

What You Need to Know: The WA Capital Gains Tax & Initiative 2109

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What is the Capital Gains Tax?

When you make a profit on a sale of a single asset*, you are expected to pay a 7% tax on any profits **exceeding** \$262,000. This is called the Capital Gains Tax.

For example, if you earn a profit of \$262,001, you will be taxed 7 cents for the \$1 excess.

*Things owned for personal enjoyment or investing are generally considered "assets." However, many are excluded from this tax, including:



Real estate and private property



Most retirement assets



Business expenses or depreciating investments

Let's say you buy an asset for \$100,000, and then re-sell it for \$370,000. 1. Your total profit would be \$270,000. 3. Of the remaining taxable \$8,000, only \$560 would be taken as additional tax for Capital Gains tax at all on the first \$262,000.

What is Initiative 2109?

Initiative 2109 (or I-2109) is an item that will be on the ballot for all WA voters this November. If voters successfully disapprove this initiative, the Capital Gains Tax will remain in place and continue to provide funding for early learning across the state.

When voting, remember this initiative aims to REPEAL - not approve - this tax.



A vote NO supports keeping the tax in place, retaining funding for WA's early learning system.



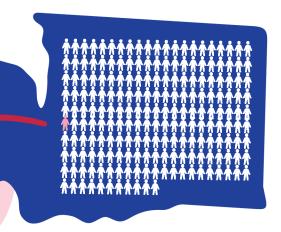
A vote YES supports removing the tax and defunding statewide early learning programs;



How does the Capital Gains Tax support early learning?

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Less than half a percent (or 1:200 Washingtonians) pay this tax annually.



This tax generated \$889 million from 2023-25. State legislators allocated this money in the 2023-25 WA budget so that:

\$389m (43.8%)

Funds the building, maintenance, and renovation of public schools.

\$114m (12.8%) Funds public K-12 schools, facilities, and programs.

\$386m (43.4%)

The remaining amount directly funds early learning programs for both families and providers, such as:



Working Connections Child Care subsidy



Fair Starts for Kids affordability program



Early intervention mental health support for families



Quality recognition/ improvement support for providers