## SENATE BILL 5587

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By Senators Schoesler, Sheldon, Zarelli, King, Tom, Delvin, Honeyford, and Hewitt

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- AN ACT Relating to terminating the low-income property tax deferral program; and amending RCW 84.37.030.

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- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 84.37.030 and 2010 c 106 s 309 are each amended to read as follows:
  - Prior to calendar year 2011, a claimant may defer payment of fifty percent of special assessments or real property taxes, or both, listed on the annual tax statement in any year in which all of the following conditions are met:
  - (1) The special assessments or property taxes must be imposed upon a residence that was occupied by the claimant as a principal place of residence as of January 1st of the year in which the assessments and taxes are due, subject to the exceptions allowed under RCW 84.36.381(1);
- 15 (2) The claimant must have combined disposable income, as defined 16 in RCW 84.36.383, of fifty-seven thousand dollars or less in the 17 calendar year preceding the filing of the declaration;
- 18 (3) The claimant must have paid one-half of the total amount of

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special assessments and property taxes listed on the annual tax statement for the year in which the deferral claim is made;

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- (4) A deferral is not allowed for special assessments, property taxes, or both, levied for collection in the first five calendar years in which the person owns the residence;
- (5) The claimant who defers payment of special assessments or real property taxes, or both, listed on the annual tax statement under this section must also meet the conditions of RCW 84.38.030 (4) and (5);
- (6) The total amount deferred by a claimant under this chapter must not exceed forty percent of the amount of the claimant's equity value in the claimant's residence; and
- 12 (7) The claimant may not defer taxes under both this chapter and chapter 84.38 RCW in the same tax year.

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