



## 2019 Session Tax Increases

Tax Tally				
(Dollars in Millions)				
	Bill	2 year	4 year	10 year
Payroll Tax	HB 1087	-	\$2,090	\$8,930
Property Tax	SB 5313	\$1,422	\$2,976	\$8,661
B&O Services	HB 2158	\$380	\$945	\$3,009
Graduated REET	SB 5998	\$244	\$598	\$1,884
Banks	HB 2167	\$133	\$339	\$1,089
MTCA	SB 5993	\$165	\$361	\$1,075
Int. Investment Services	SB 6016	\$59	\$125	\$368
Non-Residents	SB 5997	\$54	\$113	\$327
Travel Agents	SB 6004	\$5	\$11	\$32
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$2,462</b>	<b>\$7,558</b>	<b>\$25,375</b>
* Prop Tax = Increase in K-12 Max Levy Authority				

### Let's talk about taxes

The 2019 Legislative Session is now in the history books and the biggest takeaway is that there is good news and there is bad news.

The good news is that not all of the taxes that were proposed passed. We were able to stop a 16-cent/gallon gas tax that would have increased to 46 cents without spending a dime on new roads or highway projects.

The bad news is that other taxes managed to get through -- taxes that will add up to nearly \$2.5 billion over two years, \$7.6 billion over four years and a little more than \$25 billion over 10 years. (See table above.)

- The payroll tax will take **0.58 percent out of everyone's paycheck.**
- The property tax allows your local school levy to **increase 67 percent.**
- The B&O tax on services affects over 40 different occupations. (see below)
- The graduated real estate excise tax (REET) will make **apartment rents more expensive** during an affordable housing crisis.
- [The bank tax was steamrolled through the Legislature at the last minute without proper consideration. It will, of course, be passed on to bank customers.](#)
- A tax earmarked to cleanup toxins and other pollution is diverted to the state general fund, where it **can be spent for any purpose**, even if it has nothing to do with hazardous substance clean up.

## Some of the occupations that will see a 20 percent increase in their Business and Occupation Tax

Newspapers, aircraft manufacturers, dentists, doctors, consultants, lawyers, broadcasters, mail-order businesses, mortgage brokers, unions, lending institutions, architects, cell-phone carriers, outpatient health service providers, insurance agents, accountants and more. **Again, taxes are additional expenses that will be passed along to the consumer in the form of higher prices.**

## 28th Legislative District transportation projects funded in the transportation budget:

- [New "Freedom Bridge" over I-5 at Joint Base Lewis-McChord](#)
- [Dupont-Steilacoom Road expansion](#)
- [Railroad Quiet Zones](#)

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## Continuing the fight for Car-tab relief

My fight for Sound Transit car-tab relief and accountability continued this session. I had four bills:

- [Senate Bill 5042](#) would value vehicles based on Kelly Blue Book, instead of the convoluted, unconstitutional method they currently use, and cut the tax by 55 percent.
- [Senate Bill 5037](#) would have required Sound Transit to come back to the voters for additional funding beyond the \$54 billion they will already get.
- [Senate Bill 5043](#) would have allowed Pierce County voters within ST3 boundaries to nullify it.
- Lastly, and most importantly, [Senate Bill 5220](#) would have given taxpayers the

right to directly elect the Sound Transit board—taxation with true representation.

Though none of them became law, we did make some headway. For the first time since I began this fight, four years ago, I had bipartisan support on some of these bills.

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## End-of-session survey

Do you think single-party control results in good policy?

**Yes**

Select

**No**

Select

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Do you think single-party control of Washington results in following good legislative process?

**Yes**

Select

**No**

Select

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Which issue do you think should be the Legislature's top focus now?

**School safety**

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**K-12 education**

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**Law enforcement**

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**Higher education**

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**2nd amendment rights**

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**Tax relief**

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**Mental-health**

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