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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."

27 NEW SECTION. Sec. 11. This act takes effect September 1, 2018."

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

1 to chapter 36.95 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 57.02 RCW;  
2 adding a new section to chapter 35.92 RCW; and providing an effective  
3 date."

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.

(3) Provides an effective date for the bill of September 1, 2018.

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