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1 AN ACT Relating to financial relief for businesses damaged by the  
2 world trade organization protests; adding a new section to chapter  
3 38.52 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 82.32 RCW; and declaring an  
4 emergency.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 38.52 RCW  
7 to read as follows:

8 Any business with ten or fewer employees located in Seattle that  
9 incurred physical damage to its facilities and/or loss of sales and  
10 service income between November 30, 1999, through December 5, 1999,  
11 arising from demonstrations associated with the world trade  
12 organization meeting in Seattle may submit its application of itemized  
13 costs of repairing the damage to these facilities and replacing the  
14 sales and service loss during this time period to the director of the  
15 emergency management program. The director, in his or her judgment,  
16 shall:

17 (1) Describe the form and content of the application;

1 (2) Determine the appropriate and reasonable cost of damages and  
2 sales and service loss to the business making the application, not  
3 including any insured damages or losses;

4 (3) Certify the amount of damage and sales and service loss  
5 attributable to these demonstrations; and

6 (4) Give priority to certifying damages and losses to businesses  
7 with three or fewer employees.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 82.32 RCW  
9 to read as follows:

10 The amounts certified by the director of the emergency management  
11 program under section 1 of this act may be claimed as credits against  
12 taxes payable under chapters 82.04, 82.08, and 82.12 RCW, including  
13 amounts collected by a seller under RCW 82.08.050. A credit claimed  
14 under this section may not exceed the amount of tax that would  
15 otherwise be due. A refund shall not be given in place of a credit. A  
16 credit must be claimed by the due date of the last tax return for the  
17 calendar year in which the expenditure is made. Any unused credit may  
18 be carried over to subsequent calendar years.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
20 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
21 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
22 immediately.

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