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Re: Senate Bill 337

The idea of applying the sales tax to car wash business should be abandoned. Given that many car wash outfits collect their payment via automatic paper money collection machinery, the likely result would be either an increase of at least \$1 to cover the wash, or absorbing the tax by the business. Neither scenario is desirable.

If the State needs more revenue, better to tax income. Taxing consumption in general shifts the burden to lower-earners, which is regressive. Regressive is not good. Taxing (sharing) income is a far more equitable way to fund the government than taxing consumption or taxing the value of unproductive property.