

Repeal REET exemption for sales of government property to private purchasers

Description This proposal would impose real estate excise tax (REET) on buyers of real property from the federal, state, or local government.

Government-to-government sales would remain exempt.

Current Law Sales of real estate by government entities are exempt from REET. The exemption applies to sales by:

- the United States
- the State of Washington
- any political subdivision or municipal corporation of the state.

Revenue impact General Fund Impacts (\$ millions):

Fiscal Year 2012	Fiscal Year 2013	2011-2013 Biennium
\$0	\$ 7.7	\$ 7.7

Notes:

- *Estimate assumes a July 1, 2012 effective date, representing 11 months of collections for FY 2013.*
- *Estimate reflects the September 2011 Economic & Revenue Forecast Council revenue forecast.*

**Expenditure
Impact**

Fiscal Year 2012	Fiscal Year 2013	2011-2013 Biennium
\$10,700	\$0	\$10,700