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SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1514

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By House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Hymes, Dickerson, Costa, D. Schmidt, Hargrove, Romero, Poulsen, B. Thomas, Regala, R. Fisher, Benton, Wolfe, Ogden and Conway)

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1 AN ACT Relating to reorganization of Titles 82 and 84 RCW; creating  
2 new sections; and providing an effective date.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The department of revenue shall prepare a  
5 report for submission to the 1997 legislature regarding the  
6 reorganization and rewriting of the state tax laws administered by the  
7 department. The purpose of the rewriting and reorganization of the tax  
8 laws is to make them easy to read and understand, without making  
9 substantive changes to law. The report shall set out a plan to  
10 accomplish the reorganization and rewriting of the state's tax codes,  
11 including a proposed schedule, samples of rewritten sections,  
12 discussion of the likely judicial effects, and reports on other states  
13 that have performed similar services.

14 The fiscal committees of the house of representatives and of the  
15 senate, and the code reviser's office, shall cooperate with the  
16 department in the preparation of the report.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** In preparing the report, the department of  
18 revenue shall provide to the chairs of the house finance committee, the

1 senate ways and means committee, representatives of local government,  
2 the business community, the attorney general's office, and other  
3 affected persons, and make available to the public for comment and  
4 review, copies of proposed redrafts and the department's proposed plan.  
5 The department may provide these copies through the internet, mailings,  
6 in public meetings, or in any other manner likely to provide people  
7 with the ability to review and comment if they so desire.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If specific funding for the purposes of this  
9 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by  
10 June 30, 1996, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and  
11 void.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act shall take effect July 1, 1996.

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