

**RCW 82.60.010 Legislative findings and declaration.** The legislature finds that there are several areas in the state that are characterized by very high levels of unemployment and poverty. The legislature further finds that economic stagnation is the primary cause of this high unemployment rate and poverty; that new state policies are necessary in order to promote economic stimulation and new employment opportunities in these distressed areas; and that policies providing incentives for economic growth in these distressed areas are essential. For these reasons, the legislature reestablishes a tax deferral program to be effective solely in distressed counties. The legislature declares that this limited program serves the vital public purpose of creating employment opportunities and reducing poverty in the distressed counties of the state. [2010 1st sp.s. c 16 s 1; 1985 c 232 s 1.]

**Effective date—2010 1st sp.s. c 16:** "Except for section 3 of this act, this act takes effect July 1, 2010." [2010 1st sp.s. c 16 s 14.]