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## **New faces join senior leadership ranks at Revenue**

**OLYMPIA** – Oct. 12, 2015 – One departure and one internal promotion mean two new faces are joining the Washington State Department of Revenue’s executive leadership team.

Drew Shirk, a 26-year Revenue employee, has been named the agency’s senior assistant director for tax policy. In that role, he will oversee the divisions responsible for legal interpretation, taxpayer appeals, property tax, legislation and policy development, and research.

Shirk was most recently the head of the agency’s legislation and policy division and has extensive experience in different policy roles for Revenue. Shirk is widely regarded for his straightforward approach in explaining tax policy issues with stakeholders, legislative staff and lawmakers.

The Wenatchee native earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of Washington and a master’s from Eastern Washington University.

He takes over Nov. 1, 2015, for Gil Brewer, who is leaving Revenue for a position with the West Virginia State Tax Department.

In September, Revenue welcomed Randy Simmons as senior assistant director of administrative services. The IT, human resources and the business and financial divisions report to Simmons, who led similar teams at the state’s Liquor and Cannabis Board.

Simmons has a Bachelor of Science from St. Martin’s University and has done post-graduate work at Babson College and The American College.

Simmons succeeded Marcus Glasper in the position after Glasper was appointed as Revenue’s deputy director.

“We’re lucky to have both Drew and Randy bring their considerable knowledge and relationships to Revenue’s leadership table,” said Revenue Director Vikki Smith. “I’ve admired Drew’s stellar reputation with the state’s top policy makers, which has helped Revenue promote tax fairness and equity.

“Randy did an exceptional job leading the development and implementation of the legal recreational marijuana marketplace at the Liquor and Cannabis Board. I’m confident his steady hand will accelerate our efforts on diversity, workplace safety and the effective management of the administrative side of our work.”

Shirk and Simmons join Smith, Glasper and Janetta Taylor, the senior assistant director for operations, as the agency’s executive leadership team.

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### **About Revenue**

The Department of Revenue is Washington state’s primary tax administration agency, nationally recognized for innovation and service quality. Revenue collected more than \$19.6 billion in tax revenues in fiscal year 2014. These funds go to support public schools, social services, health care, corrections, public safety and natural resources conservation.