SENATE BILL 5570

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By Senators Prentice, Schoesler, Shin, and Holmquist; by request of Department of Revenue

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1 AN ACT Relating to providing a property tax exemption for real and 2 personal property leased to public hospitals established under chapter 36.62 RCW; amending RCW 84.36.040; and creating new sections. 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON: 4 5 Sec. 1. RCW 84.36.040 and 2001 c 126 s 1 are each amended to read as follows: 6 7 (1) The real and personal property used by ((nonprofit)), and for the purposes of, the following nonprofit organizations is exempt from 8 9 property taxation: 10 (a) Day care centers ((as defined pursuant to RCW 74.15.020)); 11 (b) <u>Free</u> public libraries; (c) Orphanages and orphan asylums; 12 (d) Homes for the sick or infirm; 13 14 (e) Hospitals for the sick; and 15 (f) Outpatient dialysis facilities((, which are used for the 16 purposes of such organizations shall be exempt from taxation: PROVIDED, That the benefit of the exemption inures to the user)). 17 18 The real and personal property leased to and used by a (2) 19 hospital((τ)) for hospital purposes is exempt from property taxation if

the hospital is established under chapter 36.62 RCW or is owned and operated by a public hospital district established under chapter 70.44 RCW((, for hospital purposes is exempt from taxation. The benefit of the exemption must inure to the user)).

5 (3) To be exempt under this section, the property must be used 6 exclusively for the purposes for which exemption is granted, except as 7 provided in RCW 84.36.805, and the benefit of the exemption must inure 8 to the user.

9 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 2. Nothing in RCW 84.36.040 may be construed to 10 provide a property tax exemption for the residence of a person who 11 provides day care for children in the person's home.

12 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 3. Section 1 of this act applies both 13 prospectively and retroactively beginning with taxes levied for 14 collection in 2002 and thereafter.

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