

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1279**

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67th Legislature  
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MAIN STREET TAX INCENTIVE PROGRAM—COVID-19

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 25, 2021—Except for sections 2 and 3, which become effective October 1, 2021.

Passed by the House April 14, 2021  
Yeas 97 Nays 0

LAURIE JINKINS

**Speaker of the House of  
Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 7, 2021  
Yeas 49 Nays 0

DENNY HECK

**President of the Senate**

Approved April 21, 2021 3:13 PM

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 1279** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BERNARD DEAN

**Chief Clerk**

FILED

April 21, 2021

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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**By** House Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Rule, Ramel, Bateman, Boehnke, Shewmake, Chapman, Ryu, J. Johnson, Wicks, Senn, Hoff, Walen, Peterson, Hackney, Rude, Callan, Leavitt, Vick, and Harris-Talley)

READ FIRST TIME 02/08/21.

1            AN ACT Relating to modifying the Washington main street program  
2 tax incentive to respond to the economic impacts of the COVID-19  
3 pandemic; amending RCW 82.73.030; adding a new section to chapter  
4 82.73 RCW; creating a new section; repealing 2017 3rd sp.s. c 37 s  
5 1406 (uncodified); providing an effective date; and providing an  
6 expiration date.

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

8            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that as a result of  
9 the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, certain businesses  
10 that made contributions to a Washington main street community or to  
11 the main street trust fund in 2020, and qualified for a credit  
12 against the business and occupation tax or public utility tax, have  
13 received insufficient revenues, and have insufficient tax  
14 liabilities, to allow them to use the full amount of the credit for  
15 which they have qualified. With this act, the legislature intends to  
16 address this finding by allowing credits earned as result of  
17 contributions made in calendar year 2020 to be carried over for an  
18 additional two years, and by providing an additional credit against  
19 the business and occupation tax or public utility tax.

1       **Sec. 2.** RCW 82.73.030 and 2017 3rd sp.s. c 37 s 103 are each  
2 amended to read as follows:

3       (1) Subject to the limitations in this chapter, a credit is  
4 allowed against the tax imposed by chapters 82.04 and 82.16 RCW for  
5 approved contributions that are made by a person to a program or the  
6 main street trust fund.

7       (2) ~~((The))~~ (a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, the  
8 credit allowed under this section is limited to an amount equal to:

9       ~~((a))~~ (i) Seventy-five percent of the approved contribution  
10 made by a person to a program; or

11       ~~((b))~~ (ii) Fifty percent of the approved contribution made by a  
12 person to the main street trust fund.

13       (b) Beginning with contributions made in calendar year 2021, an  
14 additional credit is allowed equal to 25 percent of the approved  
15 contribution made by a person to the main street trust fund.

16       (3) The department may not approve credit with respect to a  
17 program in a city or town with a population of one hundred ninety  
18 thousand persons or more.

19       (4) The department must keep a running total of all credits  
20 approved under this chapter for each calendar year. The department  
21 may not approve any credits under this section that would cause the  
22 total amount of approved credits statewide to exceed ~~((two million~~  
23 ~~five hundred thousand dollars))~~ \$5,000,000 in any calendar year.

24       (5) (a) (i) The total credits allowed under this chapter for  
25 contributions made to each program may not exceed ~~((one hundred~~  
26 ~~thousand dollars))~~ \$160,000 in a calendar year.

27       (ii) Between 8:00 a.m., Pacific standard time, on the second  
28 Monday in January and ~~((March 31st))~~ 8:00 a.m., Pacific daylight  
29 time, on April 1st of the same calendar year, the department must  
30 evenly allocate the amount of statewide credits allowed under  
31 subsection (4) of this section based on the total number of programs  
32 and the main street trust fund as of January 1st in the same calendar  
33 year. The department may not approve contributions for a program or  
34 the main street trust fund that would cause the total amount of  
35 approved credits for a program or the main street trust fund to  
36 exceed the allocated amount.

37       (b) The total credits allowed under this chapter for a person may  
38 not exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars in a calendar year.

39       (6) ~~((The))~~ Except as provided in subsection (8) of this section,  
40 the credit may be claimed against any tax due under chapters 82.04

1 and 82.16 RCW only in the calendar year immediately following the  
2 calendar year in which the credit was approved by the department and  
3 the contribution was made to the program or the main street trust  
4 fund. Credits may not be carried over to subsequent years. No refunds  
5 may be granted for credits under this chapter.

6 (7) The total amount of the credit claimed in any calendar year  
7 by a person may not exceed the lesser amount of:

8 (a) The approved credit; or

9 (b) Seventy-five percent of the amount of the contribution that  
10 is made by the person to a program and (~~fifty~~) 75 percent of the  
11 amount of the contribution that is made by the person to the main  
12 street trust fund, in the prior calendar year.

13 (8) Any credits provided in accordance with this chapter for  
14 approved contributions made in calendar year 2020 may be carried over  
15 for an additional two years and must be used by December 31, 2023.

16 (9) No credit is allowed or may be claimed under this section on  
17 or after January 1, 2032.

18 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 82.73  
19 RCW to read as follows:

20 This chapter expires January 1, 2032.

21 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. Sections 2 and 3 of this act take effect  
22 October 1, 2021.

23 NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. 2017 3rd sp.s. c 37 s 1406 (uncodified) is  
24 repealed.

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