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AN ACT Relating to property tax limitations for port districts; amending RCW 84.55.092; adding a new section to chapter 84.55 RCW; and creating a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 84.55.092 and 1998 c 16 s 3 are each amended to read 6 as follows:

The regular property tax levy for each taxing district, other than the state or port districts, may be set at the amount which would be allowed otherwise under this chapter if the regular property tax levy for the district for taxes due in prior years beginning with 1986 had been set at the full amount allowed under this chapter including any levy authorized under RCW 52.16.160 that would have been imposed but for the limitation in RCW 52.18.065, applicable upon imposition of the benefit charge under chapter 52.18 RCW.

The purpose of this section is to remove the incentive for a taxing district to maintain its tax levy at the maximum level permitted under this chapter, and to protect the future levy capacity of a taxing district that reduces its tax levy below the level that it otherwise

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- 1 could impose under this chapter, by removing the adverse consequences
- 2 to future levy capacities resulting from such levy reductions.
- 3 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 84.55 RCW 4 to read as follows:
- 5 The limitation under RCW 84.55.010 for port districts for taxes
- 6 levied for collection in calendar year 2008 and thereafter must be
- 7 determined without reference to taxes levied for collection in calendar
- 8 year 2007.
- 9 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 3.** This act applies to taxes levied for 10 collection in 2008 and thereafter.

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