
SENATE BILL 6072

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1 AN ACT Relating to the sales and use tax funding of certain high-
2 capacity transportation systems; amending RCW 81.104.170; and adding a
3 new section to chapter 81.112 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 81.112 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 As part of the proposition to support additional implementation
8 phases of the regional transit authority's system and financing plan
9 submitted to voters at the 2007 general election under RCW
10 81.112.030(10), the authority shall issue general obligation bonds or
11 other evidences of indebtedness, the term of which must be forty years.
12 The plan must provide funding sufficient to complete a regional transit
13 authority light rail transit link from SeaTac airport to the Tacoma
14 Dome in Pierce county, which project must be started as soon as
15 practicable, but no later than 2010, with a project completion date of
16 2015. If bond proceeds received under this section, in conjunction
17 with all other revenues generated under the plan, are not sufficient to
18 fully fund the project identified in this section, the authority may

1 impose an additional sales and use tax of up to 0.1 percent, as
2 provided under RCW 81.104.170(3).

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 81.104.170 and 1997 c 450 s 5 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1) Cities that operate transit systems, county transportation
6 authorities, metropolitan municipal corporations, public transportation
7 benefit areas, and regional transit authorities may submit an
8 authorizing proposition to the voters and if approved by a majority of
9 persons voting, fix and impose a sales and use tax in accordance with
10 the terms of this chapter, solely for the purpose of providing high
11 capacity transportation service.

12 (2) The tax authorized pursuant to this section shall be in
13 addition to the tax authorized by RCW 82.14.030 and shall be collected
14 from those persons who are taxable by the state pursuant to chapters
15 82.08 and 82.12 RCW upon the occurrence of any taxable event within the
16 taxing district. The maximum rate of such tax shall be approved by the
17 voters and shall not exceed one percent of the selling price (in the
18 case of a sales tax) or value of the article used (in the case of a use
19 tax). The maximum rate of such tax that may be imposed shall not
20 exceed nine-tenths of one percent in any county that imposes a tax
21 under RCW 82.14.340, or within a regional transit authority if any
22 county within the authority imposes a tax under RCW 82.14.340. The
23 exemptions in RCW 82.08.820 and 82.12.820 are for the state portion of
24 the sales and use tax and do not extend to the tax authorized in this
25 section.

26 (3) If regional transit authority bond proceeds received under
27 section 1 of this act, in conjunction with all other revenues generated
28 under the plan submitted to voters at the 2007 general election under
29 RCW 81.112.030(10), are not sufficient to fully fund the project
30 identified in section 1 of this act, the authority may impose an
31 additional sales and use tax under this section of up to 0.1 percent.

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