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HOUSE BILL 1775

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By Representatives Roach, Casada and Van Luven

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1            AN ACT Relating to limiting property tax increases; amending RCW  
2 84.55.0101; reenacting and amending RCW 84.55.005; and repealing RCW  
3 84.55.092.

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

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 84.55.005 and 1997 c 393 s 20 and 1997 c 3 s 201 are  
6 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

7            As used in this chapter:

8            (1) "Inflation" means the percentage change in the implicit price  
9 deflator for personal consumption expenditures for the United States as  
10 published for the most recent twelve-month period by the bureau of  
11 economic analysis of the federal department of commerce in September of  
12 the year before the taxes are payable;

13            (2) "Limit factor" means:

14            (a) For taxing districts with a population of less than ten  
15 thousand in the calendar year prior to the assessment year, one hundred  
16 (~~six~~) two percent;

17            (b) For taxing districts for which a limit factor is authorized  
18 under RCW 84.55.0101, the lesser of the limit factor authorized under  
19 that section or one hundred (~~six~~) two percent;

1 (c) For all other districts, the lesser of one hundred (~~six~~) two  
2 percent or one hundred percent plus inflation; and

3 (3) "Regular property taxes" has the meaning given it in RCW  
4 84.04.140.

5 **Sec. 2.** RCW 84.55.0101 and 1997 c 3 s 204 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 Upon a finding of substantial need, the legislative authority of a  
8 taxing district other than the state may provide for the use of a limit  
9 factor under this chapter of one hundred (~~six~~) two percent or less.  
10 In districts with legislative authorities of four members or less, two-  
11 thirds of the members must approve an ordinance or resolution under  
12 this section. In districts with more than four members, a majority  
13 plus one vote must approve an ordinance or resolution under this  
14 section. The new limit factor shall be effective for taxes collected  
15 in the following year only.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** RCW 84.55.092 (Protection of future levy  
17 capacity) and 1998 c 16 s 3, 1988 c 274 s 4, & 1986 c 107 s 3 are each  
18 repealed.

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