

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1526**

Chapter 301, Laws of 2017

65th Legislature  
2017 Regular Session

MULTIPURPOSE SENIOR CITIZEN CENTERS--PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/23/2017

Passed by the House February 28, 2017  
Yeas 98 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP

**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 12, 2017  
Yeas 49 Nays 0

CYRUS HABIB

**President of the Senate**

Approved May 16, 2017 10:34 AM

JAY INSLEE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1526** as passed by House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BERNARD DEAN

**Chief Clerk**

FILED

May 16, 2017

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

---

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1526**

---

Passed Legislature - 2017 Regular Session

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

**By** House Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Griffey, Kilduff, MacEwen, Muri, Dent, Hayes, Haler, Smith, and Pollet)

READ FIRST TIME 02/24/17.

1            AN ACT Relating to exempting multipurpose senior citizen centers  
2 from property taxation; adding a new section to chapter 84.36 RCW;  
3 and creating a new section.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**    (1) This section is the tax preference  
6 performance statement for the tax preference contained in  
7 chapter . . . , Laws of 2017 (section 2 of this act). This preference  
8 statement is only intended to be used for subsequent evaluation of  
9 the tax preference. It is not intended to create a private right of  
10 action by any party or be used to determine eligibility for  
11 preferential tax treatment.

12            (2) The legislature categorizes this tax preference as one  
13 intended to provide tax relief as indicated in RCW 82.32.808(2)(e),  
14 to provide tax relief to senior citizen centers that do not qualify  
15 for a property tax exemption under current law.

16            (3) The joint legislative audit and review committee will review  
17 the number of senior citizen centers that received the tax preference  
18 provided in this act that would not have qualified for a property tax  
19 exemption prior to the enactment of this preference. In order to  
20 obtain the data necessary to perform the review, the joint  
21 legislative audit and review committee may refer to data sources

1 including county assessor property records and property tax  
2 information from the department of revenue.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 84.36  
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) One or more contiguous real property parcels and personal  
6 property owned by a senior citizen organization are exempt from  
7 taxation, if the property is used for the actual operation of a  
8 multipurpose senior citizen center.

9 (2) The exemption in this section is not nullified by the use of  
10 the exempt property as provided in this subsection.

11 (a) The exempt property may be loaned or rented, if the rent and  
12 donations received for the use of the multipurpose senior citizen  
13 center are reasonable and do not exceed the maintenance and operation  
14 expenses attributable to the portion of the property loaned or  
15 rented.

16 (b) The exempt property may be used for fund-raising events and  
17 activities, including the operation of a farmers market or a thrift  
18 store, with the purpose of providing financial support for the  
19 multipurpose senior citizen center or providing services and  
20 activities for senior citizens. If the exempt property is loaned or  
21 rented to conduct a fund-raising event for other purposes:

22 (i) Such event or activities must be conducted by a nonprofit  
23 organization eligible for exemption under this chapter; and

24 (ii) The requirements of (a) of this subsection (2) apply.

25 (c) An inadvertent use of the exempt property in a manner  
26 inconsistent with the purposes of the exemption granted under this  
27 section does not nullify the exemption, if the inadvertent use is not  
28 part of a pattern of use. A pattern of use is presumed when an  
29 inadvertent use is repeated in the same assessment year or in two or  
30 more successive years.

31 (3) Multipurpose senior citizen centers must be available to all  
32 regardless of race, color, religion, creed, gender, gender  
33 expression, national origin, ancestry, the presence of any sensory,  
34 mental, or physical disability, marital status, sexual orientation,  
35 or honorably discharged veteran or military status.

36 (4) The use of the exempt property, other than as specifically  
37 authorized by this section, nullifies the exemption from taxation  
38 otherwise available for the property for the assessment year.

1 (5) This section is not subject to the provisions of RCW  
2 84.36.805.

3 (6) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this  
4 section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

5 (a) "Farmers market" means a regular assembly of vendors at a  
6 location for the main purpose of promoting the sale of agricultural  
7 products grown, raised, or produced in this state directly to the  
8 consumer.

9 (b) "Multipurpose senior citizen center" means a community  
10 facility that provides for a broad spectrum of services to senior  
11 citizens, whether provided directly by the nonprofit senior citizen  
12 organization that owns the facility or by another person. Such  
13 services may include the provision of health, social, nutritional,  
14 educational services and the provision of facilities for recreational  
15 activities for senior citizens.

16 (c) "Senior citizen" means a person age sixty or older.

17 (d) "Senior citizen organization" means a private organization  
18 that:

19 (i) Has a mission, in whole or in part, to support senior  
20 citizens;

21 (ii) Is exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of  
22 the internal revenue code; and

23 (iii) Operates a multipurpose senior citizen center.

24 (e) "Thrift store" means a retail establishment that:

25 (i) Is operated by a senior citizen organization;

26 (ii) Is located on the same parcel of real property as the senior  
27 citizen organization's multipurpose senior citizen center, or on a  
28 contiguous parcel of real property;

29 (iii) Sells goods, including but not limited to donated goods, as  
30 part of the senior citizen organization's fund-raising efforts for  
31 the operation of its multipurpose senior citizen center and the  
32 provision of services and activities for senior citizens; and

33 (iv) If the establishment sells nondonated goods, its gross  
34 annual sales of nondonated goods does not exceed ten percent of its  
35 total combined gross annual sales of all goods.

Passed by the House February 28, 2017.

Passed by the Senate April 12, 2017.

Approved by the Governor May 16, 2017.

Filed in Office of Secretary of State May 16, 2017.

--- END ---