

Manufacturers Sales and Use Tax Deferral

Enacted 2015; closes for new participants January 1, 2026.



Deferral for up to \$10M to build new or expand current manufacturing facilities or buy equipment

2015:

limited pilot project established.

5 projects, 2 must be in Eastern WA.

2017:

program extended.

2 new projects each CY, one each in Eastern & Western WA. Businesses repay the sales tax over 10 years, starting 5 years after completion.

State portion (6.5%) of repayment funds new job training.



Program intended to:

Create and retain jobs.

Provide funding to support job readiness training, professional development, apprenticeships.

If a review finds that each project generated at least 20 full-time jobs, Legislative Auditor should recommend extending the deferral program.

JLARC review will address

How many WA manufacturers are using the preference?

If not used to the fullest extent, can we identify why?

How many FT jobs were generated by each project?

How many construction jobs were related to each project?

How much funding for job training has been provided to date and what is the estimated future funding?

Accounting for repayment of deferred taxes, what are the estimated savings realized by beneficiaries?



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