

Snohomish County Council's Planning & Community Development Committee

five-minute brief

The Importance of Keeping County closely-held Business Domiciled in the County Through to the Second and Subsequent Generations

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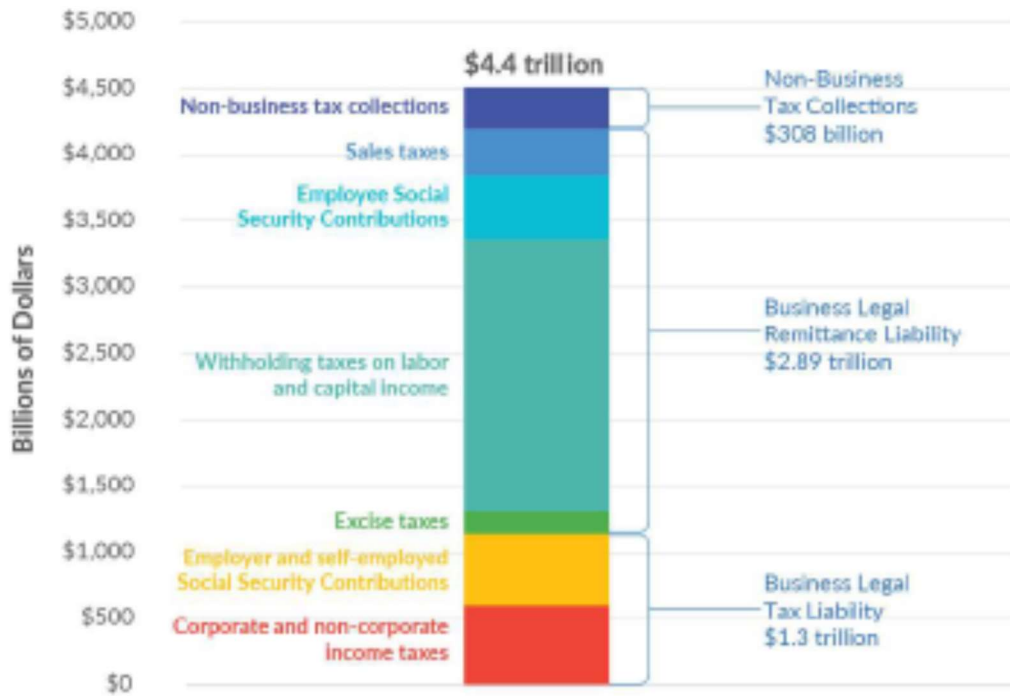
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The current high Federal estate and gift tax exemption amount represent an opportunity for the county government to help preserve an important tax base. According to the United States' OECD.org (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development), business income taxes are the largest category of direct taxes paid to government coffers, 28.9% of the total. This is derived from adding corporate and noncorporate business income tax from regular corporations, LLCs and S corporations and the 11.8 % business share of social taxes.

The U.S. Tax Foundation published this OECD statistical chart in 2017:

Businesses Are Central to U.S. Tax Collections

Total Federal, State, Local Tax Collections in 2014 (Billions of Dollars)



Source: Milano, OECD 2017

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