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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 87.03
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 An irrigation district must disclose on each billing statement
6 the rates of state and local taxes imposed on the district with
7 respect to the billed services, if any. The district must also
8 disclose the amount of any such taxes to be paid directly by the
9 customer or taxpayer through the billing statement. If a district
10 does not issue billing statements for any of the services it
11 provides, it must make the state and local tax information in this
12 section for each such service available upon the request of any
13 taxpayer within its boundaries.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 35.58
15 RCW to read as follows:

16 A metropolitan municipal corporation must disclose on each
17 billing statement the rates of state and local taxes imposed on the
18 corporation with respect to the billed services, if any. The
19 corporation must also disclose the amount of any such taxes to be
20 paid directly by the customer or taxpayer through the billing
21 statement. If a corporation does not issue billing statements for any
22 of the services it provides, it must make the state and local tax
23 information in this section for each such service available upon the
24 request of any taxpayer within its boundaries.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 54.04
26 RCW to read as follows:

27 A public utility district must disclose on each billing statement
28 the rates of state and local taxes imposed on the district with
29 respect to the billed services, if any. The district must also
30 disclose the amount of any such taxes to be paid directly by the
31 customer or taxpayer through the billing statement. If a district

1 does not issue billing statements for any of the services it
2 provides, it must make the state and local tax information in this
3 section for each such service available upon the request of any
4 taxpayer within its boundaries.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 85.08
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 Diking, drainage, and sewerage improvement districts must
8 disclose on each billing statement the rates of state and local taxes
9 imposed on the district with respect to the billed services, if any.
10 The districts must also disclose the amount of any such taxes to be
11 paid directly by the customer or taxpayer through the billing
12 statement. If a district does not issue billing statements for any of
13 the services it provides, it must make the state and local tax
14 information in this section for each such service available upon the
15 request of any taxpayer within its boundaries.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 36.58A
17 RCW to read as follows:

18 Solid waste collection districts must disclose on each billing
19 statement the rates of state and local taxes imposed on the district
20 with respect to the billed services, if any. The districts must also
21 disclose the amount of any such taxes to be paid directly by the
22 customer or taxpayer through the billing statement. If a district
23 does not issue billing statements for any of the services it
24 provides, it must make the state and local tax information in this
25 section for each such service available upon the request of any
26 taxpayer within its boundaries.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 36.58
28 RCW to read as follows:

29 Solid waste disposal districts must disclose on each billing
30 statement the rates of state and local taxes imposed on the district
31 with respect to the billed services, if any. The districts must also
32 disclose the amount of any such taxes to be paid directly by the
33 customer or taxpayer through the billing statement. If a district
34 does not issue billing statements for any of the services it
35 provides, it must make the state and local tax information in this
36 section for each such service available upon the request of any
37 taxpayer within its boundaries.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 36.95
2 RCW to read as follows:

3 Television reception improvement districts must disclose on each
4 billing statement the rates of state and local taxes imposed on the
5 district with respect to the billed services, if any. The districts
6 must also disclose the amount of any such taxes to be paid directly
7 by the customer or taxpayer through the billing statement. If a
8 district does not issue billing statements for any of the services it
9 provides, it must make the state and local tax information in this
10 section for each such service available upon the request of any
11 taxpayer within its boundaries.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** A new section is added to chapter 57.02
13 RCW to read as follows:

14 Water-sewer districts must disclose on each billing statement the
15 rates of state and local taxes imposed on the district with respect
16 to the billed services, if any. The districts must also disclose the
17 amount of any such taxes to be paid directly by the customer or
18 taxpayer through the billing statement. If a district does not issue
19 billing statements for any of the services it provides, it must make
20 the state and local tax information in this section for each such
21 service available upon the request of any taxpayer within its
22 boundaries.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** A new section is added to chapter 35.92
24 RCW to read as follows:

25 A city or town operating as a municipal utility under this
26 chapter must disclose on each billing statement the rates of state
27 and local taxes imposed on the municipal utility with respect to the
28 billed services, if any. The city or town must also disclose the
29 amount of any such taxes to be paid directly by the customer or
30 taxpayer through the billing statement. If a city or town does not
31 issue billing statements for any of the services it provides as a
32 municipal utility, it must make the state and local tax information
33 in this section for each such service available upon the request of
34 any taxpayer within its service boundaries.

35 **Sec. 10.** RCW 19.29A.030 and 1998 c 300 s 4 are each amended to
36 read as follows:

1 Except as otherwise provided in RCW 19.29A.040, an electric
2 utility (~~shall~~) must:

3 (1) Provide notice to all of its retail electric customers that
4 the disclosures required in RCW 19.29A.020 are available without
5 charge upon request. Such notice (~~shall~~) must be provided at the
6 time service is established and either included as a prominent part
7 of each customer's bill or in a written notice mailed to each
8 customer at least once a year thereafter. Required disclosures
9 (~~shall~~) must be provided without charge, in writing using plain
10 language that is understandable to an ordinary customer, and
11 presented in a form that is clear and conspicuous(~~(-)~~);

12 (2) Provide written or electronic notice of public hearings where
13 changes in electricity rates will be considered or approved by the
14 commission or governing body, in a form and manner as may be required
15 by the commission or governing body;

16 (3) Disclose on each billing statement the rate of tax imposed
17 upon the electric utility under RCW 35.21.870, if any, and the amount
18 of such tax to be paid directly by the retail electric customer
19 through the billing statement;

20 (4) Disclose the following information in a prominent manner on
21 all billing statements sent to retail electric customers, or by a
22 separate written notice mailed to all retail electric customers at
23 least quarterly and at the same time as a billing statement: "YOUR
24 BILL INCLUDES CHARGES FOR ELECTRICITY, DELIVERY SERVICES, GENERAL
25 ADMINISTRATION AND OVERHEAD, METERING, TAXES, CONSERVATION EXPENSES,
26 AND OTHER ITEMS. ""

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27 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "districts;" strike the
28 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 19.29A.030; adding a
29 new section to chapter 87.03 RCW; adding a new section to chapter
30 35.58 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 54.04 RCW; adding a new
31 section to chapter 85.08 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 36.58A
32 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 36.58 RCW; adding a new section
33 to chapter 36.95 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 57.02 RCW; and
34 adding a new section to chapter 35.92 RCW."

EFFECT: (1) Requires local districts offering utility-type services to disclose the rates of state and local taxes imposed on the district, if any, on each billing statement. The districts must also disclose the amount of any such taxes paid directly by the customer through the billing statement. Tax information for services for which no billing statements are issued must be made available upon request.

(2) Requires each electric utility to provide either written or electronic notice of public hearings where changes in electricity rates will be considered or approved by the Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) or governing body. Electric utilities must disclose the local tax rate imposed on the electric utility by a city or town on each billing statement.

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