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By Representatives Mitchell, Hymes, Sheldon, Costa, Patterson, Boldt, Chopp and Quall

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AN ACT Relating to public utility tax credits for weatherization and energy assistance programs; adding a new section to chapter 82.16 RCW; and providing an effective date.

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

5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 82.16 RCW 6 to read as follows:

7 A light and power business or gas distribution business shall be 8 allowed a credit against the tax imposed under this chapter for grants 9 for low-income energy-related programs to nonprofit organizations that 10 had a contractual agreement with the department of community, trade, and economic development on October 1, 1993, to provide low-income 11 12 energy-related programs. The credit authorized in this section is 13 allowed only to the extent that the grants in the year for low-income 14 energy-related programs are greater than the grants made by the 15 business in calendar year 1995 for low-income energy-related programs. 16 No credit for grants to a nonprofit organization may exceed forty 17 percent of the moneys allotted to the organization in federal fiscal year 1994 under the department of community, trade, and economic 18 19 development low-income home energy assistance program and United States department of energy programs. No credit may be carried over to
subsequent tax years.

As used in this section, "low-income energy-related programs" means weatherization and energy assistance programs, including residential energy conservation and related repair, consumer education, and assistance in the payment of heating bills, for low-income households.

7 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1996.

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