



## 2021 Democrat tax proposals

### SENATE TAX PROPOSALS:

**SB 5006** – Would authorize cities, counties, metropolitan park districts, and parks and recreation districts to impose a sales-and-use tax for acquiring, constructing, and funding park maintenance and improvements. (In Senate Ways and Means Committee.)

**SB 5012** – Called the “Airbnb Tax,” it would authorize local governments to levy a special excise tax up to 10% on the furnishing of lodging of short-term rentals and use those revenues for affordable housing programs. (In Senate Ways and Means Committee.)

**SB 5033** – Would limit the property tax exemption for improvements to single-family dwellings to only include the construction of detached accessory dwelling units. (In Senate Ways and Means Committee.)

**SB 5096** – Would create a 7% state income tax on capital gains. (Requested by Gov. Jay Inslee; In Senate Rules Committee.)

**SB 5149** – Would impose a health insurance premium tax. (In Senate Ways and Means Committee.)

**SB 5269** – Would include the value of increased residential building capacity in the property tax levy limit calculation. (In Senate Ways and Means Committee.)

**SB 5371** – Known as a “soda tax” – Would create a tax of nearly 2 cents per ounce on sweetened beverages to fund public health and “health equity initiatives.” (In Senate Health and Long-Term Care Committee.)

**SB 5426/HB 1406** – Would establish a 1-percent wealth tax on intangible financial assets of more than \$1 billion. (HB 1406 in House Finance Committee; SB 5426 in Senate Ways and Means Committee.)

**SJR 8204** – Would amend the Washington Constitution to allow school-district bond measures to pass if they receive at least 55-percent approval from voters. Currently a 60-percent “yes” vote is needed for a bond measure to pass. (In Senate Ways and Means Committee.)

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## **HOUSE TAX PROPOSALS:**

**HB 1069** – Would remove exemption from 0.3% local option sales tax for criminal justice on new and leased vehicles. (In House Rules Committee.)

**HB 1091** – Known as the low-carbon fuel standard bill – Would direct the Department of Ecology to adopt rules establishing a Clean Fuels Program to eventually reduce greenhouse-gas emissions in fuel by 20% by 2035. (Passed House Transportation Committee.)

**HB 1201** – Would impose a health insurance tax. (In House Finance Committee.)

**HB 1303** – Would impose tax on data sales. (In House Finance Committee.)

**HB 1365** – Would impose a tax on “smart devices.” (In House Rules Committee)

**HB 1460** – Would establish excise taxes on telecommunications services to fund the expansion of the universal service programs in Washington. (In House Rules Committee.)

**HB 1465** – Would make changes to Washington’s estate tax, raising the exclusion amount to \$2.5 million but increasing the tax rate on estates between \$3 million and \$9 million. Additional rate classes would be created for estates of \$10 million or more. (In House Finance Committee.)

**HB 1477** – Would establish the Statewide 988 Behavioral Health Crisis Response Line Tax on phone lines to fund the crisis hotline centers and response services. (In House Rules Committee.)

**HB 1496** – Would impose a 7% tax on Washington capital gains realized from the sale of long-term assets that are real property and would impose a 9.9% tax on Washington capital gains realized from the sale of all other long-term assets. (In House Finance Committee.)

**HB 1513** – Would impose a carbon tax of \$25/ton, increasing by \$2/year. (In House Environment and Energy Committee.)

**HB 1534** – Would impose a carbon tax of \$25/ton. (In House Environment and Energy Committee.)

**Gas tax:** The House Democrats’ transportation spending plan would increase state gas tax by 18 cents a gallon over two years, while the Senate Democrats’ transportation proposal would raise it by 6 cents per gallon. (No bill numbers have been assigned to either transportation spending plan.)

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