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HOUSE BILL 2658

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By Representatives Anderson, McCoy, Cairnes, O'Brien, Carrell and Roach

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1            AN ACT Relating to providing excise tax credits for compliance with  
2 regulatory requirements; and adding a new section to chapter 82.04 RCW.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 82.04 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6            (1) A taxpayer may claim a credit against the tax imposed by this  
7 chapter equal to costs the taxpayer incurred, including accounting  
8 costs, because of regulatory requirements in the reporting period.

9            (2) For purposes of this section, "regulatory requirements" means:

10            (a) Reporting requirements imposed by statute or a state agency;

11            (b) Inspections performed by a state agency;

12            (c) Technical assistance visits performed by a state agency under  
13 chapter 43.05 RCW; and

14            (d) Actions a state agency requires a taxpayer to take in order to  
15 avoid a civil penalty after an inspection or a technical assistance  
16 visit.

17            (3) Application for credits under this section must be made to the  
18 department of revenue in a form and manner as required by the

1 department. A credit must be claimed in the year in which the  
2 expenditure is made.

3 (4) Credits may not exceed the greater of two thousand dollars or  
4 five percent of the amount of tax that would otherwise be due under  
5 this chapter for a reporting period, and in no event may the credits  
6 exceed the amount of tax that would otherwise be due under this chapter  
7 for a reporting period. Unused credits may be carried forward and used  
8 in future reporting periods.

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