

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT  
**ENGROSSED SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2109**

Chapter 187, Laws of 2000

56th Legislature  
2000 Regular Session

TRIBAL HOUSING--TAX EXEMPTION

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/1/00

Passed by the House February 11, 2000  
Yeas 96 Nays 0

CLYDE BALLARD  
**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

FRANK CHOPP  
**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate March 2, 2000  
Yeas 43 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN  
**President of the Senate**

Approved March 27, 2000

GARY LOCKE  
**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

We, Timothy A. Martin and Cynthia Zehnder, Co-Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2109** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

TIMOTHY A. MARTIN  
**Chief Clerk**

CYNTHIA ZEHNDER  
**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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By House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Van Luven, Thomas, Dunshee, Pennington, Dunn, Cairnes, Veloria, Buck, G. Chandler and Haigh)

Read first time 03/08/1999.

1 AN ACT Relating to authorizing tax, levy, and execution exemptions  
2 for properties of Indian housing authorities designated for low-income  
3 housing program uses; amending RCW 35.82.210; creating a new section;  
4 and providing an effective date.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Affordable and accessible housing is of  
7 great concern and importance to the legislature and the people of this  
8 state. The legislature recognizes the important role housing  
9 authorities serve in creating and maintaining housing for low-income  
10 persons and senior citizens. The legislature finds that tribal housing  
11 authorities should be afforded the same exemptions from tax as all  
12 other housing authorities and extends the exemption from state and  
13 local tax to tribal housing authorities.

14 **Sec. 2.** RCW 35.82.210 and 1965 c 7 s 35.82.210 are each amended to  
15 read as follows:

16 (1) The property of an authority is declared to be public property  
17 used for essential public and governmental purposes and such property  
18 and an authority shall be exempt from all taxes and special assessments

1 of the city, the county, the state or any political subdivision  
2 thereof: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That in lieu of such taxes an authority  
3 may agree to make payments to the city or the county or any such  
4 political subdivision for improvements, services and facilities  
5 furnished by such city, county or political subdivision for the benefit  
6 of a housing project, but in no event shall such payments exceed the  
7 amount last levied as the annual tax of such city, county or political  
8 subdivision upon the property included in said project prior to the  
9 time of its acquisition by the authority.

10 (2) For the sole purpose of the exemption from tax under this  
11 section:

12 (a) "Authority," in addition to the meaning in RCW 35.82.020, also  
13 means tribal housing authorities and intertribal housing authorities.

14 (b) "Intertribal housing authority" means a housing authority  
15 created by a consortium of tribal governments to operate and administer  
16 housing programs for persons of low income or senior citizens for and  
17 on behalf of such tribes.

18 (c) "Tribal government" means the governing body of a federally  
19 recognized Indian tribe.

20 (d) "Tribal housing authority" means the tribal government or an  
21 agency or branch of the tribal government that operates and administers  
22 housing programs for persons of low income or senior citizens.

23 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2000.

Passed the House February 11, 2000.

Passed the Senate March 2, 2000.

Approved by the Governor March 27, 2000.

Filed in Office of Secretary of State March 27, 2000.