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1 AN ACT Relating to limiting taxing district levy increases; and
2 amending RCW 84.55.120.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 84.55.120 and 1995 c 251 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 A taxing district, other than the state, that collects regular
7 levies shall hold a public hearing on revenue sources for the
8 district's following year's current expense budget. The hearing must
9 include consideration of possible increases in property tax revenues
10 and shall be held prior to the time the taxing district levies the
11 taxes or makes the request to have the taxes levied. The county
12 legislative authority, or the taxing district's governing body if the
13 district is a city, town, or other type of district, shall hold the
14 hearing. The levy for a taxing district for collection the following
15 year shall not increase from the current year, other than an additional
16 dollar amount calculated by multiplying the increase in assessed value
17 in that district resulting from new construction, improvements to
18 property, and any increase in the assessed value of state-assessed
19 property for the year, without an affirmative vote of a majority of the

1 members of the county legislative authority, or the taxing district's
2 governing body if the district is a city, town, or other type of
3 district.

4 For purposes of this section, "current expense budget" means that
5 budget which is primarily funded by taxes and charges and reflects the
6 provision of ongoing services. It does not mean the capital,
7 enterprise, or special assessment budgets of cities, towns, counties,
8 or special purpose districts.

9 If the taxing district is otherwise required to hold a public
10 hearing on its proposed regular tax levy, a single public hearing may
11 be held on this matter.

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