

INCOME TAX BILLS IN THE WASHINGTON LEGISLATURE, 1985-2017

This listing includes all income tax bills filed since 1985, which is when the Legislature started saving information electronically. Compilation is complete through Jan. 22, 2017 – meaning that this *does not* include subsequent proposals from Democratic lawmakers for a capital gains income tax.

This listing includes any bill that imposes an income tax, either a broad income tax or a narrow one (such as an “intangibles” income tax or a capital gains income tax). This also includes House/Senate Joint Resolutions for a constitutional amendment to permit a graduated income tax.

Total number of bills: 89

Total sponsored by Republicans: 10

- 3 sponsored by committee chairs as a courtesy to a Democratic governor (Sen. E.G. ‘Pat’ Patterson, 1989, Sen. John Braun, 2017).
- 2 sponsored by a lawmaker who later withdrew support (Rep. Darwin Nealey, R-LaCrosse, 1985) because Democrats opposed constitutional limits on other taxes, elimination of state property tax.
- 3 sponsored by Rep. Glenn Anderson, R-Fall City, 2 sponsored by Rep. Brian Thomas, R-Renton.

Total sponsored by Democrats: 79

Total number of Republican co-sponsors on Democratic income tax bills: 1

Total number of current members of the Senate Democratic Caucus who have sponsored or co-sponsored one or more income tax bills: 16 of 24 (a majority of the caucus).

[Year/Bill number/sponsor/bill title/effect]

1985 – SB 4219 – Rinehart (R co-sponsor, Patterson) – “an act relating to revenue and taxation” – imposed general income tax

1985 – HB 920 – Braddock – “an act relating to revenue and taxation” -- imposed general income tax

1985 – HB 923 – Grimm – “an act relating to revenue and taxation” – imposed general income tax

1985 – HB 946 – Nealey (R sponsor) – “an act relating to revenue and taxation” – proposal mandated limits on other existing taxes, elimination of the state property tax, with tax rates capped by constitution.

1985 – HB 1108 – Todd – “an act relating to revenue and taxation” – imposed general income tax

1985 – HJR 34 – Grimm – income tax constitutional amendment

1985 – HJR 35 – Braddock – income tax constitutional amendment

1985 – HJR 37 – Nealey (R sponsor) – income tax constitutional amendment – included constitutional caps on taxation.

1985 – HJR 40 – Todd – income tax constitutional amendment – permitted corporate income tax but not income tax on individuals

1985 – SJR 106 – Rinehart – income tax constitutional amendment

1987 – HB 623 – Lux – “an act relating to revenue and taxation” – imposed general income tax

1987 – HB 288 – Braddock – “an act relating to revenue and taxation” (cosponsors include Gary Locke, future governor) – imposed general income tax

1987 – HB 926 – Jacobsen – “an act relating to revenue and taxation” – imposed general income tax

1987 – HB 1047 – Todd – “an act relating to revenue and taxation” – imposed a corporate profits tax (by definition, a corporate income tax)

1987 – HJR 4203 – Braddock – income tax constitutional amendment

1987 – HJR 4206 – Jacobsen – income tax constitutional amendment – included constitutional caps

1987 – SB 5023 – Moore – “an act relating to revenue and taxation” – imposed general income tax

1987 – SB 5534 – Moore – “an act relating to revenue and taxation” – imposed general income tax

1987 – SJR 8204 – Moore – income tax constitutional amendment

1987 – SJR 8205 – Rinehart – income tax constitutional amendment

1989 – HB 1195 – Wang – “an act relating to a fiscal reform” -- Gardner’s tax plan – imposed general income tax

1989 – HJR 4205 – Wang (gubernatorial request) – income tax constitutional amendment

1989 – SB 5642 -- Patterson (R sponsor for gubernatorial request legislation – Patterson was chair of Senate Transportation Committee) – “an act relating to a fiscal reform” – Gov. Gardner’s tax plan, imposed general income tax

1989 – SJR 8213 – Patterson (R sponsor for gubernatorial request legislation) – income tax constitutional amendment

1991 – HB 2195 – Brekke – “an act relating to fiscal reform” – imposed general income tax

1991 – HB 2208 – Valle – “an act relating to revenue and taxation” – imposed general income tax

1991 – HJR 4230 – Brekke – income tax constitutional amendment

1992 – SB 6502 – Moore – “an act relating to fiscal reform” – imposed general income tax

1992 – SJR 8232 – Moore – income tax constitutional amendment

1993 – SB 5073 – Wojahn – “an act relating to health reform” – this version of the Washington ‘Hilarycare’ program was financed by an income tax

1993 – SB 5897 – Pelz – “an act relating to fiscal reform” – imposed general income tax

1993 – SB 5991 – Bauer – “an act relating to an optional gross income tax” – imposed general (but voluntary) income tax

1993 – SJR 8215 – Pelz – income tax constitutional amendment

1998 – SB 6446 – Wojahn – “an act relating to providing the necessary revenues for the support of health care for the citizens of Washington state” – imposed general income tax

1999 – SB 5139 – Wojahn – “an act relating to providing the necessary revenues for the support of health care for the citizens of Washington state” – imposed general income tax

2000 – HB 3155 – Brian Thomas (R sponsor) – “an act relating to taxation” – imposed general income tax

2000 – HJR 4222 – Brian Thomas (R sponsor) – income tax constitutional amendment

2002 – SB 6711 – Thibadeau – “an act relating to providing the necessary revenues for the support of health care for the citizens of Washington state” – imposed general income tax

2003 – SB 5056 – Franklin – “an act relating to fiscal reform” – imposed general income tax

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2003 – SB 5902 – Kohl-Welles – “an act relating to fiscal reform” – imposed general income tax

2003 – SB 6228 – Franklin – “an act relating to fiscal reform” – imposed general income tax

2003 – SJR 8200 – Franklin – income tax constitutional amendment

2004 – SJR 8220 – Franklin -- income tax constitutional amendment

2005—HB 2318 – Hasegawa – “an act relating to taxation of unearned income” – imposed income tax on dividend and interest income

2005 – SB 5991 – Franklin – “an act relating to fiscal reform -- imposed general income tax

2005 – SB 6004 – Franklin – “an act relating to the taxation of intangible personal property” – imposed income tax on stock and bond income

2005 – SB 6074 – Kohl-Welles – “an act relating to fiscal reform” – imposed general income tax

2005 – SJR 8211 – Franklin – income tax constitutional amendment

2007 – SB 5150 – Franklin – “an act relating to fiscal reform” – imposed general income tax

2007 – SB 5887 – Kohl-Welles – “an act relating to fiscal reform” – imposed general income tax

2007 – SJR 8209 – Franklin – income tax constitutional amendment

2009 – HB 2350 – Chase – “an act relating to the taxation of intangible property to provide additional funding for public schools” – imposed an income tax on stock and bond income

2009 – HB 2354 – Chase – “an act relating to the taxation of intangible property to provide additional funding for public schools” – imposed an income tax on stock and bond income

2009 – SB 5104 – Franklin – “an act relating to fiscal reform” – imposed general income tax

2009 – SB 6147 – Kohl-Welles – “an act relating to fiscal reform” – imposed general income tax

2009 – SJR 8205 – Franklin – income tax constitutional amendment

2010 – HB 3070 – Chase – “an act relating to fiscal reform” – imposed general income tax

2010 – HJR 4221 – Chase – income tax constitutional amendment

2010 – SB 6250 – Franklin – “an act relating to fiscal reform” – imposed general income tax

2010 – SJR 8219 – Franklin – income tax constitutional amendment

2011 – HB 2032 – Anderson (R sponsor) – “an act relating to replacing the business and occupations tax with a flat rate corporate net income tax” – imposed corporate income tax

2011 – HB 2486 – Reykdal – “an act relating to tax reform” – imposed general income tax

2011 – HJR 4221 – Anderson (R sponsor) – corporate income tax constitutional amendment

2012 – HB 2563 – Jinkins (cosponsors include Hasegawa, Billig, Pedersen, Lias) – “an act relating to establishing a state tax on capital gains” – imposed an income tax on capital gains income

2012 – HB 2744 – Anderson (R sponsor) – “an act relating to replacing the business and occupations tax with a flat rate corporate net income tax” – imposed corporate income tax

2012 – SB 6495 – Chase – “an act relating to fiscal reform” – imposed general income tax

2012 – SB 6482 – Nelson (cosponsored by Conway, Kohl-Welles, Chase, McAuliffe and Keiser) – “an act relating to assessing a two percent tax on millionaires to fund the paramount duty trust fund and reduce class sizes in grades kindergarten through fourth” -- imposed high-earners income tax

2012 – SB 6548 – Kohl-Welles – “an act relating to providing a stable source of revenue for education by imposing a tax on high income earners” – imposed high-earners income tax

2012 – SB 6550 – Frockt – “an act relating to tax reform” – imposed general income tax

2012 – SJR 8224 – Chase – income tax constitutional amendment

2012 – SJR 8226 – Kohl-Welles – income tax constitutional amendment

2013 – HB 1545 – Lias – “an act relating to guaranteeing that the top one percent pay too, through assessing a two percent tax on millionaires to fund the paramount duty trust fund and reduce class sizes in grades kindergarten through four” – imposed a high-earners income tax

2013 – HB 2087 – Jinkins (cosponsors include Hunt, Pedersen) – “an act relating to authorizing a capital gains tax to fund early childhood investments” – imposed an income tax on capital gains income

2013 – SB 5166 – Chase – “an act relating to fiscal reform” – imposed general income tax

2013 – SB 5738 – Murray – “an act relating to providing a funding source to improve education” – imposed an income tax on capital gains income

2013 – SB 5900 – McAuliffe – “an act relating to strengthening the tax structure, tax equity and essential government services by a voter-approved tax” – imposed general income tax

2013 – SJR 8207 – Chase – income tax constitutional amendment

2014 – SB 6230 – McAuliffe – “an act relating to strengthening the tax structure, tax equity and essential government services by a voter-approved tax” – imposed general income tax

2015 – HB 1484 – Jinkins – “an act relating to enacting an excise tax on capital gains to improve the fairness of Washington’s tax system and provide funding for the education legacy trust account” – imposed an income tax on capital gains income

2015 – HB 2224 – Carlyle – “an act relating to investing in education and essential public services by modifying and improving the fairness of Washington’s excise tax system by enacting an excise tax on capital gains, narrowing or eliminating tax preferences, reinstating a previously expired business and occupations tax surtax, while increasing the small business tax credit, and implementing marketplace fairness in Washington” – imposed an income tax on capital gains income

2015 – SB 5699 – Nelson – “an act relating to enacting an excise tax on capital gains to improve the fairness of Washington’s tax system and provide funding for the educational legacy trust account.” – imposed income tax on capital gains income

2015 – SB 6093 – Chase – “an act relating to restoring the taxation of intangible property to provide additional funding for public schools” – imposed an income tax on “intangible income” such as stock and bond income

2015 – SB 6104 – Rolfes – “an act relating to improving education financing” – imposes income tax on capital gains income

2015 – SB 6114 – Frockt – “an act relating to fiscal reform” -- imposed general income tax

2015 – SJR 8202 – Chase – income tax constitutional amendment

2015 – SJR 8207 – Frockt – income tax constitutional amendment

2016 – SJR 8214 – Chase – income tax constitutional amendment

2017 – SB 5111 – Braun (R sponsor for gubernatorial request legislation) – “an act relating to enacting an excise tax on capital gains to improve the fairness of Washington’s tax system and provide funding for the education legacy trust account” – imposed income tax on capital gains income