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# Business Tax Comparisons - Local Cities

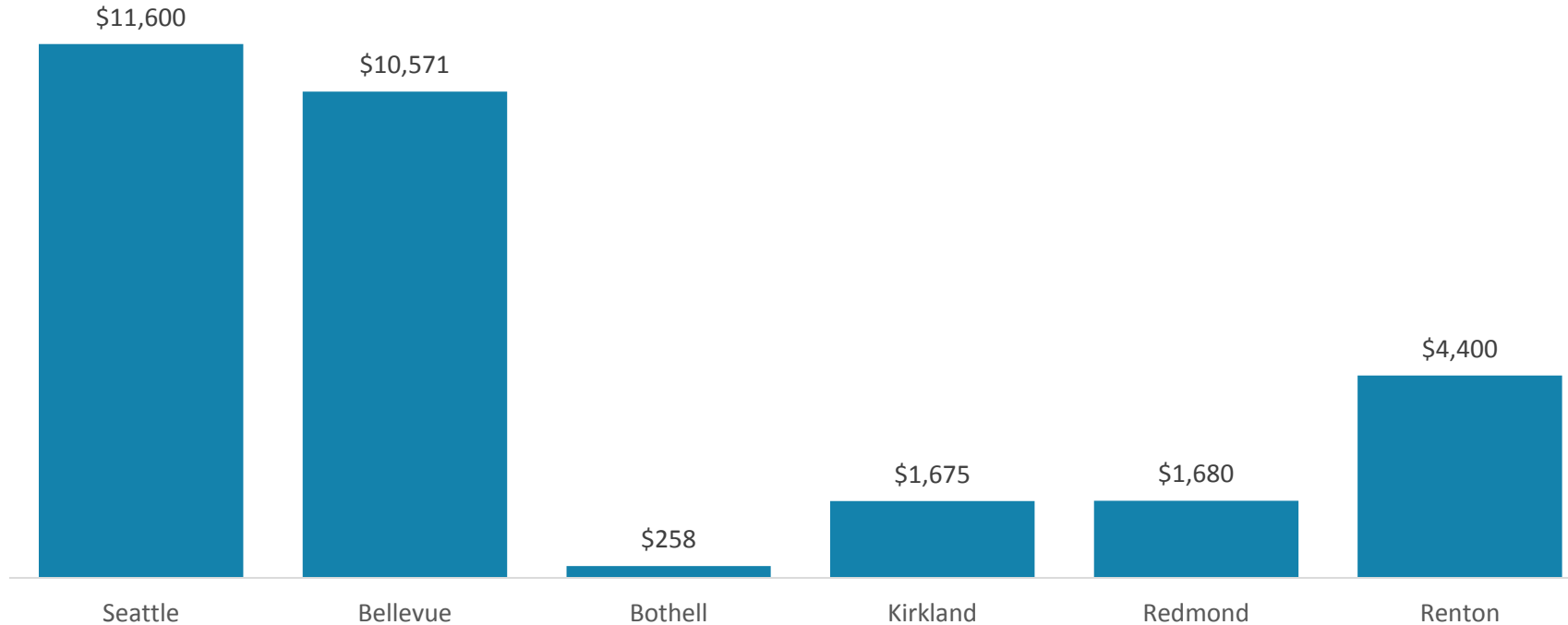
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# Local Business Taxes in Select Cities

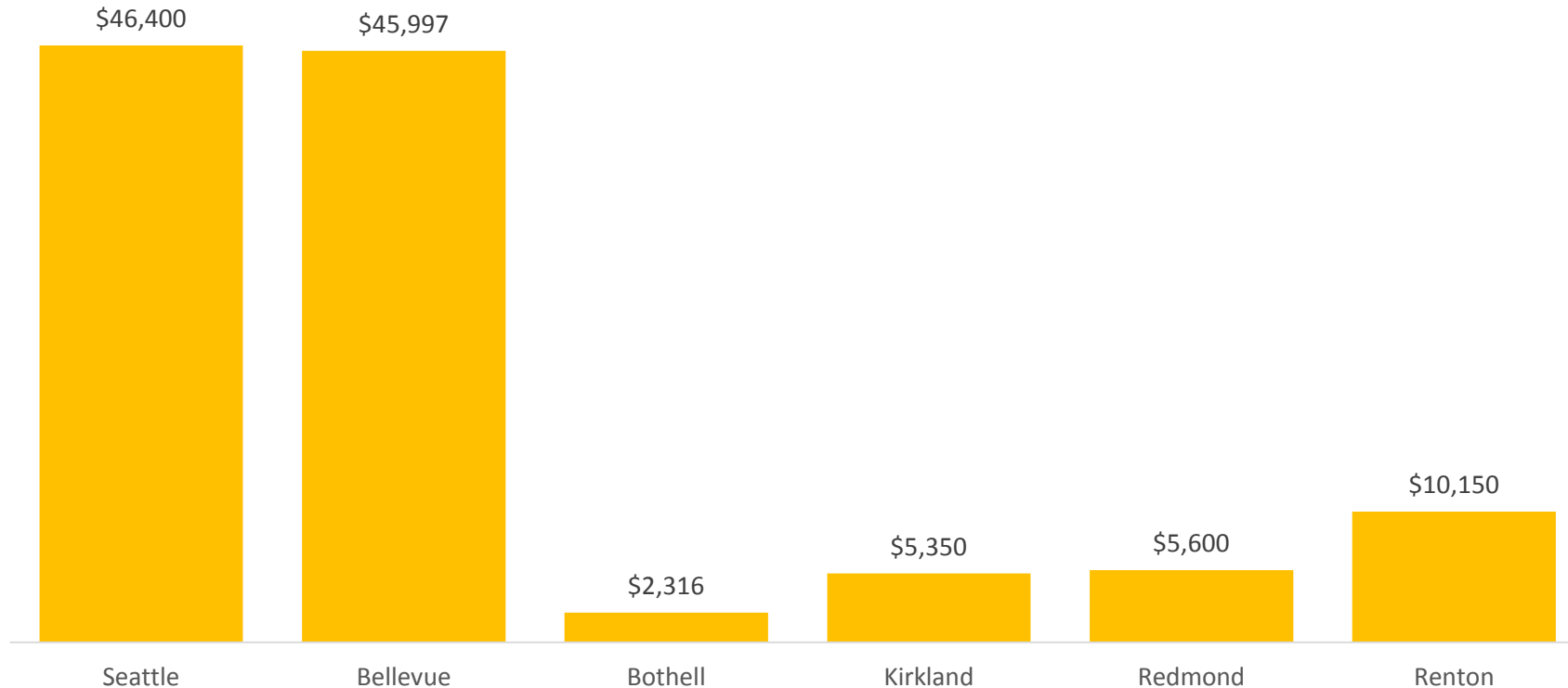
Example 1: Retail Service Firm with 15 FTEs and \$5 million of Taxable Gross Receipts



- Seattle collects a gross receipts tax (Business License Tax, or B&O tax) and a Business License Tax Certificate Fee.
- Bellevue collects a gross receipts tax (B&O), a square footage tax (this example assumes 3,000 sf), and a \$95 registration fee.
- Bothell collects a multi-factor business license fee based on business type, employee count, square footage of space.
- Kirkland taxes collects an employee hours (FTE) tax and a \$100 registration fee.
- Redmond collects an employee hours (FTE) tax.
- Renton collects a gross receipts (B&O) tax and a \$150 annual license fee.

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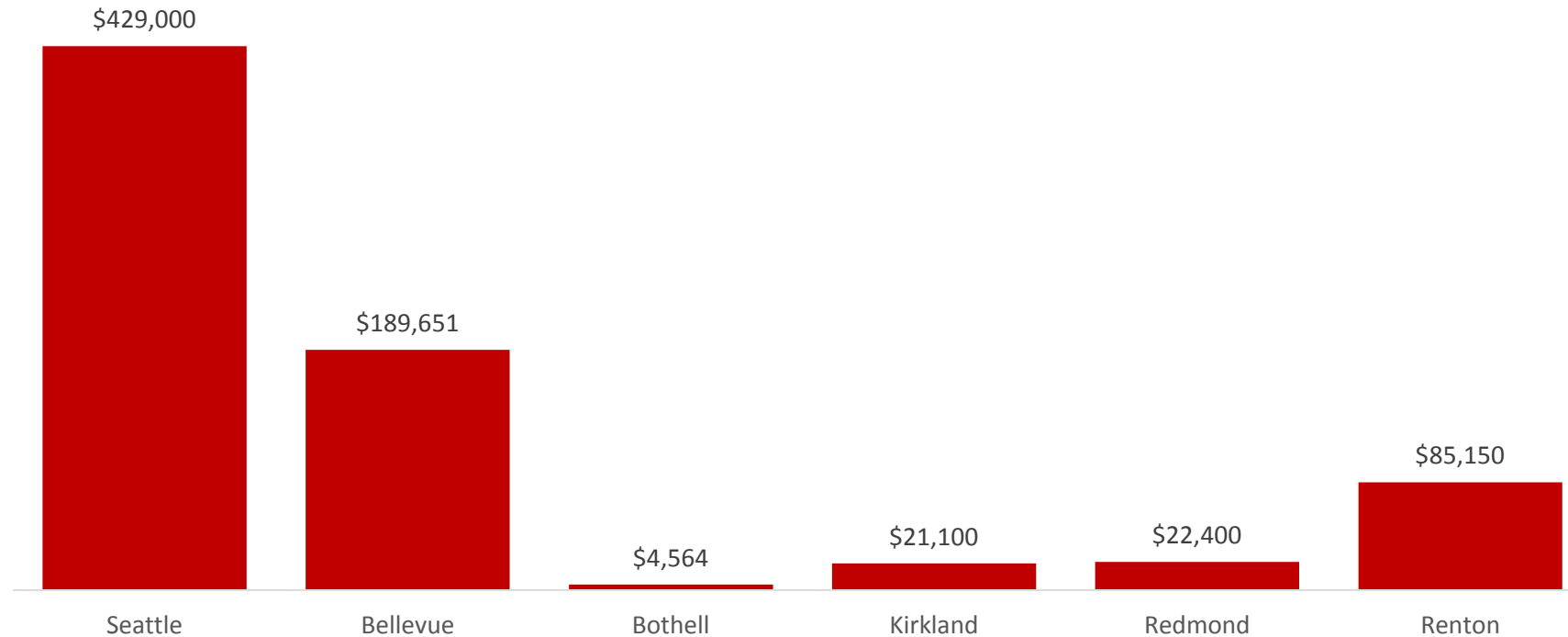
Example 2: Retail Sales Firm with 50 FTEs and \$20 million of Taxable Gross Receipts



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- Bellevue collects a gross receipts tax (B&O), a square footage tax (this example assumes 16,000 sf), and a \$95 registration fee.
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Example 3: Business Services Firm with 200 FTEs and \$100 million of Taxable Gross Receipts



- Seattle collects a gross receipts tax (Business License Tax, or B&O tax) and a Business License Tax Certificate Fee.
- Bellevue collects a gross receipts tax (B&O), a square footage tax (this example assumes 40,000 sf), and a \$95 registration fee.
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