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**SENATE BILL 5475**

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**State of Washington 65th Legislature 2017 Regular Session**

**By** Senators Brown, Baumgartner, Rivers, Takko, King, Sheldon, Bailey, Ericksen, Angel, Honeyford, Miloscia, Becker, Braun, Hobbs, and Schoesler

AN ACT Relating to providing a business and occupation tax exemption for manufacturers of small modular reactors; adding a new section to chapter 82.04 RCW; creating a new section; and providing an effective date.

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

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  (1) This section is the tax preference performance statement for the tax preference contained in section 2 of this act. This performance statement is only intended to be used for subsequent evaluation of the tax preference. It is not intended to create a private right of action by any party or be used to determine eligibility for preferential tax treatment.

(2) The legislature categorizes this tax preference as one intended to create or retain jobs, as indicated in RCW 82.32.808(2)(c).

(3) It is the legislature's specific public policy objective to retain or increase the number of jobs in the small modular reactor industry in Washington. It is the legislature's intent to exempt from the tax levied by RCW 82.04.240 the manufacture of small modular reactors, thereby increasing the ability of such firms to invest in and expand their Washington operations, thereby increasing the number of jobs in the small modular reactor industry in Washington.

(4) If a review finds that the number of jobs in the small modular reactor industry in Washington has increased by ten percent compared to the number of those jobs at the time of enactment, then the legislature intends to extend the expiration date of the tax preference.

(5) In order to obtain the data necessary to perform the review in subsection (4) of this section, the joint legislative audit and review committee may refer to:

(a) The annual survey that a taxpayer reporting under the tax rate provided in section 2 of this act must file with the department of revenue per RCW 82.32.585; and

(b) Employment data available from the employment security department.

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

This chapter does not apply to any person in respect to amounts received from manufacturing small modular reactors. For the purposes of this section, "small modular reactor" means a scalable nuclear power plant using reactors that each have a gross power output no greater than three hundred megawatts electric, and where each reactor is designed for factory manufacturing and ease of transport, such as by truck, rail, or barge.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  This act takes effect August 1, 2017.

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