
HOUSE BILL 1318

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1 AN ACT Relating to business and occupation and utility tax
2 deductions for small water, sewer, and irrigation districts with less
3 than one thousand five hundred customers; amending RCW 82.04.312 and
4 82.16.042; and providing an expiration date.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 82.04.312 and 1998 c 316 s 1 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

8 (1) This chapter does not apply to amounts received for water or
9 sewer services supplied by a water-sewer district established under
10 Title 57 RCW or by an irrigation district established under Title 87
11 RCW that:

12 (a) Has less than one thousand five hundred connections; and

13 (b) Charges residential water or sewer rates that exceed one
14 hundred twenty-five percent of the state-wide average residential water
15 or sewer rate published on or before July 1st of each year by the
16 department of health.

17 (2) This chapter does not apply to amounts received for water or
18 sewer services supplied by a water or sewer system that:

1 (a) Is operated or owned by a qualified satellite management agency
2 under RCW 70.116.134;

3 (b) Has less than two hundred connections; and

4 (c) Charges residential water or sewer rates that exceed one
5 hundred twenty-five percent of the state-wide average residential water
6 or sewer rate published on or before July 1st of each year by the
7 department of health.

8 (3) This chapter does not apply to amounts received for sewerage
9 collection services supplied by a water-sewer district established
10 under Title 57 RCW or by an irrigation district established under Title
11 87 RCW that:

12 (a) Has less than one thousand five hundred connections; and

13 (b) Charges residential sewer rates that exceed one hundred twenty-
14 five percent of the state-wide average residential sewer rate published
15 on or before July 1st of each year by the department of ecology.

16 (4) To receive an exemption under this section, the water-sewer
17 district, the water or sewer system or irrigation district shall supply
18 to the department of revenue proof that an amount equal to at least
19 ninety percent of the value of the exemption shall be expended to
20 repair, equip, maintain, and upgrade the water or sewer system.

21 (~~(4)~~) (5) The department of health and ecology may use rate
22 information provided in surveys and reports produced by the association
23 of Washington cities, an association of elected officials, or other
24 municipal association to estimate a state-wide average residential
25 water and sewer rate.

26 (~~(5)~~) (6) This section expires July 1, 2004.

27 **Sec. 2.** RCW 82.16.042 and 1998 c 316 s 2 are each amended to read
28 as follows:

29 (1) This chapter does not apply to amounts received for water or
30 sewer services supplied by a water-sewer district established under
31 Title 57 RCW or by an irrigation district established under Title 87
32 RCW that:

33 (a) Has less than one thousand five hundred connections; and

34 (b) Charges residential water or sewer rates that exceed one
35 hundred twenty-five percent of the state-wide average residential water
36 or sewer rate published on or before July 1st of each year by the
37 department of health.

1 (2) This chapter does not apply to amounts received for water
2 services supplied by a water or sewer system that:

3 (a) Is operated or owned by a qualified satellite management agency
4 under RCW 70.116.134;

5 (b) Has less than two hundred connections; and

6 (c) Charges residential water or sewer rates that exceed one
7 hundred twenty-five percent of the state-wide average residential water
8 or sewer rate.

9 (3) This chapter does not apply to amounts received for sewerage
10 collection services supplied by a water-sewer district established
11 under Title 57 RCW or by an irrigation district established under Title
12 87 RCW that:

13 (a) Has less than one thousand five hundred connections; and

14 (b) Charges residential sewer rates that exceed one hundred twenty-
15 five percent of the state-wide average residential sewer rate published
16 on or before July 1st of each year by the department of ecology.

17 (4) To receive an exemption under this section, the water-sewer
18 district, the water or sewer system, or irrigation district shall
19 supply to the department of revenue proof that an amount equal to at
20 least ninety percent of the value of the exemption shall be expended to
21 repair, equip, maintain, and upgrade the water or sewer system.

22 ((+4)) (5) For the purposes of this section, "state-wide average
23 residential water rate and state-wide average residential sewer rate"
24 means the state-wide average residential water or sewer rate published
25 under RCW 82.04.312.

26 ((+5)) (6) This section expires July 1, ((2004)) 2005.

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