## SENATE BILL 5051

State of Washington56th Legislature1999 Regular SessionBy Senators Goings, Winsley, Hale, Oke, Benton, Rasmussen and CostaRead first time 01/11/1999.Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

1 AN ACT Relating to business and occupation tax for new small 2 businesses; adding a new section to chapter 82.04 RCW; and providing an 3 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 (1) This chapter does not apply to amounts received by a new small8 business for the first thirty-six months of operation.

9 (2) As used in this section, "new small business" means a business 10 with five or fewer full-time employees that obtained or was required to 11 obtain a registration certificate under RCW 82.32.030 for the first 12 time during the twelve months immediately preceding the date in which 13 an exemption is claimed under this section but does not include:

(a) A business that has been restructured, reorganized, or
transferred to a new owner, unless the majority of the activities to be
conducted after restructuring, reorganization, or transferral are
significantly different from the activities previously conducted;
(b) A new branch location or other facility; or

(c) A business that is substantially similar to a business
 currently operated, or operated within the past ten years, by the same
 principals.

4 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 2. This act takes effect August 1, 1999.

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