
HOUSE BILL 2224

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By Representative Sommers

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1 AN ACT Relating to county utility taxes; adding a new chapter to
2 Title 82 RCW; and providing an effective date.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The definitions in this section apply
5 throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

6 (1) "Telephone utility" means a person providing network telephone
7 service as defined in RCW 82.04.065.

8 (2) "Water utility" means a water distribution business as defined
9 in RCW 82.16.010.

10 (3) "Sewer utility" means a sewerage collection business as defined
11 in RCW 82.16.020.

12 (4) "Solid waste utility" means a solid waste collection business
13 as defined in RCW 82.18.010.

14 (5) "Cable service utility" means a person providing cable service
15 as defined in the federal telecommunications act of 1996.

16 (6) "Utility" means a telephone utility, water utility, sewer
17 utility, solid waste utility, or cable service utility.

18 (7) "Gross income of the business" is defined as provided in RCW
19 82.04.080.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The legislative authority of a county
2 may impose an excise tax on the privilege of engaging in business as a
3 utility. The tax is equal to the gross income of the business,
4 multiplied by a rate not exceeding two percent.

5 (2) Taxes imposed under this section must apply uniformly
6 throughout the county.

7 (3) The utility must add a tax imposed under this section to the
8 rates or charges it makes for utility services and separately state the
9 amount of tax on billings.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Revenues received from taxes imposed under
11 this chapter must be used exclusively for criminal justice purposes as
12 defined in RCW 82.14.310(3).

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act takes effect January 1, 2006.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 1 through 4 of this act constitute
15 a new chapter in Title 82 RCW.

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