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## **Corporate Conversions**

Models for personal and corporate income taxes

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# Should we adjust models for corporate conversions?

#### Federal tax reforms have caused behavior change

- •Some pass-through businesses may be converting to C corporations.
- •Implications for our models of PIT and corporate income/net receipts tax.

#### **Explored possibility of describing trend**

Results would be indeterminate.

### Certain businesses more likely to convert, including:

- Service sector.
- Higher-income shareholders/partners.
- Priority on retaining earnings (high-growth fields).



# We continue to explore possibilities for quantifying conversions

#### **Possibilities include:**

- Looking for an uptick in services companies changing FEINs.
- Examining relative trends in state corporate income tax receipts, based on whether state applies corporate tax to S corporations.
- Rely on external research that quantifies corporate conversions.

We welcome your suggestions!



### For more information...

#### **Model Review document**



Tax Structure Study – Technical Advisory Group

#### Model Review: Corporate Conversions (adjustment to PIT model and CIT model)

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Model Purpose	Describe the extent to which pass-through entities in the Washington tax base have converted to C corporations. If appropriate, adjust models for the personal income tax (PIT) and the corporate income tax (CIT) accordingly.
Data Sources	Not applicable. This document discusses possible methods but does not list data sources.
Requirements Model Used to Fulfill	This would be a supplemental analysis, to support development of the models for a personal income tax and a corporate income tax, as required under ESHB 1109 (2019), Sec. 137(B) (c)(vii).
Questions for Technical Advisory Group	We welcome suggestions relating to data sources, background reading, and methods.
Questions from Technical Advisory Group	Text goes here – captured and meeting and recorded here

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