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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 35.58
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) Any metropolitan municipal corporation serving ten thousand
6 or more customers or taxpayers must disclose on each billing
7 statement the rates of state and local taxes imposed on the
8 corporation with respect to the billed services, if any. The
9 corporation must also disclose the amount of any such taxes to be
10 paid directly by the customer or taxpayer through the billing
11 statement.

12 (2) A metropolitan municipal corporation serving less than ten
13 thousand but more than five thousand customers or taxpayers must
14 disclose the state and local tax information required in subsection
15 (1) of this section upon the next update to its billing system or by
16 January 1, 2023, whichever is earlier.

17 (3) Metropolitan municipal corporations serving five thousand or
18 less customers or taxpayers are encouraged, but not required, to
19 provide the state and local tax information as described in
20 subsection (1) of this section.

21 (4) If a metropolitan municipal corporation does not issue
22 billing statements for any of the services it provides, it must make
23 the state and local tax information in this section for each such
24 service available upon the request of any taxpayer within its service
25 boundaries.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 54.04
27 RCW to read as follows:

28 (1) Any public utility district serving ten thousand or more
29 customers or taxpayers must disclose on each billing statement the
30 rates of state and local taxes imposed on the corporation with
31 respect to the billed services, if any. The district must also

1 disclose the amount of any such taxes to be paid directly by the
2 customer or taxpayer through the billing statement.

3 (2) A public utility district serving less than ten thousand but
4 more than five thousand customers or taxpayers must disclose the
5 state and local tax information required in subsection (1) of this
6 section upon the next update to its billing system or by January 1,
7 2023, whichever is earlier.

8 (3) Public utility districts serving five thousand or less
9 customers or taxpayers are encouraged, but not required, to provide
10 the state and local tax information as described in subsection (1) of
11 this section.

12 (4) If a public utility district does not issue billing
13 statements for any of the services it provides, it must make the
14 state and local tax information in this section for each such service
15 available upon the request of any taxpayer within its service
16 boundaries.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 85.08
18 RCW to read as follows:

19 (1) Any diking, drainage, and sewerage improvement districts
20 serving ten thousand or more customers or taxpayers must disclose on
21 each billing statement the rates of state and local taxes imposed on
22 the corporation with respect to the billed services, if any. The
23 districts must also disclose the amount of any such taxes to be paid
24 directly by the customer or taxpayer through the billing statement.

25 (2) A diking, drainage, and sewerage improvement district serving
26 less than ten thousand but more than five thousand customers or
27 taxpayers must disclose the state and local tax information required
28 in subsection (1) of this section upon the next update to its billing
29 system or by January 1, 2023, whichever is earlier.

30 (3) Diking, drainage, and sewerage improvement districts serving
31 five thousand or less customers or taxpayers are encouraged, but not
32 required, to provide the state and local tax information as described
33 in subsection (1) of this section.

34 (4) If a diking, drainage, and sewerage improvement district does
35 not issue billing statements for any of the services it provides, it
36 must make the state and local tax information in this section for
37 each such service available upon the request of any taxpayer within
38 its service boundaries.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 36.58A
2 RCW to read as follows:

3 (1) Any solid waste collection districts serving ten thousand or
4 more customers or taxpayers must disclose on each billing statement
5 the rates of state and local taxes imposed on the corporation with
6 respect to the billed services, if any. The districts must also
7 disclose the amount of any such taxes to be paid directly by the
8 customer or taxpayer through the billing statement.

9 (2) A solid waste collection district serving less than ten
10 thousand but more than five thousand customers or taxpayers must
11 disclose the state and local tax information required in subsection
12 (1) of this section upon the next update to its billing system or by
13 January 1, 2023, whichever is earlier.

14 (3) Solid waste collection districts serving five thousand or
15 less customers or taxpayers are encouraged, but not required, to
16 provide the state and local tax information as described in
17 subsection (1) of this section.

18 (4) If a solid waste collection district does not issue billing
19 statements for any of the services it provides, it must make the
20 state and local tax information in this section for each such service
21 available upon the request of any taxpayer within its service
22 boundaries.

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

25 (1) Any solid waste disposal districts serving ten thousand or
26 more customers or taxpayers must disclose on each billing statement
27 the rates of state and local taxes imposed on the corporation with
28 respect to the billed services, if any. The districts must also
29 disclose the amount of any such taxes to be paid directly by the
30 customer or taxpayer through the billing statement.

31 (2) A solid waste disposal district serving less than ten
32 thousand but more than five thousand customers or taxpayers must
33 disclose the state and local tax information required in subsection
34 (1) of this section upon the next update to its billing system or by
35 January 1, 2023, whichever is earlier.

36 (3) Solid waste disposal districts serving five thousand or less
37 customers or taxpayers are encouraged, but not required, to provide
38 the state and local tax information as described in subsection (1) of
39 this section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 57.02
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) Any water-sewer districts serving ten thousand or more
9 customers or taxpayers must disclose on each billing statement the
10 rates of state and local taxes imposed on the corporation with
11 respect to the billed services, if any. The districts must also
12 disclose the amount of any such taxes to be paid directly by the
13 customer or taxpayer through the billing statement.

14 (2) A water-sewer district serving less than ten thousand but
15 more than five thousand customers or taxpayers must disclose the
16 state and local tax information required in subsection (1) of this
17 section upon the next update to its billing system or by January 1,
18 2023, whichever is earlier.

19 (3) Water-sewer districts serving five thousand or less customers
20 or taxpayers are encouraged, but not required, to provide the state
21 and local tax information as described in subsection (1) of this
22 section.

23 (4) If a water-sewer district does not issue billing statements
24 for any of the services it provides, it must make the state and local
25 tax information in this section for each such service available upon
26 the request of any taxpayer within its service boundaries.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 35.92
28 RCW to read as follows:

29 (1) Any city or town operating as a municipal utility under this
30 chapter serving ten thousand or more customers or taxpayers must
31 disclose on each billing statement the rates of state and local taxes
32 imposed on the corporation with respect to the billed services, if
33 any. The municipal utility must also disclose the amount of any such
34 taxes to be paid directly by the customer or taxpayer through the
35 billing statement.

36 (2) A city or town operating as a municipal utility under this
37 chapter serving less than ten thousand but more than five thousand
38 customers or taxpayers must disclose the state and local tax

1 information required in subsection (1) of this section upon the next
2 update to its billing system or by January 1, 2023, whichever is
3 earlier.

4 (3) A city or town operating as a municipal utility under this
5 chapter serving five thousand or less customers or taxpayers is
6 encouraged, but not required, to provide the state and local tax
7 information as described in subsection (1) of this section.

8 (4) If a city or town operating as a municipal utility under this
9 chapter does not issue billing statements for any of the services it
10 provides, it must make the state and local tax information in this
11 section for each such service available upon the request of any
12 taxpayer within its service boundaries.

13 **Sec. 8.** RCW 19.29A.030 and 1998 c 300 s 4 are each amended to
14 read as follows:

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

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

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

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

34 (4) Disclose the following information in a prominent manner on
35 all billing statements sent to retail electric customers, or by a
36 separate written notice mailed to all retail electric customers at
37 least quarterly and at the same time as a billing statement: "YOUR
38 BILL INCLUDES CHARGES FOR ELECTRICITY, DELIVERY SERVICES, GENERAL

1 ADMINISTRATION AND OVERHEAD, METERING, TAXES, CONSERVATION EXPENSES,
2 AND OTHER ITEMS."

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** This act takes effect September 1, 2018."

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4 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "districts;" strike the
5 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 19.29A.030; adding a
6 new section to chapter 35.58 RCW; adding a new section to chapter
7 54.04 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 85.08 RCW; adding a new
8 section to chapter 36.58A RCW; adding a new section to chapter 36.58
9 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 57.02 RCW; adding a new section
10 to chapter 35.92 RCW; and providing an effective date."

EFFECT: (1) Requires local utility districts with 10,000 or more customers 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 local utility districts with less than 10,000 but more than 5,000 customers to disclose state and local tax rates upon their next billing system update or by January 1, 2023, whichever is earlier.

(3) Local utility districts with 5,000 or less customers are encouraged but not required to disclose state and local tax rates.

(4) 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.

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

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