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#### CERTIFICATE

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6267** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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**By** Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Johnson and Kline)

READ FIRST TIME 02/06/2002.

- 1 AN ACT Relating to the principal and income act; adding new
- 2 sections to chapter 11.104 RCW; repealing RCW 11.104.010, 11.104.020,
- 3 11.104.030, 11.104.040, 11.104.050, 11.104.060, 11.104.070, 11.104.071,
- 4 11.104.080, 11.104.090, 11.104.100, 11.104.110, 11.104.120, 11.104.130,
- 5 11.104.900, 11.104.901, 11.104.910, 11.104.920, 11.104.930, and
- 6 11.104.940; and providing an effective date.
- 7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 8 ARTICLE 1
- 9 DEFINITIONS; FIDUCIARY DUTIES AND POWERS; REMEDIES
- 10 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 101.** SHORT TITLE. This act may be cited as the
- 11 Washington principal and income act of 2002.
- 12 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 102.** DEFINITIONS. In this act:
- 13 (1) "Accounting period" means a calendar year unless another
- 14 twelve-month period is selected by a fiduciary. The term includes a
- 15 portion of a calendar year or other twelve-month period that begins
- 16 when an income interest begins or ends when an income interest ends.

- 1 (2) "Beneficiary" includes, in the case of a decedent's estate, an 2 heir, legatee, and devisee and, in the case of a trust, an income 3 beneficiary and a remainder beneficiary.
- 4 (3) "Fiduciary" means a personal representative or a trustee. The 5 term includes an executor, administrator, successor personal 6 representative, special administrator, and a person performing 7 substantially the same function.
- 8 (4) "Income" means money or property that a fiduciary receives as 9 current return from a principal asset. The term includes a portion of 10 receipts from a sale, exchange, or liquidation of a principal asset, to 11 the extent provided in Article 4 of this act.
- 12 (5) "Income beneficiary" means a person to whom net income of a 13 trust is or may be payable.
- 14 (6) "Income interest" means the right of an income beneficiary to 15 receive all or part of net income, whether the terms of the trust 16 require it to be distributed or authorize it to be distributed in the 17 trustee's discretion.
- 18 (7) "Mandatory income interest" means the right of an income 19 beneficiary to receive net income that the terms of the trust require 20 the fiduciary to distribute.
- 21 (8) "Net income" means the total receipts allocated to income 22 during an accounting period minus the disbursements made from income 23 during the period, plus or minus transfers under this act to or from 24 income during the period.
- (9) "Person" means an individual, corporation, business trust, estate, trust, partnership, limited liability company, association, joint venture, or government; governmental subdivision, agency, or instrumentality; public corporation; or any other legal or commercial entity.
- 30 (10) "Principal" means property held in trust for distribution to a remainder beneficiary.
- 32 (11) "Remainder beneficiary" means a person entitled to receive 33 principal, including when an income interest ends.
- 34 (12) "Terms of a trust" means the manifestation of the intent of a 35 settlor or decedent with respect to the trust, expressed in a manner 36 that admits of its proof in a judicial proceeding. The "terms of a 37 trust" shall include without limitation such modifications as may be 38 made from time to time with respect to the trust under chapter 11.96A 39 RCW or otherwise under Washington or applicable federal laws.

- 1 (13) "Trustee" includes an original, additional, or successor 2 trustee, whether or not appointed or confirmed by a court.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 103. FIDUCIARY DUTIES; GENERAL PRINCIPLES. (a)
  In allocating receipts and disbursements to or between principal and
  income, and with respect to any matter within the scope of this act, a
  fiduciary:
- 7 (1) Shall administer a trust or estate in accordance with the terms 8 of the trust or the will, even if there is a different provision in 9 this act;
- 10 (2) May administer a trust or estate by the exercise of a 11 discretionary power of administration given to the fiduciary by the 12 terms of the trust or the will, even if the exercise of the power 13 produces a result different from a result required or permitted by this 14 act;
- (3) Shall administer a trust or estate in accordance with this act if the terms of the trust or the will do not contain a different provision or do not give the fiduciary a discretionary power of administration; and
- 19 (4) Shall add a receipt or charge a disbursement to principal to 20 the extent that the terms of the trust and this act do not provide a 21 rule for allocating the receipt or disbursement to or between principal 22 and income.
- 23 (b) In exercising the power to adjust under section 104 (a) or (e) 24 of this act or another discretionary power of administration regarding 25 a matter within the scope of this act, whether granted by the terms of a trust, a will, or this act, a fiduciary shall administer a trust or 26 estate impartially, based on what is fair and reasonable to all of the 27 beneficiaries, except to the extent that the terms of the trust or the 28 29 will clearly manifest an intention that the fiduciary shall or may favor one or more of the beneficiaries. A determination in accordance 30 with this act is presumed to be fair and reasonable to all of the 31 beneficiaries. 32
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 104. FIDUCIARY'S POWER TO ADJUST. (a) A trustee may adjust between principal and income to the extent the trustee considers necessary if the trustee invests and manages trust assets as a prudent investor, the terms of the trust describe the amount that may or must be distributed to a beneficiary by referring to

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- 1 the trust's income, and the trustee determines, after applying the 2 rules in section 103(a) of this act, that the trustee is unable to 3 comply with section 103(b) of this act.
- 4 (b) In deciding whether and to what extent to exercise the power 5 conferred by subsection (a) of this section, a trustee shall consider 6 all factors relevant to the trust and its beneficiaries, including the 7 following factors to the extent they are relevant:
  - (1) The nature, purpose, and expected duration of the trust;
  - (2) The intent of the settlor;

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- (3) The identity and circumstances of the beneficiaries;
- 11 (4) The needs for liquidity, regularity of income, and preservation 12 and appreciation of capital;
- 13 (5) The assets held in the trust; the extent to which they consist
  14 of financial assets, interests in closely held enterprises, tangible
  15 and intangible personal property, or real property; the extent to which
  16 an asset is used by a beneficiary; and whether an asset was purchased
  17 by the trustee or received from the settlor;
- 18 (6) The net amount allocated to income under the other sections of 19 this act and the increase or decrease in the value of the principal 20 assets, which the trustee may estimate as to assets for which market 21 values are not readily available;
- (7) Whether and to what extent the terms of the trust give the trustee the power to invade principal or accumulate income or prohibit the trustee from invading principal or accumulating income, and the extent to which the trustee has exercised a power from time to time to invade principal or accumulate income;
- 27 (8) The actual and anticipated effect of economic conditions on 28 principal and income and effects of inflation and deflation; and
  - (9) The anticipated tax consequences of an adjustment.
- 30 (c) A trustee may not make an adjustment:
- 31 (1) That diminishes the income interest in a trust that requires 32 all of the income to be paid at least annually to a spouse and for 33 which an estate tax or gift tax marital deduction would be allowed, in 34 whole or in part, if the trustee did not have the power to make the 35 adjustment;
- 36 (2) That reduces the actuarial value of the income interest in a 37 trust to which a person transfers property with the intent to qualify 38 for a gift tax exclusion;

- 1 (3) That changes the amount payable to a beneficiary as a fixed 2 annuity or a fixed fraction of the value of the trust assets;
- 3 (4) From any amount that is permanently set aside for charitable 4 purposes under a will or the terms of a trust unless both income and 5 principal are so set aside;

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- (5) If possessing or exercising the power to make an adjustment causes an individual to be treated as the owner of all or part of the trust for income tax purposes, and the individual would not be treated as the owner if the trustee did not possess the power to make an adjustment;
- (6) If possessing or exercising the power to make an adjustment causes all or part of the trust assets to be included for estate tax purposes in the estate of an individual who has the power to remove a trustee or appoint a trustee, or both, and the assets would not be included in the estate of the individual if the trustee did not possess the power to make an adjustment;
  - (7) If the trustee is a beneficiary of the trust; or
- 18 (8) If the trustee is not a beneficiary, but the adjustment would 19 benefit the trustee directly or indirectly.
- (d) If subsection (c)(5), (6), (7), or (8) of this section applies to a trustee and there is more than one trustee or an additional trustee who is appointed by a court order, a binding agreement, or otherwise under chapter 11.96A RCW, a cotrustee to whom the provision does not apply may make the adjustment unless the exercise of the power by the remaining trustee or trustees is not permitted by the terms of the trust.
- 27 (e) A personal representative serving with nonintervention powers under chapter 11.68 RCW may adjust between principal and income to the 28 29 extent the personal representative considers necessary, if the personal 30 representative invests and manages assets of the estate as a prudent 31 investor and the personal representative determines, after applying the rules of section 103(a) of this act, that the personal representative 32 is unable to comply with section 103(b) of this act. 33 34 whether and to what extent to exercise the power conferred by this 35 subsection, the personal representative shall consider all factors relevant to the estate and its beneficiaries, including factors 36 37 comparable to those a trustee would consider under subsection (b) of this section if considering such an adjustment. 38 39 representative may not make an adjustment under circumstances

- comparable to those that are described in subsection (c) of this 1 section and that prohibit a trustee from making such an adjustment, 2 although a copersonal representative, or an additional personal 3 4 representative who is appointed by a court order, a binding agreement, or otherwise under chapter 11.96A RCW, to whom such limitations do not 5 apply may make the adjustment unless the exercise of the power by the 6 7 remaining personal representative or personal representatives is not permitted by the terms of a will. 8
- 9 (f) A fiduciary may release the entire power conferred by 10 subsection (a) of this section or may release only the power to adjust from income to principal or the power to adjust from principal to 11 income if the fiduciary is uncertain about whether possessing or 12 exercising the power will cause a result described in subsection (c)(1) 13 14 through (6) or (8) of this section or if the fiduciary determines that 15 possessing or exercising the power will or may deprive the trust of a 16 tax benefit or impose a tax burden not described in subsection (c) of 17 this section. The release may be permanent or for a specified period, including a period measured by the life of an individual. 18
- 19 (g) Terms of a trust that limit the power of a fiduciary to make an 20 adjustment between principal and income do not affect the application 21 of this section unless it is clear from the terms of the trust that the 22 terms are intended to deny the fiduciary the power of adjustment 23 conferred by subsection (a) of this section.
- (h) Unless a beneficiary has requested the fiduciary in writing that the fiduciary consider an adjustment, nothing in this section imposes a duty on the fiduciary to make an adjustment and the fiduciary is not liable for not considering whether to make an adjustment under this section.
- 29 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 105.** JUDICIAL CONTROL OF DISCRETIONARY POWERS.
- 30 (a) A court shall not change a fiduciary's decision to exercise or not
- 31 to exercise a discretionary power conferred by this act unless it
- 32 determines that the decision was an abuse of the fiduciary's
- 33 discretion. A court shall not determine that a fiduciary abused its
- 34 discretion merely because the court would have exercised the discretion
- 35 in a different manner or would not have exercised the discretion.
- 36 (b) The decisions to which subsection (a) of this section apply
- 37 include:

- 1 (1) A determination under section 104 (a) or (e) of this act of 2 whether and to what extent an amount should be transferred from 3 principal to income or from income to principal.
  - (2) A determination of: (i) The factors that are relevant to the trust or estate and its beneficiaries; (ii) the extent to which they are relevant; and (iii) the weight, if any, to be given to the relevant factors, in deciding whether and to what extent to exercise the power conferred by section 104 (a) or (e) of this act.
    - (3) A determination under section 106(g) of this act.

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- 10 (c) If a court determines that a fiduciary has abused its 11 discretion, the remedy is to restore the income and remainder 12 beneficiaries to the positions they would have occupied if the 13 fiduciary had not abused its discretion, according to the following 14 principles:
- (1) To the extent that the abuse of discretion has resulted in no distribution to a beneficiary or a distribution that is too small, the court may require the fiduciary to distribute from the trust to the beneficiary an amount that the court determines will restore the beneficiary, in whole or in part, to his or her appropriate position.
- (2) To the extent that the abuse of discretion has resulted in a distribution to a beneficiary that is too large, the court may restore the beneficiaries, the trust, or both, in whole or in part, to their appropriate positions by requiring the fiduciary to withhold an amount from one or more future distributions to the beneficiary who received the distribution that was too large or requiring that beneficiary to return some or all of the distribution to the trust.
  - (3) To the extent that the court does not restore under (1) and (2) of this subsection the beneficiaries, the trust, or both, to the positions they would have occupied if the fiduciary had not abused its discretion, the court may require the fiduciary to pay an appropriate amount from its own funds to one or more of the beneficiaries or the trust, or both. The fiduciary has no liability under this section unless the beneficiary alleging the abuse of discretion establishes that the fiduciary did not exercise its discretion in good faith and with honest judgment.
- 36 (d) Upon a petition by the fiduciary, the court having jurisdiction 37 over the trust or estate shall determine whether a proposed exercise or 38 nonexercise by the fiduciary of a discretionary power conferred by the 39 act will result in an abuse of the fiduciary's discretion. If the

petition describes the proposed exercise or nonexercise of the power and contains sufficient information to inform the beneficiaries of the reasons for the proposal, the facts upon which the fiduciary relies, and an explanation of how the income and remainder beneficiaries will be affected by the proposed exercise or nonexercise of the power, a beneficiary who challenges the proposed exercise or nonexercise has the burden of establishing that it will result in an abuse of discretion.

- (e) The fiduciary shall be reimbursed for any and all costs, including without limitation all attorneys' fees and costs of defense, and all liabilities that the fiduciary may incur in connection with any claim or action relating in any way to the fiduciary's exercise of its discretion under this act, except to the extent that the beneficiary establishes that the fiduciary did not exercise its discretion in good faith and with honest judgment. All attorneys' fees and costs shall be advanced to the fiduciary as incurred and shall only be collected from the fiduciary after it has been determined that the fiduciary did not exercise its discretion in good faith and with honest judgment.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 106. POWER TO CONVERT TO UNITRUST. (a) In this section, "beneficiary" means a person who has an interest in the trust to be converted and who has the legal capacity to act in his, her, or its own right with respect to all actions that such person may take under this section.
- (b) Unless expressly prohibited by the terms of the trust, a trustee may release the power to make adjustments under section 104 of this act and convert a trust into a unitrust as described in this section if all of the following apply:
- 27 (1) The trustee determines that the conversion will enable the 28 trustee better to carry out the intent of the settlor or testator and 29 the purposes of the trust.
- (2) The trustee gives written notice of the trustee's intention to release the power to adjust and to convert the trust into a unitrust and of how the unitrust will operate, including what initial decisions the trustee will make under this section, to all beneficiaries:
- 34 (i) Who are currently eligible to receive income from the trust; or
- (ii) Who would receive, if no powers of appointment were exercised, a distribution of principal if the trust were to terminate immediately before the notice is given.

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- 1 (3) There is at least one beneficiary under (2)(i) of this 2 subsection and at least one other person who is a beneficiary under 3 (2)(ii) of this subsection.
- 4 (4) No beneficiary objects to the conversion to a unitrust in a 5 writing delivered to the trustee within sixty days after the notice is 6 given under (2) of this subsection.
- 7 (c) The parties, as defined by RCW 11.96A.030(4), may agree to 8 convert a trust to or from a unitrust by means of a binding agreement 9 under chapter 11.96A RCW.
- 10 (d)(1) The trustee may petition the court under chapter 11.96A RCW 11 to order a conversion to a unitrust if either of the following apply:
- 12 (i) A party, as defined by RCW 11.96A.030(4), timely objects to the 13 conversion to a unitrust; or
- 14 (ii) There are no beneficiaries under (2)(i) and (ii) of this 15 subsection.
- (2) A party, as defined by RCW 11.96A.030(4), may request a trustee to convert to a unitrust. If the trustee does not convert, the party, as defined by RCW 11.96A.030(4), may petition the court to order the conversion.
- 20 (3) The court shall approve the conversion or direct the requested 21 conversion if the court concludes that the conversion will enable the 22 trustee to better carry out the intent of the settlor or testator and 23 the purposes of the trust.
- (e) In deciding whether to exercise a power to convert to a unitrust under this section, a trustee may consider, among other things, the factors set forth in section 104(b) of this act.
- 27 (f) After a trust is converted to a unitrust, all of the following 28 apply:
- 29 (1) The trustee shall follow an investment policy seeking a total 30 return for the investments held by the trust, whether the return is to 31 be derived:
- 32 (i) From appreciation of principal;
- 33 (ii) From earnings and distributions from principal; or
- 34 (iii) From both.
- 35 (2) The trustee shall make regular distributions in accordance with 36 the terms of the trust, or the terms of the will, as the case may be, 37 construed in accordance with the provisions of this section.
- 38 (3) The term "income" in the terms of a trust or a will means an 39 annual distribution, the "unitrust distribution", equal to four

- 1 percent, the "payout percentage", of the net fair market value of the
- 2 trust's assets, whether such assets would be considered income or
- 3 principal under other provisions of this act, averaged over the lesser
  4 of:
- 5 (i) The three preceding years; or
- 6 (ii) The period during which the trust has been in existence.
- 7 (g) The trustee may in the trustee's discretion from time to time 8 determine all of the following:
- 9 (1) The effective date of a conversion to a unitrust.
- 10 (2) The provisions for prorating a unitrust distribution for a 11 short year in which a beneficiary's right to payments commences or 12 ceases.
- 13 (3) The frequency of unitrust distributions during the year.
- 14 (4) The effect of other payments from or contributions to the trust 15 on the trust's valuation.
- 16 (5) Whether to value the trust's assets annually or more 17 frequently.
- 18 (6) What valuation dates to use.
- 19 (7) How frequently to value nonliquid assets and whether to 20 estimate their value.
- 21 (8) Whether to omit from the calculations trust property occupied 22 or possessed by a beneficiary.
- 23 (9) Any other matters necessary for the proper functioning of the 24 unitrust.
- 25 (h)(1) Expenses which would be deducted from income if the trust 26 were not a unitrust may not be deducted from the unitrust distribution.
- 27 (2) Unless otherwise provided by the terms of the trust, the 28 unitrust distribution shall be paid from net income, as such term would
- 29 be determined if the trust were not a unitrust. To the extent net
- 30 income is insufficient, the unitrust distribution shall be paid from
- 31 net realized short-term capital gains. To the extent net income and
- 32 net realized short-term capital gains are insufficient, the unitrust
- 33 distribution shall be paid from net realized long-term capital gains.
- 34 To the extent net income and net realized short-term and long-term
- 35 capital gains are insufficient, the unitrust distribution shall be paid
- 36 from the principal of the trust.
- 37 (i) The trustee or, if the trustee declines to do so, a beneficiary 38 may petition the court:
- 39 (1) To select a payout percentage different than four percent.

- 1 (2) To provide for a distribution of net income, as would be 2 determined if the trust were not a unitrust, in excess of the unitrust 3 distribution if such distribution is necessary to preserve a tax 4 benefit.
- 5 (3) To average the valuation of the trust's net assets over a 6 period other than three years.
  - (4) To reconvert from a unitrust.

- 8 (j) Upon a reconversion, the power to adjust under section 104 of 9 this act is revived.
- (k) A conversion to a unitrust does not affect a provision in the terms of a trust directing or authorizing the trustee to distribute principal or authorizing a beneficiary to withdraw a portion or all of the principal.
- 14 (1) A trustee may not possess or exercise any power under this 15 section in any of the following circumstances:
- 16 (1) The unitrust distribution would be made from any amount that is 17 permanently set aside for charitable purposes under the terms of a 18 trust and for which a charitable deduction from a federal gift or 19 estate tax has been taken.
- 20 (2) The possession or exercise of the power would cause an 21 individual to be treated as the owner of all or part of the trust for 22 federal income tax purposes and the individual would not be treated as 23 the owner if the trustee did not possess or exercise the power.
- 24 (3) The possession or exercise of the power would cause all or any 25 part of the trust estate to be subject to any federal gift or estate 26 tax with respect to the individual and the trust estate would not be 27 subject to such taxation if the trustee did not possess or exercise the 28 power.
- 29 (4) The possession or exercise of the power would result in the 30 disallowance of a federal gift or estate tax marital deduction which 31 would be allowed if the trustee did not have the power.
  - (5) The trustee is a beneficiary of the trust.
- (m) If subsection (1)(2), (3), or (5) of this section applies to a trustee and there is more than one trustee or an additional trustee who is appointed by a court order, a binding agreement, or otherwise under chapter 11.96A RCW, a cotrustee to whom subsection (1)(2), (3), or (5) of this section does not apply may possess and exercise the power unless the possession or exercise of the power by the remaining trustee or trustees is not permitted by the terms of the trust. If subsection

- 1 (1)(2), (3), or (5) of this section restricts all trustees from
- 2 possessing or exercising a power under this section, the trustee may
- 3 petition a court under chapter 11.96A RCW for the court to effect the
- 4 intended conversion or action.
- 5 (n) A trustee may release any power conferred by this section if 6 any of the following applies:
- 7 (1) The trustee is uncertain about whether possessing or exercising
- 8 the power will cause a result described in subsection (1)(2), (3), or
- 9 (4) of this section.
- 10 (2) The trustee determines that possessing or exercising the power
- 11 will or may deprive the trust of a tax benefit or impose a tax burden
- 12 not described in subsection (1) of this section.
- The release may be permanent or for a specified period, including
- 14 a period measured by the life of an individual.
- 15 ARTICLE 2
- 16 DECEDENT'S ESTATE OR TERMINATING INCOME INTEREST
- 17 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 201.** DETERMINATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF NET
- 18 INCOME. After a decedent dies, in the case of an estate, or after an
- 19 income interest in a trust ends, the following rules apply:
- 20 (1) A fiduciary of an estate or of a terminating income interest
- 21 shall determine the amount of net income and net principal receipts
- 22 received from property specifically given to a beneficiary under the
- 23 rules in Articles 3 through 5 of this act which apply to trustees and
- 24 the rules in subsection (5) of this section. The fiduciary shall
- 25 distribute the net income and net principal receipts to the beneficiary
- 26 who is to receive the specific property.
- 27 (2) A fiduciary shall determine the remaining net income of a
- 28 decedent's estate or a terminating income interest under the rules in
- 29 Articles 3 through 5 of this act which apply to trustees, except to the
- 30 extent that the following apply:
- 31 (i) The fiduciary shall include in net income all income from
- 32 property used to discharge liabilities;
- 33 (ii) The fiduciary shall pay from income or principal, in the
- 34 fiduciary's discretion, family allowances; fees of attorneys,
- 35 accountants, and fiduciaries; court costs and other expenses of
- 36 administration; and interest on death taxes, but the fiduciary may pay
- 37 those expenses from income of property passing to a trust for which the

- fiduciary claims an estate tax marital or charitable deduction only to 1 the extent that the payment of those expenses from income will not 2 cause the reduction or loss of the deduction; and 3
- 4 fiduciary shall pay from principal all other disbursements made or incurred in connection with the settlement of a 5 decedent's estate or the winding up of a terminating income interest, 6 7 including debts, funeral expenses, disposition of remains, and death taxes and related penalties that are apportioned to the estate or 8 9 terminating income interest by the will, the terms of the trust, or 10 applicable law.
- (3) A fiduciary shall distribute to a beneficiary who receives a 11 pecuniary amount outright the interest or any other amount provided by 12 13 the will, the terms of a trust, or applicable law from net income determined under subsection (2) of this section or from principal to 14 15 the extent that net income is insufficient. Otherwise, no outright 16 gift of a pecuniary amount whether under a will, or under a trust after an income interest ends shall receive interest or any other income. 17
- (4) A fiduciary shall distribute the net income remaining after 18 19 distributions required by subsection (3) of this section in the manner described in section 202 of this act to all other beneficiaries, including a beneficiary who receives a pecuniary amount in trust, even if the beneficiary holds an unqualified power to withdraw assets from 23 the trust or other presently exercisable general power of appointment 24 over the trust.

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(5) A fiduciary may not reduce principal or income receipts from property described in subsection (1) of this section because of a payment described in section 501 or 502 of this act to the extent that the will, the terms of the trust, or applicable law requires the fiduciary to make the payment from assets other than the property or to the extent that the fiduciary recovers or expects to recover the payment from a third party. The net income and principal receipts from the property are determined by including all of the amounts the fiduciary receives or pays with respect to the property, whether those amounts accrued or became due before, on, or after the date of a decedent's death or an income interest's terminating event, and by making a reasonable provision for amounts that the fiduciary believes the estate or terminating income interest may become obligated to pay after the property is distributed.

- NEW SECTION. Sec. 202. DISTRIBUTION TO RESIDUARY AND REMAINDER 1 BENEFICIARIES. (a) Each beneficiary described in section 201(4) of 2 this act is entitled to receive a portion of the net income equal to 3 4 the beneficiary's fractional interest in undistributed principal assets, using values as of the distribution date. If a fiduciary makes 5 more than one distribution of assets to beneficiaries to whom this 6 7 section applies, each beneficiary, including one who does not receive 8 part of the distribution, is entitled, as of each distribution date, to 9 the net income the fiduciary has received after the date of death or 10 terminating event or earlier distribution date but has not distributed as of the current distribution date. 11
- 12 (b) In determining a beneficiary's share of net income, the 13 following rules apply:
- 14 (1) The beneficiary is entitled to receive a portion of the net 15 income equal to the beneficiary's fractional interest in the 16 undistributed principal assets immediately before the distribution 17 date, including assets that later may be sold to meet principal 18 obligations.
- 19 (2) The beneficiary's fractional interest in the undistributed 20 principal assets must be calculated without regard to property 21 specifically given to a beneficiary and property required to pay 22 pecuniary amounts not in trust.
- 23 (3) The beneficiary's fractional interest in the undistributed 24 principal assets must be calculated on the basis of the aggregate value 25 of those assets as of the distribution date without reducing the value 26 by any unpaid principal obligation.
- 27 (4) The distribution date for purposes of this section may be the 28 date as of which the fiduciary calculates the value of the assets if 29 that date is reasonably near the date on which assets are actually 30 distributed.
- 31 (c) If a fiduciary does not distribute all of the collected but 32 undistributed net income to each person as of a distribution date, the 33 fiduciary shall maintain appropriate records showing the interest of 34 each beneficiary in that net income.
- 35 (d) A fiduciary may apply the rules in this section, to the extent 36 that the fiduciary considers it appropriate, to net gain or loss 37 realized after the date of death or terminating event or earlier 38 distribution date from the disposition of a principal asset if this 39 section applies to the income from the asset.

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### 2 APPORTIONMENT AT BEGINNING AND END OF INCOME INTEREST

NEW SECTION. Sec. 301. WHEN RIGHT TO INCOME BEGINS AND ENDS. (a)
An income beneficiary is entitled to net income from the date on which
the income interest begins. An income interest begins on the date
specified in the terms of the trust or, if no date is specified, on the
date an asset becomes subject to a trust or successive income interest.

- (b) An asset becomes subject to a trust:
- 9 (1) On the date it is transferred to the trust in the case of an 10 asset that is transferred to a trust during the transferor's life;
- 11 (2) On the date of a testator's death in the case of an asset that 12 becomes subject to a trust by reason of a will, even if there is an 13 intervening period of administration of the testator's estate; or
- 14 (3) On the date of an individual's death in the case of an asset 15 that is transferred to a fiduciary by a third party because of the 16 individual's death.
- (c) An asset becomes subject to a successive income interest on the day after the preceding income interest ends, as determined under subsection (d) of this section, even if there is an intervening period of administration to wind up the preceding income interest.
- (d) An income interest ends on the day before an income beneficiary dies or another terminating event occurs, or on the last day of a period during which there is no beneficiary to whom a trustee may distribute income.
- 25 302. NEW SECTION. Sec. APPORTIONMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS WHEN DECEDENT DIES OR INCOME INTEREST BEGINS. (a) A 26 trustee shall allocate an income receipt or disbursement other than one 27 28 to which section 201(1) of this act applies to principal if its due date occurs before a decedent dies in the case of an estate or before 29 30 an income interest begins in the case of a trust or successive income 31 interest.
- 32 (b) A trustee shall allocate an income receipt or disbursement to 33 income if its due date occurs on or after the date on which a decedent 34 dies or an income interest begins and it is a periodic due date. An 35 income receipt or disbursement must be treated as accruing from day to 36 day if its due date is not periodic or it has no due date. The portion 37 of the receipt or disbursement accruing before the date on which a

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- decedent dies or an income interest begins must be allocated to 1 2 principal and the balance must be allocated to income.
- (c) An item of income or an obligation is due on the date the payer 3 4 is required to make a payment. If a payment date is not stated, there 5 is no due date for the purposes of this act. Distributions to shareholders or other owners from an entity to which section 401 of 6 this act applies are deemed to be due on the date fixed by the entity 7 8 for determining who is entitled to receive the distribution or, if no 9 date is fixed, on the declaration date for the distribution. A due 10 date is periodic for receipts or disbursements that must be paid at 11 regular intervals under a lease or an obligation to pay interest or if 12 an entity customarily makes distributions at regular intervals.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 303. APPORTIONMENT WHEN INCOME INTEREST ENDS. 13
- 14 (a) In this section, "undistributed income" means net income received 15 before the date on which an income interest ends. The term does not
- 16 include an item of income or expense that is due or accrued or net
- income that has been added or is required to be added to principal 17
- 18 under the terms of the trust.

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- (b) When a mandatory income interest ends, the trustee shall pay to a mandatory income beneficiary who survives that date, or the estate of a deceased mandatory income beneficiary whose death causes the interest 21 to end, the beneficiary's share of the undistributed income that is not 23 disposed of under the terms of the trust unless the beneficiary has an 24 unqualified power to revoke more than five percent of the trust 25 principal immediately before the income interest ends. In the latter case, the undistributed income from the portion of the trust that may be revoked must be added to principal.
- (c) When a trustee's obligation to pay a fixed annuity or a fixed 28 29 fraction of the value of the trust's assets ends, the trustee shall prorate the final payment if and to the extent required by applicable 30 law to accomplish a purpose of the trust or its settlor relating to 31 32 income, gift, estate, or other tax requirements.
- 33 ARTICLE 4
- ALLOCATION OF RECEIPTS DURING ADMINISTRATION OF TRUST 34
- 35 PART 1: RECEIPTS FROM ENTITIES

- NEW SECTION. Sec. 401. CHARACTER OF RECEIPTS. 1 (a) In this 2 section, "entity" means a corporation, partnership, limited liability company, regulated investment company, real estate investment trust, 3 4 common trust fund, or any other organization in which a trustee has an 5 interest. "Entity" does not mean a trust or estate to which section 402 of this act applies, a business or activity to which section 403 of 6 7 this act applies, or an asset-backed security to which section 415 of 8 this act applies.
- 9 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a trustee shall 10 allocate to income money received from an entity.
- 11 (c) A trustee shall allocate the following receipts from an entity 12 to principal:
- 13 (1) Property other than money;

- 14 (2) Money received in one distribution or a series of related 15 distributions in exchange for part or all of a trust's interest in the 16 entity;
- 17 (3) Money received in total or partial liquidation of the entity; 18 and
- 19 (4) Money received from an entity that is a regulated investment 20 company or a real estate investment trust if the money distributed is 21 a capital gain dividend for federal income tax purposes.
  - (d) Money is received in partial liquidation:
- 23 (1) To the extent that the entity, at or near the time of a 24 distribution, indicates that it is a distribution in partial 25 liquidation; or
- (2) If the total amount of money and property distributed in a distribution or series of related distributions is greater than twenty percent of the entity's gross assets, as shown by the entity's year-end financial statements immediately preceding the initial distribution.
- (e) Money is not received in partial liquidation, nor may it be taken into account under subsection (d)(2) of this section, to the extent that it does not exceed the amount of income tax that a trustee or beneficiary must pay on taxable income of the entity that distributes the money.
- 35 (f) A trustee may rely upon a statement made by an entity about the 36 source or character of a distribution if the statement is made at or 37 near the time of distribution by the entity's board of directors or 38 other person or group of persons authorized to exercise powers to pay

- 1 money or transfer property comparable to those of a corporation's board 2 of directors.
- 3 NEW SECTION. Sec. 402. DISTRIBUTION FROM TRUST OR ESTATE. 4 trustee shall allocate to income an amount received as a distribution of income from a trust or an estate in which the trust has an interest 5 other than a purchased interest in a trust that is an investment 6 7 entity, and shall allocate to principal an amount received as a distribution of principal from such a trust or estate. If a trustee 8 9 purchases an interest in a trust that is an investment entity, or a decedent or donor transfers an interest in such a trust to a trustee, 10 section 401 or 415 of this act applies to a receipt from the trust. 11
- 12 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 403.** BUSINESS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY 13 TRUSTEE. (a) If a trustee who conducts a business or other activity determines that it is in the best interest of all the beneficiaries to 14 account separately for the business or activity instead of accounting 15 for it as part of the trust's general accounting records, the trustee 16 17 may maintain separate accounting records for its transactions, whether 18 or not its assets are segregated from other trust assets. The trustee shall maintain such records in accordance with principles of accounting 19 20 that are generally accepted.
- (b) A trustee who accounts separately for a business or other 21 22 activity may determine the extent to which its net cash receipts must 23 be retained for working capital, the acquisition or replacement of 24 fixed assets, and other reasonably foreseeable needs of the business or activity, and the extent to which the remaining net cash receipts are 25 accounted for as principal or income in the trust's general accounting 26 records. If a trustee sells assets of the business or other activity, 27 28 other than in the ordinary course of the business or activity, the trustee shall account for the net amount received as principal in the 29 trust's general accounting records to the extent the trustee determines 30 31 that the amount received is no longer required in the conduct of the 32 business.
- 33 (c) Activities for which a trustee may maintain separate accounting 34 records include:
- 35 (1) Retail, manufacturing, service, and other traditional business 36 activities;
- 37 (2) Farming;

- 1 (3) Raising and selling livestock and other animals;
- 2 (4) Management of rental properties;
- 3 (5) Extraction of minerals and other natural resources;
- 4 (6) Timber operations; and

5 (7) Activities to which section 414 of this act applies.

# PART 2: RECEIPTS NOT NORMALLY APPORTIONED

- 7 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 404.** PRINCIPAL RECEIPTS. A trustee shall 8 allocate to principal:
- 9 (1) To the extent not allocated to income under this act, assets 10 received from a transferor during the transferor's lifetime, a 11 decedent's estate, a trust with a terminating income interest, or a 12 payer under a contract naming the trust or its trustee as beneficiary;
- 13 (2) Money or other property received from the sale, exchange, 14 liquidation, or change in form of a principal asset, including realized 15 profit, subject to this Article;
- 16 (3) Amounts recovered from third parties to reimburse the trust 17 because of disbursements described in section 502(a)(7) of this act or 18 for other reasons to the extent not based on the loss of income;
- 19 (4) Proceeds of property taken by eminent domain, but a separate 20 award made for the loss of income with respect to an accounting period 21 during which a current income beneficiary had a mandatory income 22 interest is income;
- 23 (5) Net income received in an accounting period during which there 24 is no beneficiary to whom a trustee may or must distribute income; and 25 (6) Other receipts as provided in Part 3 of this Article.
- 26 NEW SECTION. Sec. 405. RENTAL PROPERTY. To the extent that a 27 trustee accounts for receipts from rental property pursuant to this 28 section, the trustee shall allocate to income an amount received as rent of real or personal property, including an amount received for 29 cancellation or renewal of a lease. An amount received as a refundable 30 deposit, including a security deposit or a deposit that is to be 31 32 applied as rent for future periods, must be added to principal and held subject to the terms of the lease and is not available for distribution 33 34 to a beneficiary until the trustee's contractual obligations have been 35 satisfied with respect to that amount.

- NEW SECTION. Sec. 406. OBLIGATION TO PAY MONEY. (a) An amount received as interest, whether determined at a fixed, variable, or floating rate, on an obligation to pay money to the trustee, including an amount received as consideration for prepaying principal, must be allocated to income without any provision for amortization of premium.
- (b) A trustee shall allocate to principal an amount received from 6 7 the sale, redemption, or other disposition of an obligation to pay 8 money to the trustee more than one year after it is purchased or 9 acquired by the trustee, including an obligation whose purchase price 10 or value when it is acquired is less than its value at maturity. 11 the obligation matures within one year after it is purchased or acquired by the trustee, an amount received in excess of its purchase 12 price or its value when acquired by the trust must be allocated to 13 14 income.
- 15 (c) This section does not apply to an obligation to which section 16 409, 410, 411, 412, 414, or 415 of this act applies.
- 17 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 407.** INSURANCE POLICIES AND SIMILAR CONTRACTS.
- 18 (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this section, a
- 19 trustee shall allocate to principal the proceeds of a life insurance
- 20 policy or other contract in which the trust or its trustee is named as
- 21 beneficiary, including a contract that insures the trust or its trustee
- 22 against loss for damage to, destruction of, or loss of title to a trust
- 23 asset. The trustee shall allocate dividends on an insurance policy to
- 24 income if the premiums on the policy are paid from income, and to
- 25 principal if the premiums are paid from principal.
- 26 (b) A trustee shall allocate to income proceeds of a contract that
- 27 insures the trustee against loss of occupancy or other use by an income
- 28 beneficiary, loss of income, or, subject to section 403 of this act,
- 29 loss of profits from a business.
- 30 (c) This section does not apply to a contract to which section 409
- 31 of this act applies.

# 32 PART 3: RECEIPTS NORMALLY APPORTIONED

- 33 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 408.** INSUBSTANTIAL ALLOCATIONS NOT REQUIRED.
- 34 If a trustee determines that an allocation between principal and income
- 35 required by section 409, 410, 411, 412, or 415 of this act is
- 36 insubstantial, the trustee may allocate the entire amount to principal

- 1 unless one of the circumstances described in section 104(c) of this act
- 2 applies to the allocation. This power may be exercised by a cotrustee
- 3 in the circumstances described in section 104(d) of this act and may be
- 4 released for the reasons and in the manner described in section 104(f)
- 5 of this act. An allocation is presumed to be insubstantial if:
- 6 (1) The amount of the allocation would increase or decrease net 7 income in an accounting period, as determined before the allocation, by
- 8 less than ten percent; or
- 9 (2) The value of the asset producing the receipt for which the
- 10 allocation would be made is less than ten percent of the total value of
- 11 the trust's assets at the beginning of the accounting period.
- 12 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 409.** DEFERRED COMPENSATION, ANNUITIES, AND
- 13 SIMILAR PAYMENTS. (a) In this section, "payment" means a payment that
- 14 a trustee may receive over a fixed number of years or during the life
- 15 of one or more individuals because of services rendered or property
- 16 transferred to the payer in exchange for future payments. The terr
- 17 includes a payment made in money or property from the payer's general
- 18 assets or from a separate fund created by the payer, including a
- 19 private or commercial annuity, an individual retirement account, and a
- 20 pension, profit-sharing, stock-bonus, or stock-ownership plan.
- 21 (b) To the extent that a payment is characterized as interest or a
- 22 dividend or a payment made in lieu of interest or a dividend, a trustee
- 23 shall allocate it to income. The trustee shall allocate to principal
- 24 the balance of the payment and any other payment received in the same
- 25 accounting period that is not characterized as interest, a dividend, or
- 26 an equivalent payment.
- 27 (c) If no part of a payment is characterized as interest, a
- 28 dividend, or an equivalent payment, a trustee shall allocate to income
- 29 four percent of the total value of the interests of the trustee in the
- 30 plan, annuity, or similar payment as of the first business day of the
- 31 accounting period and the balance to principal.
- 32 (d) If, to obtain an estate tax marital deduction for a trust, a
- 33 trustee must allocate more of a payment to income than provided for by
- 34 this section, the trustee shall allocate to income the additional
- 35 amount necessary to obtain the marital deduction.
- 36 (e) This section does not apply to payments to which section 410 of
- 37 this act applies.

- 1 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 410.** LIQUIDATING ASSET. (a) In this section,
- 2 "liquidating asset" means an asset whose value will diminish or
- 3 terminate because the asset is expected to produce receipts for a
- 4 period of limited duration. The term includes a leasehold, patent,
- 5 copyright, royalty right, and right to receive payments during a period
- 6 of more than one year under an arrangement that does not provide for
- 7 the payment of interest on the unpaid balance. The term does not
- 8 include a payment subject to section 409 of this act, resources subject
- 9 to section 411 of this act, timber subject to section 412 of this act,
- 10 an activity subject to section 414 of this act, an asset subject to
- 11 section 415 of this act, or any asset for which the trustee establishes
- 12 a reserve for depreciation under section 503 of this act.
- 13 (b) A trustee shall allocate to income ten percent of the receipts
- 14 from a liquidating asset and the balance to principal.
- 15 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 411.** MINERALS, WATER, AND OTHER NATURAL
- 16 RESOURCES. (a) To the extent that a trustee accounts for receipts from
- 17 an interest in minerals or other natural resources pursuant to this
- 18 section, the trustee shall allocate them as follows:
- 19 (1) If received as nominal delay rental or nominal annual rent on
- 20 a lease, a receipt must be allocated to income;
- 21 (2) If received from a production payment, a receipt must be
- 22 allocated to income if and to the extent that the agreement creating
- 23 the production payment provides a factor for interest or its
- 24 equivalent. The balance must be allocated to principal;
- 25 (3) If an amount received as a royalty, shut-in-well payment, take-
- 26 or-pay payment, bonus, or delay rental is more than nominal, ninety
- 27 percent must be allocated to principal and the balance to income; or
- 28 (4) If an amount is received from a working interest or any other
- 29 interest not provided for in subsection (1), (2), or (3) of this
- 30 section, ninety percent of the net amount received must be allocated to
- 31 principal and the balance to income.
- 32 (b) An amount received on account of an interest in water that is
- 33 renewable must be allocated to income. If the water is not renewable,
- 34 ninety percent of the amount must be allocated to principal and the
- 35 balance to income.
- 36 (c) This act applies whether or not a decedent or donor was
- 37 extracting minerals, water, or other natural resources before the
- 38 interest became subject to the trust.

- 1 (d) If a trust owns an interest in minerals, water, or other 2 natural resources on January 1, 2003, the trustee may allocate receipts 3 from the interest as provided in this act or in the manner used by the 4 trustee before January 1, 2003. If the trust acquires an interest in 5 minerals, water, or other natural resources after January 1, 2003, the 6 trustee shall allocate receipts from the interest as provided in this 7 act.
- 8 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 412.** TIMBER. (a) To the extent that a trustee 9 accounts for receipts from the sale of timber and related products 10 pursuant to this section, the trustee shall allocate the net receipts:
- (1) To income to the extent that the amount of timber removed from the land does not exceed the rate of growth of the timber during the accounting periods in which a beneficiary has a mandatory income interest;
- 15 (2) To principal to the extent that the amount of timber removed 16 from the land exceeds the rate of growth of the timber or the net 17 receipts are from the sale of standing timber;
- (3) To or between income and principal if the net receipts are from the lease of timberland or from a contract to cut timber from land owned by a trust, by determining the amount of timber removed from the land under the lease or contract and applying the rules in (1) and (2) of this subsection; or
- (4) To principal to the extent that advance payments, bonuses, and other payments are not allocated pursuant to (1), (2), or (3) of this subsection.
- 26 (b) In determining net receipts to be allocated pursuant to 27 subsection (a) of this section, a trustee shall deduct and transfer to 28 principal a reasonable amount for depletion.
- (c) This act applies whether or not a decedent or transferor was harvesting timber from the property before it became subject to the trust.
- (d) If a trust owns an interest in timberland on January 1, 2003, the trustee may allocate net receipts from the sale of timber and related products as provided in this act or in the manner used by the trustee before January 1, 2003. If the trust acquires an interest in timberland after January 1, 2003, the trustee shall allocate net receipts from the sale of timber and related products as provided in this act.

- NEW SECTION. Sec. 413. PROPERTY NOT PRODUCTIVE OF INCOME. (a) If 1 2 a marital deduction is allowed for all or part of a trust whose assets consist substantially of property that does not provide the spouse with 3 sufficient income from or use of the trust assets, and if the amounts 4 5 that the trustee transfers from principal to income under section 104 of this act and distributes to the spouse from principal pursuant to 6 the terms of the trust are insufficient to provide the spouse with the 7 8 beneficial enjoyment required to obtain the marital deduction, the 9 spouse may require the trustee to make property productive of income, 10 convert property within a reasonable time, or exercise the power conferred by section 104(a) of this act. The trustee may decide which 11 12 action or combination of actions to take.
- (b) In cases not governed by subsection (a) of this section, proceeds from the sale or other disposition of an asset are principal without regard to the amount of income the asset produces during any accounting period.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 414. DERIVATIVES AND OPTIONS. (a) In this section, "derivative" means a contract or financial instrument or a combination of contracts and financial instruments which gives a trust the right or obligation to participate in some or all changes in the price of a tangible or intangible asset or group of assets, or changes in a rate, an index of prices or rates, or other market indicator for an asset or a group of assets.
- (b) To the extent that a trustee does not account under section 403 of this act for transactions in derivatives, the trustee shall allocate to principal receipts from and disbursements made in connection with those transactions.
- (c) If a trustee grants an option to buy property from the trust, 28 29 whether or not the trust owns the property when the option is granted, grants an option that permits another person to sell property to the 30 31 trust, or acquires an option to buy property for the trust or an option 32 to sell an asset owned by the trust, and the trustee or other owner of the asset is required to deliver the asset if the option is exercised, 33 34 an amount received for granting the option must be allocated to principal. An amount paid to acquire the option must be paid from 35 36 A gain or loss realized upon the exercise of an option, including an option granted to a settlor of the trust for services 37 rendered, must be allocated to principal. 38

- Sec. 415. ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES. (a) In this 1 NEW SECTION. 2 section, "asset-backed security" means an asset whose value is based upon the right it gives the owner to receive distributions from the 3 proceeds of financial assets that provide collateral for the security. 4 5 The term includes an asset that gives the owner the right to receive from the collateral financial assets only the interest or other current 6 return or only the proceeds other than interest or current return. The 7 term does not include an asset to which section 401 or 409 of this act 8 9 applies.
- 10 (b) If a trust receives a payment from interest or other current 11 return and from other proceeds of the collateral financial assets, the 12 trustee shall allocate to income the portion of the payment which the 13 payer identifies as being from interest or other current return and 14 shall allocate the balance of the payment to principal.
- 15 (c) If a trust receives one or more payments in exchange for the 16 trust's entire interest in an asset-backed security in one accounting 17 period, the trustee shall allocate the payments to principal. If a 18 payment is one of a series of payments that will result in the 19 liquidation of the trust's interest in the security over more than one 20 accounting period, the trustee shall allocate ten percent of the 21 payment to income and the balance to principal.

# 22 ARTICLE 5

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#### ALLOCATION OF DISBURSEMENTS DURING ADMINISTRATION OF TRUST

- NEW SECTION. Sec. 501. DISBURSEMENTS FROM INCOME. A trustee shall make the following disbursements from income to the extent that they are not disbursements to which section 201(2) (ii) or (iii) of this act applies:
- (1) One-half of the regular compensation of the trustee and of any person providing investment advisory or custodial services to the trustee;
- 31 (2) One-half of all expenses for accountings, judicial proceedings, 32 or other matters that involve both the income and remainder interests;
- (3) All of the other ordinary expenses incurred in connection with the administration, management, or preservation of trust property and the distribution of income, including interest, ordinary repairs, regularly recurring taxes assessed against principal, and expenses of

- 1 a proceeding or other matter that concerns primarily the income
- 2 interest; and
- 3 (4) Recurring premiums on insurance covering the loss of a
- 4 principal asset or the loss of income from or use of the asset.
- 5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 502.** DISBURSEMENTS FROM PRINCIPAL. (a) A 6 trustee shall make the following disbursements from principal:
- 7 (1) The remaining one-half of the disbursements described in 8 section 501 (1) and (2) of this act;
- 9 (2) All of the trustee's compensation calculated on principal as a 10 fee for acceptance, distribution, or termination, and disbursements 11 made to prepare property for sale;
- 12 (3) Payments on the principal of a trust debt;
- 13 (4) Expenses of a proceeding that concerns primarily principal,
- 14 including a proceeding to construe the trust or to protect the trust or
- 15 its property;
- 16 (5) Premiums paid on a policy of insurance not described in section
- 17 501(4) of this act of which the trust is the owner and beneficiary;
- 18 (6) Estate, inheritance, and other transfer taxes, including 19 penalties, apportioned to the trust; and
- 20 (7) Disbursements related to environmental matters, including
- 21 reclamation, assessing environmental conditions, remedying and removing
- 22 environmental contamination, monitoring remedial activities and the
- 23 release of substances, preventing future releases of substances,
- 24 collecting amounts from persons liable or potentially liable for the
- 25 costs of those activities, penalties imposed under environmental laws
- 26 or regulations and other payments made to comply with those laws or
- 27 regulations, statutory or common law claims by third parties, and
- 28 defending claims based on environmental matters.
- 29 (b) If a principal asset is encumbered with an obligation that
- 30 requires income from that asset to be paid directly to the creditor,
- 31 the trustee shall transfer from principal to income an amount equal to
- 32 the income paid to the creditor in reduction of the principal balance
- 33 of the obligation.
- 34 (c) For disbursements not covered in this section or section 501 of
- 35 this act, see section 103(a)(4) of this act.
- 36 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 503.** TRANSFERS FROM INCOME TO PRINCIPAL FOR
- 37 DEPRECIATION. (a) In this section, "depreciation" means a reduction in

- 1 value due to wear, tear, decay, corrosion, or gradual obsolescence of 2 a fixed asset having a useful life of more than one year.
- 3 (b) A trustee may transfer to principal a reasonable amount of the 4 net cash receipts from a principal asset that is subject to 5 depreciation, but may not transfer any amount for depreciation:
- 6 (1) Of that portion of real property used or available for use by 7 a beneficiary as a residence or of tangible personal property held or 8 made available for the personal use or enjoyment of a beneficiary; or
- 9 (2) Under this section if the trustee is accounting under section 10 403 of this act for the business or activity in which the asset is 11 used.
- 12 (c) An amount transferred to principal need not be held as a 13 separate fund.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 504. TRANSFERS FROM INCOME TO REIMBURSE PRINCIPAL. (a) If a trustee makes or expects to make a principal disbursement described in this section, the trustee may transfer an appropriate amount from income to principal in one or more accounting periods to reimburse principal or to provide a reserve for future principal disbursements.
- (b) Principal disbursements to which subsection (a) of this section applies include the following, but only to the extent that the trustee has not been and does not expect to be reimbursed by a third party:
- 23 (1) An amount chargeable to income but paid from principal because 24 it is unusually large, including extraordinary repairs;
- (2) A capital improvement to a principal asset, whether in the form of changes to an existing asset or the construction of a new asset, including special assessments;

- (3) Disbursements made to prepare property for rental, including tenant allowances, leasehold improvements, and broker's commissions;
- 30 (4) Periodic payments on an obligation secured by a principal asset 31 to the extent that the amount transferred from income to principal for 32 depreciation is less than the periodic payments; and
- 33 (5) Disbursements described in section 502(a)(7) of this act.
- 34 (c) If the asset whose ownership gives rise to the disbursements 35 becomes subject to a successive income interest after an income 36 interest ends, a trustee may continue to transfer amounts from income 37 to principal as provided in subsection (a) of this section.

- NEW SECTION. Sec. 505. INCOME TAXES. (a) A tax required to be paid by a trustee based on receipts allocated to income must be paid from income.
- 4 (b) A tax required to be paid by a trustee based on receipts 5 allocated to principal must be paid from principal, even if the tax is 6 called an income tax by the taxing authority.
- 7 (c) A tax required to be paid by a trustee on the trust's share of 8 an entity's taxable income must be paid proportionately:
- 9 (1) From income to the extent that receipts from the entity are 10 allocated to income; and
- 11 (2) From principal to the extent that:
- 12 (i) Receipts from the entity are allocated to principal; and
- (ii) The trust's share of the entity's taxable income exceeds the total receipts described in (1) and (2)(i) of this subsection.
- 15 (d) For purposes of this section, receipts allocated to principal 16 or income must be reduced by the amount distributed to a beneficiary 17 from principal or income for which the trust receives a deduction in 18 calculating the tax.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 506. ADJUSTMENTS BETWEEN PRINCIPAL AND INCOME
  BECAUSE OF TAXES. (a) A fiduciary may make adjustments between
  principal and income to offset the shifting of economic interests or
  tax benefits between income beneficiaries and remainder beneficiaries
  which arise from:
- 24 (1) Elections and decisions, other than those described in 25 subsection (b) of this section, that the fiduciary makes from time to 26 time regarding tax matters;
- (2) An income tax or any other tax that is imposed upon the fiduciary or a beneficiary as a result of a transaction involving or a distribution from the estate or trust; or
- 30 (3) The ownership by an estate or trust of an interest in an entity 31 whose taxable income, whether or not distributed, is includable in the 32 taxable income of the estate, trust, or a beneficiary.
- 33 (b) If the amount of an estate tax marital deduction or charitable 34 contribution deduction is reduced because a fiduciary deducts an amount 35 paid from principal for income tax purposes instead of deducting it for 36 estate tax purposes, and as a result estate taxes paid from principal 37 are increased and income taxes paid by an estate, trust, or beneficiary 38 are decreased, each estate, trust, or beneficiary that benefits from

- 1 the decrease in income tax shall reimburse the principal from which the
- 2 increase in estate tax is paid. The total reimbursement must equal the
- 3 increase in the estate tax to the extent that the principal used to pay
- 4 the increase would have qualified for a marital deduction or charitable
- 5 contribution deduction but for the payment. The proportionate share of
- 6 the reimbursement for each estate, trust, or beneficiary whose income
- 7 taxes are reduced must be the same as its proportionate share of the
- 8 total decrease in income tax. An estate or trust shall reimburse
- 9 principal from income.
- 10 ARTICLE 6
- 11 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 601. The following acts or parts of acts are
- 13 each repealed:
- 14 (1) RCW 11.104.010 (Definitions) and 1997 c 252 s 78 & 1985 c 30 s
- 15 84;
- 16 (2) RCW 11.104.020 (Duty of trustee as to receipts and
- 17 expenditures) and 1985 c 30 s 85;
- 18 (3) RCW 11.104.030 (Income--Principal--Charges) and 1985 c 30 s 86;
- 19 (4) RCW 11.104.040 (When right to income arises--Apportionment of
- 20 income) and 1985 c 30 s 87;
- 21 (5) RCW 11.104.050 (Income earned during administration of a
- 22 decedent's estate) and 1993 c 161 s 1 & 1985 c 30 s 88;
- 23 (6) RCW 11.104.060 (Corporate distribution) and 1985 c 30 s 89;
- 24 (7) RCW 11.104.070 (Bond premium and discount) and 1985 c 30 s 90;
- 25 (8) RCW 11.104.071 (Charitable remainder unitrusts) and 1997 c 252
- 26 s 79;
- 27 (9) RCW 11.104.080 (Trade, business and farming operations) and
- 28 1985 c 30 s 91;
- 29 (10) RCW 11.104.090 (Disposition of receipts from natural
- 30 resources) and 1985 c 30 s 92;
- 31 (11) RCW 11.104.100 (Timber) and 1971 c 74 s 10;
- 32 (12) RCW 11.104.110 (Other property subject to deferred payment
- 33 right--Inventory value determination) and 1997 c 252 s 80 & 1971 c 74
- 34 s 11;
- 35 (13) RCW 11.104.120 (Underproductive property--Definition) and 1985
- 36 c 30 s 93;

- 1 (14) RCW 11.104.130 (Charges against income and principal) and 1985
- 2 c 30 s 94;
- 3 (15) RCW 11.104.900 (Application of chapter) and 1971 c 74 s 14;
- 4 (16) RCW 11.104.901 (Application of RCW 11.104.010 through
- 5 11.104.130 as of January 1, 1985) and 1985 c 30 s 142;
- 6 (17) RCW 11.104.910 (Short title) and 1971 c 74 s 15;
- 7 (18) RCW 11.104.920 (Severability--1971 c 74) and 1971 c 74 s 16;
- 8 (19) RCW 11.104.930 (Section headings not part of law) and 1971 c
- 9 74 s 18; and
- 10 (20) RCW 11.104.940 (Effective date--1971 c 74) and 1971 c 74 s 19.
- 11 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 602.** UNIFORMITY OF APPLICATION AND
- 12 CONSTRUCTION. In applying and construing this act, consideration must
- 13 be given to the need to promote uniformity of the law with respect to
- 14 its subject matter among states that enact similar laws.
- 15 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 603.** APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 11.96A RCW.
- 16 Nothing in this act is intended to restrict the application of chapter
- 17 11.96A RCW to issues, questions, or disputes that arise under or that
- 18 relate to this act. Any and all such issues, questions, or disputes
- 19 shall be resolved judicially or nonjudicially under chapter 11.96A RCW.
- 20 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 604.** SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of
- 21 this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held
- 22 invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision
- 23 to other persons or circumstances is not affected.
- 24 NEW SECTION. Sec. 605. Captions, article headings, and part
- 25 headings used in this act are not any part of the law.
- 26 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 606.** EFFECTIVE DATE. This act takes effect
- 27 January 1, 2003.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 607. APPLICATION OF ACT TO EXISTING TRUSTS AND
- 29 ESTATES. Except as specifically provided otherwise in the terms of a
- 30 trust or a will, this act shall apply to any receipt or expense
- 31 received or incurred on or after January 1, 2003, by any trust or
- 32 decedent's estate, whether established before, on, or after January 1,

- 1 2003, and whether the asset involved was acquired by the fiduciary
- 2 before, on, or after January 1, 2003.
- 3 NEW SECTION. Sec. 608. Sections 101 through 506 and 602 through
- 4 606 of this act are each added to chapter 11.104 RCW.

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