

Initiative Measure No. 1650

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WE DON'T WANT AN INCOME TAX

AN ACT Relating to state and local income taxes; adding a section to chapter 43.135 RCW; reenacting and amending RCW 36.65.030; adding a new section to chapter 36.16 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 36.32 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 35.22 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 35.23 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 35.17 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 35A.12 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 35A.13 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 35.18 RCW; and creating new sections.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

INTENT

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The people strongly oppose the constant effort by politicians to create and impose new taxes on already struggling taxpayers. This measure would prohibit the state and any local government from imposing a tax on an individual's or household's personal income.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The state and local governments shall not impose a tax on an individual's or household's personal income, whether net, gross, or adjusted gross income, capital gains income, or any other portion, or type of income. This prohibition, and the definition of income specifically, are to be construed broadly by any reviewing court to affect the policy of this state that there exist absolute clarity and certainty in state law that there is no authority to levy any form of income tax on individuals or households.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.135 RCW to read as follows:

The state shall not impose a tax on an individual's or household's

personal income, whether net, gross, or adjusted gross income, capital gains income, or any other portion, or type of income. This prohibition, and the definition of income specifically, are to be construed broadly by any reviewing court to affect the policy of this state that there exist absolute clarity and certainty in state law that there is no government authority to levy any form of income tax on individuals or households.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Any local government shall not impose a tax on an individual's or household's personal income, whether net, gross, or adjusted gross income, capital gains income, or any other portion, or type of income. This prohibition, and the definition of income specifically, are to be construed broadly by any reviewing court to affect the policy of this state that there exist absolute clarity and certainty in state law that there is no local government authority to levy any form of income tax on individuals or households.

Sec. 5. RCW 36.65.030 and 1984 c 91 s 3 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

Any county, city, or city-county shall not (~~levy~~) impose a tax on (~~net~~) an individual's or household's personal income, whether net, gross, or adjusted gross income, capital gains income, or any other portion, or type of income. This prohibition, and the definition of income specifically, are to be construed broadly by any reviewing court to affect the policy of this state that there exist absolute clarity and certainty in state law that there is no local government authority to levy any form of income tax on individuals or households.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 36.16 RCW to read as follows:

Any county shall not impose a tax on an individual's or household's personal income, whether net, gross, or adjusted gross income, capital gains income, or any other portion, or type of income. This prohibition, and the definition of income specifically, are to be construed broadly by any reviewing court to affect the policy of this state that there exist absolute clarity and certainty in state law that there is no local government authority to levy any form of income tax on individuals or households.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 36.32 RCW to read as follows:

Any county shall not impose a tax on an individual's or household's personal income, whether net, gross, or adjusted gross income, capital gains income, or any other portion, or type of income. This prohibition, and the definition of income specifically, are to be construed broadly by any reviewing court to affect the policy of this state that there exist absolute clarity and certainty in state law that there is no local government authority to levy any form of income tax on individuals or households.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** A new section is added to chapter 35.22 RCW to read as follows:

Any city shall not impose a tax on an individual's or household's personal income, whether net, gross, or adjusted gross income, capital gains income, or any other portion, or type of income. This prohibition, and the definition of income specifically, are to be construed broadly by any reviewing court to affect the policy of this state that there exist absolute clarity and certainty in state law that there is no local government authority to levy any form of income tax on individuals or households.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** A new section is added to chapter 35.23 RCW to read as follows:

Any city shall not impose a tax on an individual's or household's personal income, whether net, gross, or adjusted gross income, capital gains income, or any other portion, or type of income. This prohibition, and the definition of income specifically, are to be construed broadly by any reviewing court to affect the policy of this state that there exist absolute clarity and certainty in state law that there is no local government authority to levy any form of income tax on individuals or households.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** A new section is added to chapter 35.17 RCW to read as follows:

Any city shall not impose a tax on an individual's or household's personal income, whether net, gross, or adjusted gross income, capital gains income, or any other portion, or type of income. This

prohibition, and the definition of income specifically, are to be construed broadly by any reviewing court to affect the policy of this state that there exist absolute clarity and certainty in state law that there is no local government authority to levy any form of income tax on individuals or households.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** A new section is added to chapter 35A.12 RCW to read as follows:

Any city shall not impose a tax on an individual's or household's personal income, whether net, gross, or adjusted gross income, capital gains income, or any other portion, or type of income. This prohibition, and the definition of income specifically, are to be construed broadly by any reviewing court to affect the policy of this state that there exist absolute clarity and certainty in state law that there is no local government authority to levy any form of income tax on individuals or households.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** A new section is added to chapter 35A.13 RCW to read as follows:

Any city shall not impose a tax on an individual's or household's personal income, whether net, gross, or adjusted gross income, capital gains income, or any other portion, or type of income. This prohibition, and the definition of income specifically, are to be construed broadly by any reviewing court to affect the policy of this state that there exist absolute clarity and certainty in state law that there is no local government authority to levy any form of income tax on individuals or households.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 13.** A new section is added to chapter 35.18 RCW to read as follows:

Any city shall not impose a tax on an individual's or household's personal income, whether net, gross, or adjusted gross income, capital gains income, or any other portion, or type of income. This prohibition, and the definition of income specifically, are to be construed broadly by any reviewing court to affect the policy of this state that there exist absolute clarity and certainty in state law that there is no local government authority to levy any form of income tax on individuals or households.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 14.** The provisions of this act are to be liberally construed to effectuate the policies, purposes, and intent of this act.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 15.** If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 16.** This act is known and may be cited as "We Don't Want An Income Tax."

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