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By Representatives Sheahan, Schoesler, Chandler, Sterk, McMorris, Mastin, Mulliken, Boldt and Smith

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1 AN ACT Relating to exempting granges from property taxation; adding
2 a new section to chapter 84.36 RCW; and creating new sections.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that granges serve as
5 a necessary institution in promoting vitality and strength in our local
6 rural communities. The legislature recognizes the positive effects
7 grange organizations and their facilities can have on ensuring rural
8 communities maintain their heritage and afford the opportunity for
9 fellowship among the citizenry. For that purpose, the legislature
10 finds that property taxation on real and personal property owned by a
11 grange that affords these opportunities to its community is
12 inappropriate. Therefore, the legislature deems it appropriate and
13 necessary to exempt grange facilities that engage in certain community
14 functions from property taxation.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 84.36 RCW
16 to read as follows:

17 Real and personal property of a grange of the patrons of husbandry
18 is exempt from taxation if the grange: (1) Is incorporated under

1 chapter 24.28 RCW; and (2) makes available land that exceeds a total of
2 one-half acre to a community fair as defined in RCW 15.76.120(3).

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is effective for taxes levied for
4 collection in 1998 and thereafter.

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