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To: Ed Dacy
Subject: RE: Legislative Priorities - City B&O Tax

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From: Ed Dacy [mailto:EdDacy@msn.com]
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In my 30 years as a tax auditor for the Washington State Department of Revenue (DOR) I have seen many problems with each city administrating their own B&O tax, as opposed to the state administration of each City's Local Sales Tax.

Since very few cities audit for their B&O tax many businesses just do not pay the tax, which is unfair to the business owner who pay their taxes.

Having DOR administer a local option B&O tax, should lower collection costs to the city and increase compliance. I am thinking a number of contractors who work in Burien do not pay our B&O tax which is an unfair to the contractors who pay the tax.

Ed Dacy

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