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The text of your submission is below:

Please oppose HB 2100. Sumner is home to the largest manufacturing industrial center in Pierce County. It's an investment in over 17,000 family-wage jobs serving your constituents as well as sending approximately \$61 million each year to the State of Washington in property and sales tax.

We realize you have a budget shortage to fix, but this isn't the way. HB 2100 is like dipping into your children's college fund to take them to Disneyland: you're cutting off the future ability for our State to generate tax revenue in your effort to find more funding to spend now. This bill will affect many of our manufacturing companies, most of whom are large enough to pick up and move to a state without this tax, taking their jobs and revenue with them. These are national and international companies already; there is no specific need for them to operate out of Washington State. If you think they're not mobile, check the license plates on the 6,000 long-haul trucks that come through Sumner's industrial area every single day.

To make matters even worse, HB 2100 has no exemption for cities, school districts and other public agencies, most of whom qualify with these parameters. With HB 2100, the State is literally seeking to fix its budget challenges by taking money from every local government, which means taking money directly from local essential services such as water safety, roads, parks, schools and libraries. You can do better than raiding all other local governments for funding and driving out the very businesses that are funding us all.