



Tax Avoidance Rule Progress Report -- October 27, 2010

Background

The Department reported to the JTARC on September 20, 2010 that it intended to hold a series of stakeholder meetings to discuss the tax avoidance legislation under Part II of ESSB 6143. These meetings would form the core of the Department's implementation process, and would offer Washington taxpayers ample opportunity to participate and comment on the Department's proposals at an early stage.

The Department also reported it intended to begin formal rulemaking this fall, after the informal stakeholder meetings had been satisfactorily concluded.

Past Activities

- 6/23/2010** **Informal stakeholder meeting discussing general issues of implementation of Part II of ESSB 6143:** invited stakeholders (AWB, state and local tax practitioners, major Washington businesses).
- 8/11/2010** **Informal meeting discussing implementation of Part II of ESSB 6143:** Association of Washington Business (AWB) Tax & Fiscal Policy Committee.
- 9/30/2010** **Proposed rule (pre-rulemaking draft):** Draft published on Department's Internet site and provided to stakeholders (AWB, state and local tax practitioners, major Washington businesses).
- 10/13/2010** **Formal meeting discussing pre-rulemaking draft rule:** AWB Tax & Fiscal Policy Committee, including representatives from major Washington businesses.
- 10/20/2010** **Formal meeting discussing pre-rulemaking draft rule:** invited stakeholders (AWB, state and local tax practitioners, major Washington businesses).
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Future Activities

- 11/10/2010** **Formal meeting discussing pre-rulemaking draft rule:** AWB Tax & Fiscal Policy Committee – Round Two.
- December 2010** **Anticipate beginning formal rulemaking.**
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