HOUSE BILL 2164

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1 AN ACT Relating to tax credits for employers that must comply with 2 ergonomics rules; adding a new section to chapter 82.04 RCW; and 3 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 82.04 RCW 6 to read as follows:

7 A credit is allowed against the tax due under this chapter to an employer who must comply with the ergonomics rule promulgated by the 8 department of labor and industries and adopted on May 26, 2000 (WAC 9 10 296-62-051). The credit is equal to the direct expenditures incurred by the employer to comply with the ergonomics rule, including 11 expenditures for employee ergonomics awareness education, expenditures 12 13 to analyze jobs to identify those with work-related causes of 14 musculoskeletal disorders, and expenditures made to reduce hazards 15 related to work-related causes of musculoskeletal disorders as required by the rule. Credit under this section is limited to the amount of tax 16 imposed under this chapter. Refunds shall not be given in place of 17 credits. Unused credits may be carried over to subsequent reporting 18

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periods. No credit may be taken for expenditures made after July 1,
2007.

3 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 2. This act takes effect August 1, 2001.

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