaning, which is an airplane certified by the federal aviation administration for

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transporting persons or property, and any military derivative of such an airplane.

- $((\frac{b}{b}))$  (2) "Component" means a part or system certified by the federal aviation administration for installation or assembly into a commercial airplane.
- (((c) "Final assembly of a superefficient airplane" means the activity of assembling an airplane from components parts necessary for its mechanical operation such that the finished commercial airplane is ready to deliver to the ultimate consumer.
- (d) "Significant commercial airplane final assembly facility" means a location with the capacity to produce at least thirty-six superefficient airplanes a year.
- (e) "Siting" means a final decision by a manufacturer to locate a significant commercial airplane final assembly facility in Washington state.
  - (f))) (3) "Superefficient airplane" means a twin aisle airplane that carries between two hundred and three hundred fifty passengers, with a range of more than seven thousand two hundred nautical miles, a cruising speed of approximately mach .85, and that uses fifteen to twenty percent less fuel than other similar airplanes on the market.
- **Sec. 615.** RCW 82.32.630 and 2007 c 48 s 6 are each amended to read 22 as follows:
  - (1) The legislature finds that accountability and effectiveness are important aspects of setting tax policy. In order to make policy choices regarding the best use of limited state resources, the legislature needs information on how a tax incentive is used.
  - (2)(a) A person who reports taxes under RCW  $82.04.260((\frac{12}{12}))$  (11) must file a complete annual survey with the department. The survey is due by March 31st following any year in which a person reports taxes under RCW  $82.04.260((\frac{12}{12}))$  (11). The department may extend the due date for timely filing of annual surveys under this section as provided in RCW 82.32.590. The survey  $(\frac{11}{12})$  must include the amount of tax reduced under the preferential rate in RCW  $82.04.260((\frac{12}{12}))$  (11). The survey  $(\frac{11}{12})$  must also include the following information for employment positions in Washington:
    - (i) The number of total employment positions;

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1 (ii) Full-time, part-time, and temporary employment positions as a 2 percent of total employment;

- (iii) The number of employment positions according to the following wage bands: Less than thirty thousand dollars; thirty thousand dollars or greater, but less than sixty thousand dollars; and sixty thousand dollars or greater. A wage band containing fewer than three individuals may be combined with another wage band; and
- (iv) The number of employment positions that have employer-provided medical, dental, and retirement benefits, by each of the wage bands.
- (b) The first survey filed under this subsection (( $\frac{\text{shall}}{\text{shall}}$ ))  $\frac{\text{must}}{\text{must}}$  include employment, wage, and benefit information for the twelve-month period immediately before first use of a preferential tax rate under RCW 82.04.260(( $\frac{\text{cl2}}{\text{cl}}$ )) (11).
- (c) As part of the annual survey, the department may request additional information, including the amount of investment in equipment used in the activities taxable under the preferential rate in RCW  $82.04.260((\frac{12}{12}))$  (11), necessary to measure the results of, or determine eligibility for, the preferential tax rate in RCW  $82.04.260((\frac{12}{12}))$  (11).
- (d) All information collected under this section, except the amount of the tax reduced under the preferential rate in RCW  $82.04.260((\frac{12}{(12)}))$  (11), is deemed taxpayer information under RCW 82.32.330. Information on the amount of tax reduced is not subject to the confidentiality provisions of RCW 82.32.330 and may be disclosed to the public upon request, except as provided in (e) of this subsection. If the amount of the tax reduced as reported on the survey is different than the amount actually reduced based on the taxpayer's excise tax returns or otherwise allowed by the department, the amount actually reduced may be disclosed.
- (e) Persons for whom the actual amount of the tax reduction is less than ten thousand dollars during the period covered by the survey may request the department to treat the amount of the tax reduction as confidential under RCW 82.32.330.
- (f) Small harvesters as defined in RCW 84.33.035 are not required to file the annual survey under this section.
- 36 (3) If a person fails to submit a complete annual survey under 37 subsection (2) of this section by the due date or any extension under 38 RCW 82.32.590, the department shall declare the amount of taxes reduced

under the preferential rate in RCW  $82.04.260((\frac{12}{12}))$  (11) for the period covered by the survey to be immediately due and payable. The department  $(\frac{12}{12})$  must assess interest, but not penalties, on the taxes. Interest  $(\frac{12}{12})$  must be assessed at the rate provided for delinquent excise taxes under this chapter, retroactively to the date the reduced taxes were due, and  $(\frac{12}{12})$  will accrue until the amount of the reduced taxes is repaid.

- (4) The department ((shall))  $\underline{must}$  use the information from the annual survey required under subsection (2) of this section to prepare summary descriptive statistics by category. The department ((shall))  $\underline{must}$  report these statistics to the legislature each year by September 1st. The requirement to prepare and report summary descriptive statistics ((shall)) ceases after September 1, 2025.
- (5) By November 1, 2011, and November 1, 2023, the fiscal committees of the house of representatives and the senate, in consultation with the department, ((shall)) must report to the legislature on the effectiveness of the preferential tax rate provided in RCW 82.04.260(((12))) (11). The report shall measure the effect of the preferential tax rate provided in RCW 82.04.260(((12))) (11) on job retention, net jobs created for Washington residents, company growth, and other factors as the committees select. The report ((shall)) must include a discussion of principles to apply in evaluating whether the legislature should continue the preferential tax rate provided in RCW 82.04.260(((12))) (11).
- **Sec. 616.** RCW 82.32.632 and 2009 c 461 s 6 are each amended to 26 read as follows:
  - (1)(a) Every person claiming the preferential rate provided in RCW 82.04.260(((14+))) (13) must file a complete annual report with the department. The report is due by March 31st of the year following any calendar year in which a person is eligible to claim the preferential rate provided in RCW 82.04.260(((14+))) (13). The department may extend the due date for timely filing of annual reports under this section as provided in RCW 82.32.590.
  - (b) The report must include information detailing employment, wages, and employer-provided health and retirement benefits for employment positions in Washington for the year that the preferential rate was claimed. The report must not include names of employees. The

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report must also detail employment by the total number of full-time, part-time, and temporary positions for the year that the tax preference was claimed.

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- (c) If a person filing a report under this section did not file a report with the department in the previous calendar year, the report filed under this section must also include employment, wage, and benefit information for the calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year for which the preferential rate provided in RCW  $82.04.260((\frac{14}{14}))$  (13) was claimed.
- (2) As part of the annual report, the department may request additional information necessary to measure the results of, or determine eligibility for, the preferential rate provided in RCW 82.04.260(((14))) (13).
- (3) Other than information requested under subsection (2) of this section, the information contained in an annual report filed under this section is not subject to the confidentiality provisions of RCW 82.32.330 and may be disclosed to the public upon request.
- (4) Except as otherwise provided by law, if a person claims the preferential rate provided in RCW 82.04.260(((14))) (13) but fails to submit a report by the due date or any extension under RCW 82.32.590, the department must declare the amount of the tax preference claimed for the previous calendar year to be immediately due and payable. The department must assess interest, but not penalties, on the amounts due under this subsection. The interest must be assessed at the rate provided for delinquent taxes under this chapter, retroactively to the date the tax preference was claimed, and accrues until the taxes for which the tax preference was claimed are repaid. Amounts due under this subsection are not subject to the confidentiality provisions of RCW 82.32.330 and may be disclosed to the public upon request.
- (5) By November 1, 2014, and November 1, 2016, the fiscal the house of representatives and the committees of senate, consultation with the department, must report to the legislature on the effectiveness preferential provided of the rate RCW 82.04.260(((14))) (13). The report must measure the effect of the preferential rate provided in RCW  $82.04.260((\frac{14}{14}))$  on job retention, net jobs created for Washington residents, industry growth, and other factors as the committees select. The report must include a

- discussion of principles to apply in evaluating whether the legislature
- 2 should continue the preferential rate provided in RCW 82.04.260((\(\frac{(14)}{14}\)))
- 3 (13).
- 4 Sec. 617. RCW 82.45.195 and 2007 c 48 s 7 are each amended to read
- 5 as follows:
- 6 A sale of standing timber is exempt from tax under this chapter if
- 7 the gross income from such sale is taxable under RCW  $82.04.260((\frac{(12)}{12}))$
- 8 (11)(d).
- 9 **Sec. 618.** RCW 35.102.150 and 2009 c 461 s 4 are each amended to
- 10 read as follows:
- 11 Notwithstanding RCW 35.102.130, a city that imposes a business and
- 12 occupation tax must allocate a person's gross income from the
- 13 activities of printing, and of publishing newspapers, periodicals, or
- 14 magazines, to the principal place in this state from which the
- 15 taxpayer's business is directed or managed. As used in this section,
- 16 the activities of printing, and of publishing newspapers, periodicals,
- 17 or magazines are those activities to which the tax rates in RCW
- 18 82.04.260( $(\frac{14}{14})$ ) (13) and 82.04.280(1) apply.
- 19 **Sec. 619.** RCW 48.14.080 and 2009 c 535 s 1102 are each amended to
- 20 read as follows:
- 21 (1) As to insurers, other than title insurers and taxpayers under
- 22 RCW 48.14.0201, the taxes imposed by this title ((shall be)) are in
- 23 lieu of all other taxes, except as otherwise provided in this section.
- 24 (2) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply with respect to:
- 25 (a) Taxes on real and tangible personal property;
- 26 (b) Excise taxes on the sale, purchase, use, or possession of (i)
- 27 real property; (ii) tangible personal property; (iii) extended
- 28 warranties; (iv) services, including digital automated services as
- 29 defined in RCW 82.04.192; and (v) digital goods and digital codes as
- 30 those terms are defined in RCW 82.04.192; and
- 31 (c) The tax imposed in RCW  $82.04.260((\frac{10}{10}))$  (9), regarding public
- 32 and nonprofit hospitals.
- 33 (3) For the purposes of this section, the term "taxes" includes
- 34 taxes imposed by the state or any county, city, town, municipal

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- 1 corporation, quasi-municipal corporation, or other political
- 2 subdivision.

3 PART VII

#### 4 Eliminating Tax Preferences for Bullion

- 5 NEW SECTION. Sec. 701. RCW 82.04.062 ("Sale at wholesale," "sale
- 6 at retail" excludes sale of precious metal bullion and monetized
- 7 bullion--Computation of tax) and 1985 c 471 s 5 are each repealed.
- 8 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 702.** The repeal in section 701 of this act does
- 9 not affect any existing right acquired or liability or obligation
- 10 incurred under the statute repealed or under any rule or order adopted
- 11 under that statute nor does it affect any proceeding instituted under
- 12 the repealed statute.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 703. A new section is added to chapter 82.08
- 14 RCW to read as follows:
- 15 (1) The tax levied by RCW 82.08.020 does not apply to the sale of
- 16 precious metal bullion or monetized bullion.
- 17 (2) The definitions in this subsection apply to this section.
- 18 (a) "Precious metal bullion" means any precious metal that has been
- 19 put through a process of smelting or refining, including, but not
- 20 limited to, gold, silver, platinum, rhodium, and palladium, and which
- 21 is in such state or condition that its value depends upon its contents
- 22 and not upon its form.
- 23 (b) "Monetized bullion" means coins or other forms of money
- 24 manufactured from gold, silver, or other metals and used as a medium of
- 25 exchange under the laws of this state, the United States, or any
- 26 foreign nation, but does not include coins or money sold to be
- 27 manufactured into jewelry or works of art.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 704. A new section is added to chapter 82.12
- 29 RCW to read as follows:
- 30 (1) The provisions of this chapter do not apply with respect to the
- 31 use of precious metal bullion or monetized bullion.
- 32 (2) The definitions in section 703 of this act apply to this
- 33 section.

1	PART	VIII
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# Repealing the Sales and Use Tax Exemption for Livestock Nutrient Equipment and Facilities

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 801.** The following acts or parts of acts are each repealed:

- (1) RCW 82.08.890 (Exemptions--Qualifying livestock nutrient management equipment and facilities) and 2009 c 469 s 601, 2006 c 151 s 2, & 2001 2nd sp.s. c 18 s 2; and
- 9 (2) RCW 82.12.890 (Exemptions--Livestock nutrient management 10 equipment and facilities) and 2009 c 469 s 602, 2006 c 151 s 3, 2003 c 11 5 s 15, & 2001 2nd sp.s. c 18 s 3.

#### 12 PART IX

## Ending the Preferential Business and Occupation Tax Treatment Received by Directors of Corporations

NEW SECTION. Sec. 901. (1) In adopting the state's business and occupation tax, the legislature intended to tax virtually all business activities carried on within the state. See Simpson Inv. Co. v. Dep't of Revenue, 141 Wn.2d 139, 149 (2000). The legislature recognizes that the business and occupation tax applies to all activities engaged in with the object of gain, benefit, or advantage to the taxpayer or to another person or class, directly or indirectly, unless a specific exemption applies.

- (2) One of the major business and occupation tax exemptions is provided in RCW 82.04.360 for income earned as an employee or servant as distinguished from income earned as an independent contractor. The legislature's intent in providing this exemption was to exempt employee wages from the business and occupation tax but not to exempt income earned as an independent contractor.
- (3) The legislature finds that corporate directors are not employees or servants of the corporation whose board they serve on and therefore are not entitled to a business and occupation tax exemption under RCW 82.04.360. The legislature further finds that there are no business and occupation tax exemptions for compensation received for serving as a member of a corporation's board of directors.
- 35 (4) The legislature also finds that there is a widespread 36 misunderstanding among corporate directors that the business and

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- occupation tax does not apply to the compensation they receive for 1 2 serving as a director of a corporation. It is the legislature's 3 expectation that the department of revenue will take appropriate 4 measures to ensure that corporate directors understand and comply with their business and occupation tax obligations with respect to their 5 6 director compensation. However, because of the 7 misunderstanding by corporate directors of their liability for business 8 and occupation tax on director compensation, the legislature finds that it is appropriate in this unique situation to provide limited relief 9 10 against the retroactive assessment of business and occupation taxes on 11 corporate director compensation.
  - (5) The legislature also reaffirms its intent that all income of all independent contractors is subject to business and occupation tax unless specifically exempt under the Constitution or laws of this state or the United States.
- 16 Sec. 902. RCW 82.04.360 and 1991 c 324 s 19 and 1991 c 275 s 2 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:
  - (1) This chapter ((shall)) does not apply to any person in respect to his or her employment in the capacity of an employee or servant as distinguished from that of an independent contractor. For the purposes of this section, the definition of employee shall include those persons that are defined in section 3121(d)(3)(B) of the <u>federal internal</u> revenue <u>code</u> of 1986, as amended through January 1, 1991.
- (2) ((A booth renter, as defined by RCW 18.16.020, is an independent contractor for purposes of this chapter.)) Until July 1, 2010, this chapter does not apply to amounts received by an individual from a corporation as compensation for serving as a member of that corporation's board of directors. Beginning July 1, 2010, such amounts are taxable under RCW 82.04.290(2).
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 903. The sole reason for deleting the language in RCW 82.04.360(2) is because RCW 18.16.020 no longer defines the term "booth renter." This should not be construed as a substantive change in the law.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 904. In accordance with Article VIII, section 5 of the state Constitution, sections 902 and 1505 of this act do not

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- authorize refunds of business and occupation tax validly collected before July 1, 2010, on amounts received by an individual from a
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- 4 corporation's board of directors.

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5 PART X

### 6 Airplane Excise Tax

- 7 **Sec. 1001.** RCW 82.48.010 and 1995 c 318 s 4 are each amended to 8 read as follows:
- 9 For the purposes of this chapter, unless otherwise required by the 10 context:
- 11 (1) "Department" means the department of transportation.
- 12 <u>(2)</u> "Aircraft" means any weight-carrying device or structure for navigation of the air which is designed to be supported by the air;
- 14  $((\frac{2}{2}))$  (3) "Secretary" means the secretary of transportation;
- 15  $((\frac{3}{3}))$  <u>(4)</u> "Person" includes a firm, partnership, limited 16 liability company, or corporation(( $\div$
- 17 (4) "Small multi-engine fixed wing" means any piston-driven multi18 engine fixed wing aircraft with a maximum gross weight as listed by the
  19 manufacturer of less than seventy-five hundred pounds; and
- 20 (5) "Large multi-engine fixed wing" means any piston-driven multi-21 engine fixed wing aircraft with a maximum gross weight as listed by the 22 manufacturer of seventy-five hundred pounds or more)).
- 23 **Sec. 1002.** RCW 82.48.020 and 2000 c 229 s 4 are each amended to 24 read as follows:
  - (1) ((An annual excise tax is hereby imposed for the privilege of using any aircraft in the state. A current certificate of air worthiness with a current inspection date from the appropriate federal agency and/or the purchase of aviation fuel shall constitute the necessary evidence of aircraft use or intended use. The tax shall)) An annual excise tax is imposed for the privilege of using any aircraft in the state. The amount of the tax is five-tenths of one percent of the taxable value of the aircraft, as determined under section 1003 of this act.
  - (2) The tax imposed under this section must be collected annually or under a staggered collection schedule as required by the secretary

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by rule. ((No additional tax shall be imposed under this chapter upon any aircraft upon the transfer of ownership thereof, if the tax imposed by this chapter with respect to such aircraft has already been paid for the year in which transfer of ownership occurs. A violation of this subsection is a misdemeanor punishable as provided under chapter 9A.20

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- (2))) (3) Persons who are required to register aircraft under chapter 47.68 RCW and who register aircraft in another state or foreign country and avoid the ((Washington)) aircraft excise tax imposed under this section are liable for ((such)) the unpaid excise tax. A violation of this subsection is a gross misdemeanor.
- 12 (4) The department of revenue may, under chapter 82.32 RCW, assess
  13 and collect the unpaid excise tax imposed under ((chapter 82.32 RCW))
  14 this section, including the penalties and interest provided in chapter
  15 82.32 RCW.
- 16  $((\frac{3}{1}))$  (5) Except as provided under subsection( $(\frac{3}{1})$  and  $(\frac{2}{1})$ )
  17 (3) of this section, a violation of this chapter is a misdemeanor
  18 punishable as provided in chapter 9A.20 RCW.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 1003. A new section is added to chapter 82.48 RCW to read as follows:

The department must prepare at least once each year a depreciation schedule for use in the determination of fair market value for the purposes of this chapter. The schedule must be based upon information available to the department pertaining to the current fair market value of aircraft. The fair market value of an aircraft for the purposes of this chapter must be based on the most recent purchase price depreciated according to the year of the most recent purchase of the aircraft. The most recent purchase price is the consideration, whether money, credit, rights, or other property expressed in terms of money, paid or given or contracted to be paid or given by the purchaser to the seller for the aircraft.

- 32 **Sec. 1004.** RCW 82.48.030 and 1983 2nd ex.s. c 3 s 22 are each 33 amended to read as follows:
- 34 (1) ((The amount of the tax imposed by this chapter for each calendar year shall be as follows:

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1	Type of aircraft	Registration fee
2	Single engine fixed wing	\$ <del>50</del>
3	Small multi-engine fixed wing	<del>65</del>
4	Large multi-engine fixed wing	<del>80</del>
5	Turboprop multi-engine fixed wing	<del>100</del>
6	Turbojet multi-engine fixed wing	<del>125</del>
7	Helicopter	<del>75</del>
8	Sailplane	<del>20</del>
9	Lighter than air	<del>20</del>
10	Home built	<del>20</del>

(2)) The amount of tax imposed under ((subsection (1) of this section)) RCW 82.48.020 for each calendar year ((shall)) must be divided into twelve parts corresponding to the months of the calendar year, and the excise tax upon an aircraft registered for the first time in this state after the last day of any month ((shall)) is only ((be)) levied for the remaining months of the calendar year including the month in which the aircraft is being registered((: PROVIDED, That)). However, the minimum amount payable ((shall be)) is three dollars.

- (2) For the purposes of this chapter, an aircraft ((shall be)) is deemed registered for the first time in this state when such aircraft was not ((previously)) required to be registered by this state for the year immediately preceding the year in which application for registration is made and was not so registered.
- **Sec. 1005.** RCW 82.48.070 and 1987 c 220 s 7 are each amended to 25 read as follows:
- The secretary ((shall)) <u>must</u> give a receipt to each person paying ((the)) excise tax <u>under this chapter</u>.
- **Sec. 1006.** RCW 82.48.080 and 1995 c 170 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:

The secretary ((shall)) <u>must</u> regularly pay to the state treasurer the excise taxes collected under this chapter((, which shall be credited by the state treasurer as follows: Ninety percent to the general fund and ten percent to the aeronautics account in the

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transportation fund for administrative expenses)) for deposit into the general fund.

Sec. 1007. RCW 82.48.110 and 1967 ex.s. c 9 s 6 are each amended to read as follows:

((The first tax to be collected under this chapter shall be for the calendar year 1968.)) (1) No aircraft with respect to which the excise tax imposed by this chapter is payable ((shall)) may be listed and assessed for ad valorem taxation so long as this chapter remains in effect((, and any such assessment heretofore made except under authority of section 13, chapter 49, Laws of 1949 and section 82.48.110, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 is hereby directed to be canceled: PROVIDED, That)).

(2) Any aircraft, whether or not subject to the provisions of this chapter, with respect to which the excise tax imposed by this chapter will not be paid or has not been paid for any year ((shall)) must be listed and assessed for ad valorem taxation in that year, and the ad valorem tax liability resulting from such listing and assessment ((shall)) must be collected in the same manner as though this chapter had not been passed((: PROVIDED FURTHER, That this chapter shall not be construed to affect any ad valorem tax based upon assessed valuations made in 1948 and/or any preceding year for taxes payable in 1949 or any preceding year, which ad valorem tax liability tax for any such years shall remain payable and collectible in the same manner as though this chapter had not been passed)).

25 PART XI

### Public Utility Tax on Interstate Hauls

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1101. (1) The legislature finds that at the time the revenue act of 1935 was enacted, the United States supreme court interpreted the commerce clause of the United States Constitution as barring a direct tax on gross receipts from interstate transportation. As a result, the tax commission's rules to implement the revenue act recognized explicitly that the state could not tax the income derived from the transportation of goods across the state's boundaries. The legislature finds that the department of revenue, as

successor to the tax commission, has maintained this exemption to this day in a department rule, WAC 458-20-193D.

- (2) The legislature recognizes that the commerce clause no longer bars states from taxing the privilege of engaging in an interstate business. The legislature further recognizes that under the United States supreme court's current commerce clause jurisprudence, a state tax affecting interstate commerce will be sustained as long as it is applied to an activity with a substantial nexus with the taxing state, is fairly apportioned, does not discriminate against interstate commerce, and is fairly related to services provided by the state. See Complete Auto Transit, Inc. v. Brady, 430 U.S. 274 (1977).
- (3) The legislature finds that the department of revenue has maintained the tax-exempt treatment of interstate transportation for appropriate reasons, including:
- (a) The litigation risk in administratively eliminating the tax exemption for interstate transportation;
- (b) The lack of any statutory provisions for apportioning the income of interstate transportation businesses. A legislative determination to end the exemption has the benefit of allowing the legislature to prescribe a specific methodology for apportioning the income of interstate transportation businesses; and
- (c) Because the transportation of persons or property across the state's boundaries has been treated as exempt from the state's public utility tax for nearly seventy-five years, the expectation of continued exemption has been established over the years in the transportation industry. Therefore, the legislature believes that, as the elected representatives of the people, it is appropriate under these unique circumstances for the legislature to have an opportunity to determine the state's tax policy in regards to the public utility taxation of interstate transportation before the department of revenue takes action on its own.
- (4) Therefore, by this act, the legislature intends to establish a policy of taxing interstate transportation on an apportioned basis effective July 1, 2010. However, to prevent the retroactive assessment of public utility tax on interstate transportation on an apportioned basis for periods prior to July 1, 2010, this act provides a statutory deduction for income received from interstate transportation for

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periods before July 1, 2010. This act also revises a use tax exemption for motor carriers so that it is consistent with similar exemptions provided to other interstate transportation businesses.

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- (5) Nothing in this act may be construed as requiring the department of revenue to receive approval from the legislature before changing a long-standing interpretation of the tax laws it administers.
- 7 **Sec. 1102.** RCW 82.16.050 and 2007 c 330 s 1 are each amended to 8 read as follows:
- 9 In computing tax there may be deducted from the gross income the 10 following items:
  - (1) Amounts derived by municipally owned or operated public service businesses, directly from taxes levied for the support or maintenance thereof. This subsection may not be construed to exempt service charges which are spread on the property tax rolls and collected as taxes;
  - (2) Amounts derived from the sale of commodities to persons in the same public service business as the seller, for resale as such within this state. This deduction is allowed only with respect to water distribution, gas distribution or other public service businesses which furnish water, gas or any other commodity in the performance of public service businesses;
  - (3) Amounts actually paid by a taxpayer to another person taxable under this chapter as the latter's portion of the consideration due for services furnished jointly by both, if the total amount has been credited to and appears in the gross income reported for tax by the former;
- 27 (4) The amount of cash discount actually taken by the purchaser or customer;
- (5) The amount of bad debts, as that term is used in 26 U.S.C. Sec. 166 of the federal internal revenue code, as amended ((or renumbered)) as of January 1, 2003, on which tax was previously paid under this chapter;
- 33 (6) Amounts derived from business which the state is prohibited 34 from taxing under the Constitution of this state or the Constitution or 35 laws of the United States;
- 36 (7) Amounts derived from the distribution of water through an irrigation system, for irrigation purposes;

(8) <u>Until July 1, 2010, amounts</u> derived from the transportation of commodities from points of origin in this state to final destination outside this state, or from points of origin outside this state to final destination in this state, with respect to which the carrier grants to the shipper the privilege of stopping the shipment in transit at some point in this state for the purpose of storing, manufacturing, milling, or other processing, and thereafter forwards the same commodity, or its equivalent, in the same or converted form, under a through freight rate from point of origin to final destination;

- (9) Amounts derived from the transportation of commodities from points of origin in the state to an export elevator, wharf, dock or ship side on tidewater or its navigable tributaries to be forwarded, without intervening transportation, by vessel, in their original form, to interstate or foreign destinations. No deduction is allowed under this subsection when the point of origin and the point of delivery to the export elevator, wharf, dock, or ship side are located within the corporate limits of the same city or town;
- (10) Amounts derived from the transportation of agricultural commodities, not including manufactured substances or articles, from points of origin in the state to interim storage facilities in this state for transshipment, without intervening transportation, to an export elevator, wharf, dock, or ship side on tidewater or its navigable tributaries to be forwarded, without intervening transportation, by vessel, in their original form, to interstate or foreign destinations. If agricultural commodities are transshipped from interim storage facilities in this state to storage facilities at a port on tidewater or its navigable tributaries, the same agricultural commodity dealer must operate both the interim storage facilities and the storage facilities at the port.
- (a) The deduction under this subsection is available only when the person claiming the deduction obtains a certificate from the agricultural commodity dealer operating the interim storage facilities, in a form and manner prescribed by the department, certifying that:
- (i) More than ninety-six percent of all of the type of agricultural commodity delivered by the person claiming the deduction under this subsection and delivered by all other persons to the dealer's interim storage facilities during the preceding calendar year was shipped by vessel in original form to interstate or foreign destinations; and

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- (ii) Any of the agricultural commodity that is transshipped to ports on tidewater or its navigable tributaries will be received at storage facilities operated by the same agricultural commodity dealer and will be shipped from such facilities, without intervening transportation, by vessel, in their original form, to interstate or foreign destinations.
  - (b) As used in this subsection, "agricultural commodity" has the same meaning as agricultural product in RCW 82.04.213;

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- (11) Amounts derived from the production, sale, or transfer of electrical energy for resale within or outside the state or for consumption outside the state;
- (12) Amounts derived from the distribution of water by a nonprofit water association and used for capital improvements by that nonprofit water association;
- 15 (13) Amounts paid by a sewerage collection business taxable under 16 RCW 82.16.020(1)(a) to a person taxable under chapter 82.04 RCW for the 17 treatment or disposal of sewage;
  - (14) Amounts derived from fees or charges imposed on persons for transit services provided by a public transportation agency. For the purposes of this subsection, "public transportation agency" means a municipality, as defined in RCW 35.58.272, and urban public transportation systems, as defined in RCW 47.04.082. Public transportation agencies ((shall)) must spend an amount equal to the reduction in tax provided by this tax deduction solely to adjust routes to improve access for citizens using food banks and senior citizen services or to extend or add new routes to assist low-income citizens and seniors;
- 28 (15) Until July 1, 2010, amounts received from interstate
  29 transportation. For purposes of this subsection, "interstate
  30 transportation" means transporting persons or property between states
  31 or between a state and a foreign country. "State" means a state of the
  32 United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto
  33 Rico, and any territory or possession of the United States.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 1103. A new section is added to chapter 82.16 RCW to read as follows:
- 36 (1) Persons taxable both within and without this state on the

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business of transporting persons or property for hire must apportion to this state that portion of gross income as provided in this section.

- (2)(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, gross income must be apportioned to this state based on the ratio that revenue miles of the person in this state during the tax period bear to the revenue miles of the person everywhere during the tax period.
- (b)(i) If both property and passengers are transported, a person must determine the portion of gross income apportioned to this state by first computing separate percentages as provided in (a) of this subsection for property transported and for passengers transported.
- (ii) Then separately divide gross income for each activity by the total gross income from transporting persons and property for hire.
- (iii) Then multiply the percentage for property transported as determined under (a) of this subsection by the percentage of gross income from transporting property as determined under (b)(ii) of this subsection, and multiply the percentage for persons transported as determined under (a) of this subsection by the percentage of gross income from transporting persons as determined under (b)(ii) of this subsection.
- (iv) Then sum the results of both calculations in (b)(iii) of this subsection and use this percentage to determine the portion of gross income apportioned to this state from transporting persons and property for hire.
- (3) For persons that transport gas, oil, petroleum products, or other products by pipeline, gross income must be apportioned to this state based on the ratio that the total number of traffic units in this state during the tax period bear to the total number of traffic units everywhere during the tax period.
  - (4) For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:
- (a) "Revenue mile" means the transportation of one net ton of property or one passenger, for the distance of one mile.
- (b)(i) "Traffic unit" means the movement of one unit of product for a distance of one mile.
  - (ii) For purposes of this subsection (4)(b), "one unit" means one barrel consisting of forty-two United States gallons, except that for natural gas and manufactured gas, "one unit" means one thousand cubic feet of gas.

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1 **Sec. 1104.** RCW 82.12.0254 and 2009 c 503 s 2 are each amended to 2 read as follows:

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- (1) The provisions of this chapter do not apply in respect to the use of:
  - (a) Any airplane used primarily in (i) conducting interstate or foreign commerce or (ii) providing intrastate air transportation by a commuter air carrier as defined in RCW 82.08.0262;
  - (b) Any locomotive, railroad car, or watercraft used primarily in conducting interstate or foreign commerce by transporting therein or therewith property and persons for hire or used primarily in commercial deep sea fishing operations outside the territorial waters of the state;
  - (c) Tangible personal property that becomes a component part of any such airplane, locomotive, railroad car, or watercraft in the course of repairing, cleaning, altering, or improving the same; and
- (d) Labor and services rendered in respect to such repairing, cleaning, altering, or improving.
- (2) The provisions of this chapter do not apply in respect to the use by a nonresident of this state of any motor vehicle or trailer used exclusively in transporting persons or property across the boundaries of this state and in intrastate operations incidental thereto when such motor vehicle or trailer is registered and licensed in a foreign state and in respect to the use by a nonresident of this state of any motor vehicle or trailer so registered and licensed and used within this state for a period not exceeding fifteen consecutive days under such rules as the department must adopt. However, under circumstances determined to be justifiable by the department a second fifteen day period may be authorized consecutive with the first fifteen day period; and for the purposes of this exemption the term "nonresident" as used herein includes a user who has one or more places of business in this state as well as in one or more other states, but the exemption for nonresidents applies only to those vehicles which are most frequently dispatched, garaged, serviced, maintained, and operated from the user's place of business in another state.
- 35 (3) The provisions of this chapter do not apply in respect to the  $\frac{36}{6}$  use of:
- 37 <u>(a) Any motor vehicle or trailer, whether owned</u> by the holder of a 38 carrier permit issued by the interstate commerce commission or its

successor agency ((of any motor vehicle or trailer whether owned by)) or leased with or without driver to the permit holder and used ((in substantial part)) in the normal and ordinary course of the user's business primarily for transporting therein persons or property for hire across the boundaries of this state; ((and in respect to the use of))

- (b) Any motor vehicle or trailer while being operated under the authority of a one-transit permit issued by the director of licensing pursuant to RCW 46.16.160 and moving upon the highways from the point of delivery in this state to a point outside this state; ((and in respect to the use of))
- (c) Tangible personal property ((which)) that becomes a component part of any motor vehicle or trailer ((used by the holder of a carrier permit issued by the interstate commerce commission or its successor agency authorizing transportation by motor vehicle across the boundaries of this state whether such motor vehicle or trailer is owned by or leased with or without driver to the permit holder)) that is exempt under (a) of this subsection, in the course of repairing, cleaning, altering, or improving the same; ((also the use of)) and
- (d) Labor and services rendered in respect to such repairing, cleaning, altering, or improving any motor vehicle or trailer that is exempt under (a) of this subsection.

23 PART XII

## Foreclosure Exemption

- Sec. 1201. RCW 82.45.010 and 2010 c ... s 207 (section 207 of this act) are each amended to 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 purchase real property, including standing timber, or any estate or interest therein or other contract under which possession of the property is given to the purchaser, or any other person at the purchaser's direction, and title to the property is retained by the vendor as security for the

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payment of the purchase price. The term also includes the grant, assignment, quitclaim, sale, or transfer of improvements constructed upon leased land.

- (2)(a) The term "sale" also includes the transfer or acquisition within any twelve-month period of a controlling interest in any entity with an interest in real property located in this state for a valuable consideration.
- (b) For the sole purpose of determining whether, pursuant to the exercise of an option, a controlling interest was transferred or acquired within a twelve-month period, the date that the option agreement was executed is the date on which the transfer or acquisition of the controlling interest is deemed to occur. For all other purposes under this chapter, the date upon which the option is exercised is the date of the transfer or acquisition of the 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
- (ii) When persons are not commonly owned or controlled, they must be treated as acting in concert only when the unity with which the purchasers have negotiated and will consummate the transfer of ownership interests supports a finding that they are acting as a single entity. If the acquisitions are completely independent, with each purchaser buying without regard to the identity of the other purchasers, then the acquisitions are considered separate acquisitions.
  - (3) The term "sale" does not include:
  - (a) A transfer by gift, devise, or inheritance.
- (b) A transfer of any leasehold interest other than of the type mentioned above.
- (c) A cancellation or forfeiture of a vendee's interest in a contract for the sale of real property, whether or not such contract contains a forfeiture clause, or deed in lieu of foreclosure of a mortgage.

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

- (e) The assignment of property or interest in property from one spouse or one domestic partner to the other spouse or other domestic partner in accordance with the terms of a decree of dissolution of marriage or state registered domestic partnership or in fulfillment of a property settlement agreement.
- (f) 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.
- (g) Transfers by appropriation or decree in condemnation proceedings brought by the United States, the state or any political subdivision thereof, or a municipal corporation.
- (h) A mortgage or other transfer of an interest in real property merely to secure a debt, or the assignment thereof.
- (i) ((Any)) A transfer or conveyance made (i) to the beneficiary of a deed of trust pursuant to a trustee's sale in the nonjudicial foreclosure of a deed of trust ((or)); (ii) to the mortgagee, beneficiary of the deed of trust, or lienholder pursuant to an order of sale by the court in the judicial foreclosure of any mortgage, deed of trust, or lien ((foreclosure proceeding or upon execution of a judgment, or)); (iii) to the mortgagee by the mortgagor or to the beneficiary of a deed of trust by the grantor pursuant to deed in lieu of foreclosure to satisfy a mortgage or deed of trust; or (iv) to the judgment creditor pursuant to a writ of execution to enforce a judgment.
- (j) 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.
- (k) 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.
  - (1) The sale of any grave or lot in an established cemetery.
- 36 (m) A sale by the United States, this state or any political subdivision thereof, or a municipal corporation of this state.

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- 1 (n) A sale to a regional transit authority or public corporation 2 under RCW 81.112.320 under a sale/leaseback agreement under RCW 3 81.112.300.
- 4 (o) A transfer of real property, however effected, if it consists of a mere change in identity or form of ownership of an entity where 5 there is no change in the beneficial ownership. These include 6 transfers to a corporation or partnership which is wholly owned by the 7 8 transferor and/or the transferor's spouse or domestic partner or 9 children of the transferor or the transferor's spouse or domestic 10 However, if thereafter such transferee corporation or partnership voluntarily transfers such real property, 11 12 transferor, spouse or domestic partner, or children of the transferor 13 or the transferor's spouse or domestic partner voluntarily transfer 14 stock in the transferee corporation or interest in the transferee partnership capital, as the case may be, to other than (i) the 15 transferor and/or the transferor's spouse or domestic partner or 16 children of the transferor or the transferor's spouse or domestic 17 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 22 partnership wholly owned by the original transferor and/or the 23 transferor's spouse or domestic partner or children of the transferor 24 or the transferor's spouse or domestic partner, within three years of 25 the original transfer to which this exemption applies, and the tax on 26 the subsequent transfer has not been paid within sixty days of becoming due, excise taxes become due and payable on the original transfer as 27 28 otherwise provided by law.
  - (p)(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 (p)(i) of this subsection cannot be preceded or followed within a twelve-month period by another transfer or series of transfers, that, when combined with the otherwise exempt transfer or transfers described in (p)(i) of this subsection,

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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 entity receive cash or property in exchange for any interest the person or persons acting in concert hold in the entity. This subsection (3)(p)(ii) does not apply to that part of the transfer involving property received that is the real property interest that the person or persons originally contributed to the entity or when one or more persons who did not contribute real property or belong to 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)(p)(ii) is imposed upon the person or persons who previously held a controlling interest in the entity.

(q) 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.

- **Sec. 1202.** RCW 82.45.080 and 1980 c 154 s 3 are each amended to read as follows:
- (1) The tax levied under this chapter ((shall be)) is the obligation of the seller and the department ((of revenue)) may, at the department's option, enforce the obligation through an action of debt against the seller or the department may proceed in the manner prescribed for the foreclosure of mortgages ((and resort to)). The department's use of one course of enforcement ((shall)) is not ((be)) an election not to pursue the other.
- (2) For purposes of this section and notwithstanding any other provisions of law, in a sale involving a judicial or nonjudicial foreclosure or enforcement of a judgment, the seller is the:
- (a) Beneficiary of a deed of trust in any transfer or conveyance to any party other than such beneficiary pursuant to a trustee's sale in the nonjudicial foreclosure of the deed of trust;
- (b) Mortgagee, beneficiary of a deed of trust, or lienholder in any transfer or conveyance to any party other than such mortgagee, beneficiary, or lienholder pursuant to an order of sale by the court in the judicial foreclosure of any mortgage, deed of trust, or lien; and
- (c) Judgment creditor in any transfer or conveyance to any party

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other than such creditor pursuant to a writ of execution to enforce a judgment.

3 PART XIII
4 Tax Debts

**Sec. 1301.** RCW 82.32.145 and 1995 c 318 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) ((Upon termination, dissolution, or abandonment of a corporate or limited liability company business, any officer, member, manager, or other person having control or supervision of retail sales tax funds collected and held in trust under RCW 82.08.050, or who is charged with the responsibility for the filing of returns or the payment of retail sales tax funds collected and held in trust under RCW 82.08.050, shall be personally liable for any unpaid taxes and interest and penalties on those taxes, if such officer or other person wilfully fails to pay or to cause to be paid any taxes due from the corporation pursuant to chapter 82.08 RCW. For the purposes of this section, any retail sales taxes that have been paid but not collected shall be deductible from the retail sales taxes collected but not paid.

For purposes of this subsection "wilfully fails to pay or to cause to be paid" means that the failure was the result of an intentional, conscious, and voluntary course of action.

(2) The officer, member or manager, or other person shall be liable only for taxes collected which)) Whenever the department has issued a warrant under RCW 82.32.210 for the collection of unpaid taxes from a limited liability business entity and that business entity has been terminated, dissolved, or abandoned, or is insolvent, the department may pursue collection of the entity's unpaid taxes, including penalties and interest on those taxes, against any or all of the responsible individuals. For purposes of this subsection, "insolvent" means the condition that results when the sum of the entity's debts exceeds the fair market value of its assets. The department may presume that an entity is insolvent if the entity refuses to disclose to the department the nature of its assets and liabilities.

(2) Personal liability under this section may be imposed for state and local sales and use taxes, state business and occupation taxes, and

any other state and local taxes collected by the department in respect to which the provisions of this chapter apply, regardless of whether the tax is denominated a tax, fee, charge, or some other term.

- (3)(a) For a responsible individual who is the current or a former chief executive or chief financial officer, liability under this section applies regardless of fault or whether the individual was or should have been aware of the unpaid tax liability of the limited liability business entity.
- (b) For any other responsible individual, liability under this section applies only if he or she willfully fails to pay or to cause to be paid to the department the taxes due from the limited liability business entity.
- (4)(a) Except as provided in this subsection (4)(a), a responsible individual who is the current or a former chief executive or chief financial officer is liable under this section only for tax liability accrued during the period that he or she was the chief executive or chief financial officer. However, if the responsible individual had the responsibility or duty to remit payment of the limited liability business entity's taxes to the department during any period of time that the person was not the chief executive or chief financial officer, that individual is also liable for tax liability that became due during the period that he or she had the duty to remit payment of the limited liability business entity's taxes to the department but was not the chief executive or chief financial officer.
- (b) All other responsible individuals are liable under this section only for tax liability that became due during the period he or she had the ((control, supervision,)) responsibility(( $\tau$ )) or duty to ((act for the corporation described in subsection (1) of this section, plus interest and penalties on those taxes.
- (3))) remit payment of the limited liability business entity's taxes to the department.
  - (5) Persons (( $\frac{1}{1}$ inder)) described in subsection (( $\frac{1}{1}$ )) (3)(b) of this section are exempt from liability under this section in situations where nonpayment of the (( $\frac{1}{1}$ inder this section) limited liability business entity's taxes is due to reasons beyond their control as determined by the department by rule.
- $((\frac{4}{1}))$  (6) Any person having been issued a notice of assessment

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under this section is entitled to the appeal procedures under RCW 82.32.160, 82.32.170, 82.32.180, 82.32.190, and 82.32.200.

- (((5) This section applies only in situations where the department has determined that there is no reasonable means of collecting the retail sales tax funds held in trust directly from the corporation.
  - (6))) (7) This section does not relieve the ((corporation or)) limited liability ((company)) business entity of ((other tax liabilities)) its tax liability or otherwise impair other tax collection remedies afforded by law.
- $((\frac{7}{}))$  (8) Collection authority and procedures prescribed in this chapter apply to collections under this section.
  - (9) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.
    - (a) "Chief executive" means: The president of a corporation; or for other entities or organizations other than corporations or if the corporation does not have a president as one of its officers, the highest ranking executive manager or administrator in charge of the management of the company or organization.
  - (b) "Chief financial officer" means: The treasurer of a corporation; or for entities or organizations other than corporations or if a corporation does not have a treasurer as one of its officers, the highest senior manager who is responsible for overseeing the financial activities of the entire company or organization.
    - (c) "Limited liability business entity" means a type of business entity that generally shields its owners from personal liability for the debts, obligations, and liabilities of the entity, or a business entity that is managed or owned in whole or in part by an entity that generally shields its owners from personal liability for the debts, obligations, and liabilities of the entity. Limited liability business entities include corporations, limited liability companies, limited liability partnerships, trusts, general partnerships and joint ventures in which one or more of the partners or parties are also limited liability business entities, and limited partnerships in which one or more of the general partners are also limited liability business entities.
      - (d) "Manager" has the same meaning as in RCW 25.15.005.
- 37 (e) "Member" has the same meaning as in RCW 25.15.005, except that

- 1 the term only includes members of member-managed limited liability
  2 companies.
- 3 (f) "Officer" means any officer or assistant officer of a
  4 corporation, including the president, vice-president, secretary, and
  5 treasurer.
  - (g)(i) "Responsible individual" includes any current or former officer, manager, member, partner, or trustee of a limited liability business entity with an unpaid tax warrant issued by the department.
  - (ii) "Responsible individual" also includes any current or former employee or other individual, but only if the individual had the responsibility or duty to remit payment of the limited liability business entity's unpaid tax liability reflected in a tax warrant issued by the department.
  - (iii) Whenever any taxpayer has one or more limited liability business entities as a member, manager, or partner, "responsible individual" also includes any current and former officers, members, or managers of the limited liability business entity or entities or of any other limited liability business entity involved directly in the management of the taxpayer. For purposes of this subsection (9)(g)(iii), "taxpayer" means a limited liability business entity with an unpaid tax warrant issued against it by the department.
- (h) "Willfully fails to pay or to cause to be paid" means that the failure was the result of an intentional, conscious, and voluntary course of action.

25 PART XIV

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## 26 Repealing the Business and Occupation Tax Credit for New Employment for 27 International Service Activities

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1401. RCW 82.04.44525 (Credit--New employment for international service activities in eligible areas--Designation of census tracts for eligibility--Records--Tax due upon ineligibility--Interest assessment--Information from employment security department) and 2009 c 535 s 1104, 2008 c 81 s 9, & 1998 c 313 s 2 are each repealed.

34 PART XV

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## MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- NEW SECTION. Sec. 1501. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, if any provision of sections 101 through 108 of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of sections 101 through 108 of this act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.
- 8 (2) If a court of competent jurisdiction, in a final judgment not 9 subject to appeal, adjudges any provision of section 104(1)(c) of this 10 act unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, sections 101 through 108 of 11 this act are null and void in their entirety.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 1502. Sections 101 through 108 of this act apply with respect to gross income of the business, as defined in RCW 82.04.080, including gross income from royalties as defined in RCW 82.04.2907, generated on and after July 1, 2010. For purposes of calculating the thresholds in section 104(1)(c) of this act for the 2010 tax year, property, payroll, and receipts are based on the entire 2010 tax year.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 1503. Sections 201 through 213 of this act must be construed liberally to effectuate the legislature's intent to ensure that all businesses and individuals pay their fair share of taxes.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 1504. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, section 201 of this act applies to tax periods beginning January 1, 2006.
- 25 (2) Section 201 of this act does not apply to any tax periods 26 ending before July 1, 2010, that were included in a completed field 27 audit conducted by the department.
- NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1505.** Sections 502, 902, and 1102 of this act apply both retroactively and prospectively.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 1506. Section 502 of this act does not affect any final judgments, not subject to appeal, entered by a court of competent jurisdiction before the effective date of this section.

- 1 NEW SECTION. Sec. 1507. Sections 1201 and 1202 of this act apply
- 2 to transfers or conveyances as described in RCW 82.45.010(3)(i)
- 3 occurring on and after April 1, 2010.
- 4 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1508.** If any provision of this act or its
- 5 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
- 6 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
- 7 persons or circumstances is not affected.
- 8 NEW SECTION. Sec. 1509. Sections 501, 502, and 1505 of this act
- 9 are necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace,
- 10 health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing
- 11 public institutions, and take effect immediately.
- 12 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 1510. Except for sections 501, 502, 606, and
- 13 1505 of this act, this act is necessary for the immediate preservation
- 14 of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state
- 15 government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect April
- 16 1, 2010.
- 17 NEW SECTION. Sec. 1511. Section 605 of this act expires July 1,
- 18 2011.
- 19 NEW SECTION. Sec. 1512. Section 606 of this act takes effect July
- 20 1, 2011.

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