

INITIATIVE PETITION FOR SUBMISSION TO THE LEGISLATURE -- *To the Honorable Steve Hobbs, Secretary of State of the State of Washington:* We, the undersigned citizens and legal voters of the State of Washington, respectfully direct that this petition and the proposed measure known as Initiative Measure No. 1499, and entitled, “Initiative Measure No. 1499 concerns taxes. This measure would prohibit the state, counties, cities, and towns from imposing or collecting taxes it describes as “based on personal income,” and repeal a tax on sales of certain capital assets,” a full, true, and correct copy of which is printed on the reverse side of this petition, be transmitted to the legislature of the State of Washington at its next ensuing regular session and we respectfully petition the legislature to enact said proposed measure into law; and each of us for himself or herself says: I have personally signed this petition; I am a legal voter of the State of Washington in the city (or town) and county written after my name, my residence address is correctly stated, and I have knowingly signed this petition only once.



**Ballot Title**  
**Statement of Subject:** Initiative Measure No. 1499 concerns taxes.  
  
**Concise Description:** This measure would prohibit the state, counties, cities, and towns from imposing or collecting taxes it describes as “based on personal income,” and repeal a tax on sales of certain capital assets.  
  
**Should this measure be enacted into law?**    Yes ☒    No ☐

**Ballot Measure Summary**  
This measure would prohibit the state, counties, cities, and towns from imposing or collecting taxes it describes as “based on personal income,” construed broadly. The prohibition would apply whether the tax is imposed on taxpayers or on taxpayers’ employers and whether called income, payroll, or excise taxes. It would repeal a tax imposed on the sale or exchange of certain long-term capital assets by individuals who have annual capital gains of over \$250,000, with exemptions.

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**Help us get as many signatures as you can. Then fold this partially or fully-filled petition, put it in an envelope, and mail it (and please include your most generous donation check) to:**  
**➡ Permanent Offense (I-1499), PO Box 6151, Olympia, WA 98507**  
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**We have from now until December 30, 2022 to collect 400,000 signatures.**  
**We vote November 7, 2023. Stop All Income Taxes! Let voters decide on Nov. 7, 2023.**  
**Last day to turn in petitions to Secretary of State: Dec. 30, 2022**

## Complete Text of I-1499: STOP ALL INCOME TAXES

AN ACT Relating to taxes based on personal income by the state, counties, cities, and towns; adding a new section to chapter 82.32 RCW; 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; adding a new section to chapter 35.27 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 82.04 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 50A.10 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 51.16 RCW; creating new sections; and repealing RCW 82.87.040.

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

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 82.32 RCW to read as follows:

(1) The state is prohibited from imposing or collecting taxes based on personal income.

(2) The prohibition in this section applies to taxes based on personal income whether imposed on taxpayers or taxpayers' employers and whether called incomes taxes, payroll taxes, or excise taxes and therefore includes a seven percent tax imposed on certain individuals' capital gains enacted in 2021 and repealed by section 2 of this act.

(3) The prohibition in this section is 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 for the state to impose or collect taxes based on personal income.

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 2.** RCW 82.87.040 (Tax imposed—Long-term capital assets) and 2021 c 196 s 5 are each repealed.

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 3.** Section 2 of this act applies retroactively to January 1, 2022, as well as prospectively.

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 36.16 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Counties are prohibited from imposing or collecting taxes based on personal income.

(2) The prohibition in this section applies to taxes based on personal income whether imposed on taxpayers or taxpayers' employers and whether called incomes taxes, payroll taxes, or excise taxes.

(3) The prohibition in this section is 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 for any county to impose or collect taxes based on personal income.

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 36.32 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Counties are prohibited from imposing or collecting taxes based on personal income.

(2) The prohibition in this section applies to taxes based on personal income whether imposed on taxpayers or taxpayers' employers and whether called incomes taxes, payroll taxes, or excise taxes.

(3) The prohibition in this section is 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 for any county to impose or collect taxes based on personal income.

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 35.22 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Cities are prohibited from imposing or collecting taxes based on personal income.

(2) The prohibition in this section applies to taxes based on personal income whether imposed on taxpayers or taxpayers' employers and whether called incomes taxes, payroll taxes, or excise taxes.

(3) The prohibition in this section is 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 for any city to impose or collect taxes based on personal income.

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 35.23 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Cities are prohibited from imposing or collecting taxes based on personal income.

(2) The prohibition in this section applies to taxes based on personal income whether imposed on taxpayers or taxpayers' employers and whether called incomes taxes, payroll taxes, or excise taxes.

(3) The prohibition in this section is 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 for any city to impose or collect taxes based on personal income.

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 8.** A new section is added to chapter 35.17 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Cities are prohibited from imposing or collecting taxes based on personal

income.

(2) The prohibition in this section applies to taxes based on personal income whether imposed on taxpayers or taxpayers' employers and whether called incomes taxes, payroll taxes, or excise taxes.

(3) The prohibition in this section is 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 for any city to impose or collect taxes based on personal income.

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 9.** A new section is added to chapter 35A.12 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Cities are prohibited from imposing or collecting taxes based on personal income.

(2) The prohibition in this section applies to taxes based on personal income whether imposed on taxpayers or taxpayers' employers and whether called incomes taxes, payroll taxes, or excise taxes.

(3) The prohibition in this section is 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 for any city to impose or collect taxes based on personal income.

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 10.** A new section is added to chapter 35A.13 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Cities are prohibited from imposing or collecting taxes based on personal income.

(2) The prohibition in this section applies to taxes based on personal income whether imposed on taxpayers or taxpayers' employers and whether called incomes taxes, payroll taxes, or excise taxes.

(3) The prohibition in this section is 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 for any city to impose or collect taxes based on personal income.

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 11.** A new section is added to chapter 35.18 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Cities are prohibited from imposing or collecting taxes based on personal income.

(2) The prohibition in this section applies to taxes based on personal income whether imposed on taxpayers or taxpayers' employers and whether called incomes taxes, payroll taxes, or excise taxes.

(3) The prohibition in this section is 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 for any city to impose or collect taxes based on personal income.

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 12.** A new section is added to chapter 35.27 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Towns are prohibited from imposing or collecting taxes based on personal income.

(2) The prohibition in this section applies to taxes based on personal income whether imposed on taxpayers or taxpayers' employers and whether called incomes taxes, payroll taxes, or excise taxes.

(3) The prohibition in this section is 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 for any town to impose or collect taxes based on personal income.

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 13.** A new section is added to chapter 82.04 RCW to read as follows:

Business and occupation taxes levied under this chapter are not taxes based on personal income and so are unaffected by chapter . . . , Laws of 2023 (this act).

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 14.** A new section is added to chapter 50A.10 RCW to read as follows:

Family and medical leave premiums levied under this chapter are not taxes based on personal income and so are unaffected by chapter . . . , Laws of 2023 (this act).

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 15.** A new section is added to chapter 51.16 RCW to read as follows:

Industrial insurance premiums levied under this chapter are not taxes based on personal income and so are unaffected by chapter . . . , Laws of 2023 (this act).

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 16.** The provisions of this act are to be liberally construed to effectuate the policies, purposes, and intent of this act.

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 17.** 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. 18.** This act may be known and cited as the no taxes based on personal income act.

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