## **Proposed taxes**

Here are the three proposals for raising taxes as part of a plan to fill a \$2.8 billion hole in the state budget.

## **Gov. Chris Gregoire**

Revised budget Feb. 17

Total new and expanded taxes **\$605 million**, including:

TOBACCO: \$1 extra per pack on cigarettes, like amount on other products (\$89 million)

CANDY AND GUM: Add sales tax (\$28 million)

BOTTLED WATER: Place excise tax on wholesalers equal to 1 cent per ounce (\$135 million)

GASOLINE: Raise toxics tax from 0.7 percent to 2 percent, one of prime businesses affected is oil refining, could raise gas prices at the pump by 3 cents per gallon (\$148 million)

SODA: Place excise tax on carbonated beverages, 5 cents on 12 ounce bottle (\$93.6 million)

OUT-OF-STATE COMPANIES: Changing rules known as "nexus" to determine how much they pay (\$73 million)

SOURCES: Governor's office; House Democrats; Senate Democrats

NOTE: All of the figures are for this biennium, which ends June 30, 2011

## **Senate Democrats**

Proposed budget Feb. 23

Total new and expanded taxes **\$918 million**, including:

TOBACCO: \$1 extra per pack, like amount on other products (\$86 million)

CONSUMER GOODS: Raise general sales tax on goods currently taxed by three-tenths of 1 percent (\$313 million)

FIRST MORTGAGES: Limits the deduction a financial institution can claim each year to \$100 million (\$51.1 million)

OUT-OF-STATE SHOPPERS: Requires them to pay sales tax on purchase, seek refund when they return home (\$24 million)

AIRPLANES: Changes excise tax to five-tenths of 1 percent (\$6 million)

FERTILIZERS: Changes tax exemptions for chemicals used in farming (\$25 million)

VEHICLE PURCHASES: Eliminates sales tax exemption for value of a trade-in when buying car or boat (\$92 million)

OUT-OF-STATE COMPANIES: Changes nexus rules that determine how much they pay (\$73 million)

## **House Democrats**

Proposed budget March 1

Total new and expanded taxes **\$758 million**, including:

TOBACCO: \$1 extra per pack, expands tax to other products with nicotine (\$112 million)

CANDY AND GUM: Extends sales tax (\$30.5 million)

BOTTLED WATER: Extends sales tax (\$30 million)

AIRPLANES: Levies excise tax similar to what boat owners pay (\$6.3 million)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES: Increases business tax on lawyers, accountants, marketing consultants by one-half percent (\$21 million)

CUSTOM SOFTWARE: Extends sales tax (\$76.5 million)

FACE LIFTS, TUMMY TUCKS: Extends sales tax to elective cosmetic surgery not covered by insurance (\$7 million)

OUT-OF-STATE SHOPPERS: Requires them to pay state sales tax, no rebate (\$41.5 million)

FIRST MORTGAGES: Limits deduction for a financial institution to first \$100 million (\$67 million)

OUT-OF-STATE COMPANIES: Changes nexus rules that determine how much they pay (\$73 million)

MOLLY QUINN mollyq@spokesman.com