

PSHB 2157 (H-2957.2/19) - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Finance

1 On page 2, after line 17, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 102.** The legislature finds that while
3 considering potential modifications to the tax code, the legislature
4 should be mindful of the people's history of rejecting all forms of
5 income tax, resoundingly. On ten separate occasions, Washington
6 voters have voted down income tax proposals. The following
7 resolutions to instate an income tax have failed:

8 (1) House Joint Resolution No. 11 in 1934, failed with fifty-
9 seven percent of the votes;

10 (2) Senate Joint Resolution No. 7 in 1936, failed with seventy-
11 eight percent of the votes;

12 (3) Senate Joint Resolution No. 5 in 1938, failed with sixty-
13 seven percent of the votes;

14 (4) Constitutional Amendment Article VII, Section 2 in 1942,
15 failed with sixty-six percent of the votes;

16 (5) Initiative to the People No. 158 in 1944, failed with seventy
17 percent of the votes;

18 (6) House Joint Resolution No. 42 in 1970, failed with sixty-
19 eight percent of the votes;

20 (7) House Joint Resolution No. 37 in 1973, failed with seventy-
21 seven percent of the votes;

22 (8) Initiative to the People No. 314 in 1975, failed with sixty-
23 seven percent of the votes;

24 (9) Initiative to the People No. 435 in 1982, failed with sixty-
25 six percent of the votes; and

26 (10) Initiative to the People No. 1098 in 2010, failed with
27 sixty-four percent of the votes."

28 On page 28, beginning on line 25, after "alternative" strike all
29 material through "margins tax," on line 26

1 On page 30, line 10, after "council." insert "Additionally, the
2 work group must uphold the will of the people and not recommend any
3 form of income tax."

EFFECT: Prohibits the tax structure work group from recommending any form of an income tax. Adds intent language related to income tax proposals.

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