

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

## FORM 24F-2NT

Registration of securities by certain investment companies. Declaration of election Rule 24f-2 notice.

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#### **SAFECO TAX EXEMPT BOND TRUST**

CIK: **893565** | IRS No.: **91156904** | State of Incorporation: **WA** | Fiscal Year End: **0331**  
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Business Address  
**SAFECO PLAZA S-2**  
**SEATTLE WA 98185**  
**2065455176**

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 24F-2  
ANNUAL NOTICE OF SECURITIES SOLD  
PURSUANT TO RULE 24f-2

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OMB APPROVAL  
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OMB Number: 3235-0456  
Expires: August 31, 2000  
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READ INSTRUCTIONS AT END OF FORM BEFORE PREPARING FORM.

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1. Name and address of issuer:

Safeco Tax-exempt Bond Trust  
10865 Willows Road NE  
Redmond, WA 98052

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2. The name of each series or class of securities for which this Form is  
filed (If the Form is being filed for all series and classes of  
securities of the issuer, check the box but do not list series  
or classes): /X/

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3. Investment Company Act File Number:

Securities Act File Number: 811-7300  
33-53532

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4(a). Last day of fiscal year for which this Form is filed:

12/31/98

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4(b). / / Check box if this Form is being filed late (I.E., more than  
90 calendar days after the end of the issuer's fiscal year).  
(See instruction A.2)

NOTE: IF THE FORM IS BEING FILED LATE, INTEREST MUST BE PAID ON THE  
REGISTRATION FEE DUE.

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4(c). / / Check box if this is the last time the issuer will be filing  
this Form.

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5. Calculation of registration fee:

(i) Aggregate sale price of securities sold during the fiscal year pursuant to section 24(f):	\$	183,590,162
(ii) Aggregate price of securities redeemed or repurchased during the fiscal year:	\$	145,538,246
(iii) Aggregate price of securities redeemed or repurchased during any PRIOR fiscal year ending no earlier than October 11, 1995 that were not previously used to reduce registration fees payable to the Commission:	\$	9,878,437
(iv) Total available redemption credits [add Items 5(ii) and 5(iii)]:	- \$	155,416,683
(v) Net sales -- if Item 5(i) is greater than Item 5(iv) [subtract Item 5(iv) from Item 5(i)]:	\$	28,173,479

(vi) Redemption credits available for use in future years -- if Item 5(i) is less than Item 5(iv) [subtract Item 5(iv) from Item 5(i)]:	( 0)	
(vii) Multiplier for determining registration fee (See Instruction C.9):	x	.000278
(viii) Registration fee due [multiply Item 5(v) by Item 5(vii)] (enter "0" if no fee is due):	= \$	7,832

6. Prepaid Shares

If the response to Item 5(i) was determined by deducting an amount of securities that were registered under the Securities Act of 1933 pursuant to rule 24e-2 as in effect before October 11, 1997, then report the amount of securities (number of shares or other units) deducted here: \$40,379,991. If there is a number of shares or other units that were registered pursuant to rule 24e-2 remaining unsold at the end of the fiscal year for which this form is filed that are available for use by the issuer in future fiscal years, then state that number here: 0 .

7. Interest due -- if this Form is being filed more than 90 days after the end of the issuer's fiscal year (see Instruction D):

+ \$ 0

8. Total of the amount of the registration fee due plus any interest due [line 5(viii) plus line 7]:

= \$ 7832

9. Date the registration fee and any interest payment was sent to the Commission's lockbox depository:

3-25-99

Method of Delivery:

/X/ Wire Transfer  
/ / Mail or other means

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SIGNATURES

This report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the issuer and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By (Signature and Title)\* /s/ David H. Longhurst  
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David H. Longhurst, Assistant Controller  
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Date 3-26-99  
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\*Please print the name and title of the signing officer below the signature.