
HOUSE BILL 1483

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By Representative Young

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1 AN ACT Relating to extending the business and occupation
2 deduction for government-funded behavioral health services;
3 reenacting and amending RCW 82.04.4277; creating a new section; and
4 providing an expiration date.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) This section is the tax preference
7 performance statement for the tax preference contained in section 2,
8 chapter . . ., Laws of 2019 (section 2 of this act). This performance
9 statement is only intended to be used for subsequent evaluation of
10 the tax preference. It is not intended to create a private right of
11 action by any party or to be used to determine eligibility for
12 preferential tax treatment.

13 (2) The legislature categorizes this tax preference as one
14 intended to reduce taxes so more money can go directly to behavioral
15 health services, as indicated in RCW 82.32.808(2)(f).

16 (3) It is the legislature's specific public policy objective to
17 support behavioral health services that can prevent more serious and
18 costly health issues.

19 (4) If a review finds that the amount of funding available for
20 behavioral health services by these taxpayers increased, then the

1 legislature intends to extend the expiration date of this tax
2 preference.

3 (5) In order to obtain the data necessary to perform the review
4 in subsection (4) of this section, the joint legislative audit and
5 review committee may refer to any data collected by the state.

6 **Sec. 2.** RCW 82.04.4277 and 2017 c 323 s 528 and 2017 c 135 s 14
7 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

8 (1) A health or social welfare organization may deduct from the
9 measure of tax amounts received as compensation for providing mental
10 health services or chemical dependency services under a government-
11 funded program.

12 (2) A behavioral health organization may deduct from the measure
13 of tax amounts received from the state of Washington for distribution
14 to a health or social welfare organization that is eligible to deduct
15 the distribution under subsection (1) of this section.

16 (3) A person claiming a deduction under this section must file a
17 complete annual tax performance report with the department under RCW
18 82.32.534.

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

21 (a) "Chemical dependency" has the same meaning as provided in RCW
22 70.96A.020 through March 31, 2018, and the same meaning as provided
23 in RCW 71.05.020 beginning April 1, 2018.

24 (b) "Health or social welfare organization" has the meaning
25 provided in RCW 82.04.431.

26 (c) "Mental health services" and "behavioral health organization"
27 have the meanings provided in RCW 71.24.025.

28 (5) This section expires January 1, (~~2020~~) 2030.

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