SENATE BILL 6200

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By Senators Hargrove, A. Anderson, Fraser, Owen, Swecker, Spanel, Morton, Haugen and Rasmussen

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1 AN ACT Relating to county excise tax on harvesters of timber; and 2 amending RCW 84.33.051.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 84.33.051 and 1984 c 204 s 8 are each amended to read 5 as follows:

6 (1) The legislative body of any county may impose a tax upon every 7 person engaging in the county in business as a harvester effective 8 October 1, 1984. The tax shall be equal to the stumpage value of 9 timber harvested from privately <u>or publicly</u> owned land multiplied by a 10 rate of four percent.

(2) Before the effective date of any ordinance imposing a tax under 11 12 this section, the county shall contract with the department of revenue 13 for administration and collection of the tax. The tax collected by the 14 department of revenue under this section shall be deposited by the 15 department in the timber tax distribution account. Moneys in the account may be spent only for distributions to counties under RCW 16 17 84.33.081 and, after appropriation by the legislature, for the activities undertaken by the department of revenue relating to the 18 19 collection and administration of the taxes imposed under this section 1 and RCW 84.33.041. Appropriations are not required for distributions

2 to counties under RCW 84.33.081.

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