# Department of Revenue Fiscal Note

**Bill Number:** 6004 S SB  
**Title:** Travel agents & tour ops/tax  
**Agency:** 140-Department of Revenue

## Part I: Estimates

- **No Fiscal Impact**

### Estimated Cash Receipts to:

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<td>2,700,000</td>
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**Total $**

|         | 2,400,000 | 2,700,000 | 5,100,000 | 5,700,000 | 6,100,000 |

### Estimated Expenditures from:

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**Total $**

|         | 129,200 | 129,200 |         |         |         |

### Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

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*The cash receipts and expenditure estimates on this page represent the most likely fiscal impact. Factors impacting the precision of these estimates, and alternate ranges (if appropriate), are explained in Part II.*

Check applicable boxes and follow corresponding instructions:

- [X] If fiscal impact is greater than $50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete entire fiscal note form Parts I-V.
- [ ] If fiscal impact is less than $50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete this page only (Part I).
- [ ] Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.
- [ ] Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

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**Legislative Contact:**

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<td>Don Gutmann</td>
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Request # 6004-1-1  
Form FN (Rev 1/00)  
Bill # 6004 S SB  
FNS062 Department of Revenue Fiscal Note
Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Briefly describe, by section number, the significant provisions of the bill, and any related workload or policy assumptions, that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency.

CURRENT LAW:
RCW 82.04.260(5) provides that travel agents and tour operators receive a preferential business and occupation (B&O) tax rate of 0.275 percent on income received, rather than the 1.5 percent tax rate for general services.

PROPOSAL:
This bill increases the preferential tax rate for travel agents and tour operators to 0.9%.

EFFECTIVE DATE:
This bill takes effect on July 1, 2019.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Briefly describe and quantify the cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency, identifying the cash receipts provisions by section number and when appropriate the detail of the revenue sources. Briefly describe the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explain how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguish between one time and ongoing functions.

ASSUMPTIONS
July 1, 2019, effective date, with 11 months of collections in Fiscal Year 2020

DATA SOURCES
- Department of Revenue Excise Tax Data
- Economic Revenue and Forecast Council September 2018 Forecast

REVENUE ESTIMATES
State revenues will increase by $2.4 million in Fiscal Year 2020 and by $2.7 million in Fiscal Year 2021.

TOTAL REVENUE IMPACT:

State Government (cash basis, $000):
- FY 2020: $2,400
- FY 2021: $2,700
- FY 2022: $2,800
- FY 2023: $2,900
- FY 2024: $3,000
- FY 2025: $3,100

Local Government, if applicable (cash basis, $000): None

II. C - Expenditures

Briefly describe the agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), identifying by section number the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings). Briefly describe the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explain how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguish between one time and ongoing functions.

ASSUMPTIONS:
This bill affects 550 taxpayers.

FIRST YEAR COSTS:
The Department of Revenue (Department) will incur total costs of $129,200 in Fiscal Year 2020. These costs include:
Labor Costs - Time and effort equates to 0.6 FTEs.
- Amend three administrative rules.
- Resolve additional error and out of balance returns; prepare refunds and assessments; respond to secure messages, correspondence, and telephone questions.
- Design and develop new templates and forms.

Object Costs - $70,400.
- Gather requirements and test system changes; coordinate user acceptance testing.

ONGOING COSTS:
There are no ongoing costs.

**Part III: Expenditure Detail**

**III. A - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose**

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**III. B - Detail:** List FTEs by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals need to agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA

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**Part IV: Capital Budget Impact**

None.

**Part V: New Rule Making Required**

Identify provisions of the measure that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

Should this legislation become law, the Department will use the expedited process to amend:
WAC 458-20-258, titled: "Travel agents and tour operators";
WAC 458-20-274, titled: "Staffing services";
WAC 458-20-19401, titled: "Minimum nexus thresholds for apportionable activities and selling activities".

Persons affected by this rule-making would include travel agents and tour operators.