

1 **HB 2973** - H AMD

2 By Representative Cox

3 Beginning on page 2, line 38, after "RCW 84.52.0531." strike all  
4 material through "RCW" on page 3, line 2.

5 On page 3, beginning on line 6, strike all of section 3 and insert  
6 the following:

7 "**Sec. 3.** RCW 28A.500.020 and 1999 c 317 s 2 are each amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 (1) Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the  
10 definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter.

11 (a) "Prior tax collection year" means the year immediately  
12 preceding the year in which the local effort assistance shall be  
13 allocated.

14 (b) "State-wide average twelve percent levy rate" means twelve  
15 percent of the total levy bases as defined in RCW 84.52.0531(3) summed  
16 for all school districts, and divided by the total assessed valuation  
17 for excess levy purposes in the prior tax collection year for all  
18 districts as adjusted to one hundred percent by the county indicated  
19 ratio established in RCW 84.48.075.

20 (c) "State-wide average thirteen percent levy rate" means thirteen  
21 percent of the total levy bases as defined in RCW 84.52.0531(3) summed  
22 for all school districts, and divided by the total assessed valuation  
23 for excess levy purposes in the prior tax collection year for all  
24 districts as adjusted to one hundred percent by the county indicated  
25 ratio established in RCW 84.48.075.

26 (d) "State-wide average fourteen percent levy rate" means fourteen  
27 percent of the total levy bases as defined in RCW 84.52.0531(3) summed  
28 for all school districts, and divided by the total assessed valuation  
29 for excess levy purposes in the prior tax collection year for all  
30 districts as adjusted to one hundred percent by the county indicated  
31 ratio established in RCW 84.48.075.

32 (e) The "district's twelve percent levy amount" means the school  
33 district's maximum levy authority after transfers determined under RCW  
34 84.52.0531(2) (a) through (c) divided by the district's maximum levy  
35 percentage determined under RCW 84.52.0531(4) multiplied by twelve  
36 percent.

1           (f) The "district's thirteen percent levy amount" means the school  
2 district's maximum levy authority after transfers determined under RCW  
3 84.52.0531(2) (a) through (c) divided by the district's maximum levy  
4 percentage determined under RCW 84.52.0531(4) multiplied by thirteen  
5 percent.

6           (g) The "district's fourteen percent levy amount" means the school  
7 district's maximum levy authority after transfers determined under RCW  
8 84.52.0531(2) (a) through (c) divided by the district's maximum levy  
9 percentage determined under RCW 84.52.0531(4) multiplied by fourteen  
10 percent.

11           ~~((d))~~ (h) The "district's twelve percent levy rate" means the  
12 district's twelve percent levy amount divided by the district's  
13 assessed valuation for excess levy purposes for the prior tax  
14 collection year as adjusted to one hundred percent by the county  
15 indicated ratio.

16           (i) The "district's thirteen percent levy rate" means the  
17 district's thirteen percent levy amount divided by the district's  
18 assessed valuation for excess levy purposes for the prior tax  
19 collection year as adjusted to one hundred percent by the county  
20 indicated ratio.

21           (j) The "district's fourteen percent levy rate" means the  
22 district's fourteen percent levy amount divided by the district's  
23 assessed valuation for excess levy purposes for the prior tax  
24 collection year as adjusted to one hundred percent by the county  
25 indicated ratio.

26           ~~((e))~~ (k) "Districts eligible for local effort assistance" means  
27 (i) those districts with a twelve percent levy rate that exceeds the  
28 state-wide average twelve percent levy rate and with a cost of housing  
29 that exceeds the statewide median cost of housing under section 2  
30 subsection 2 of this act by more than two thousand five hundred  
31 dollars; (ii) those districts with a thirteen percent levy rate that  
32 exceeds the statewide average thirteen percent levy rate and with a  
33 cost of housing under section 2 subsection 2 of this act that exceeds  
34 the statewide median cost of housing by at least one thousand dollars  
35 but by not more than two thousand five hundred dollars; or (iii) those  
36 districts with a fourteen percent levy rate that exceeds the statewide  
37 average fourteen percent levy rate and with a cost of housing under  
38 section 2 subsection 2 of this act that is less than the statewide

1 median cost of housing or that exceeds the statewide median cost of  
2 housing by less than one thousand dollars.

3 (2) Unless otherwise stated all rates, percents, and amounts are  
4 for the calendar year for which local effort assistance is being  
5 calculated under this chapter.

6 **Sec. 4.** 28A.500.030 and 1999 c 317 s 3 are each amended to read as  
7 follows:

8 Allocation of state matching funds to eligible districts for local  
9 effort assistance shall be determined as follows:

10 (1) For districts with housing costs that exceed the statewide  
11 median cost of housing as determined under section 2 of this act by  
12 more than two thousand five hundred dollars:

13 (a) Funds raised by the district through maintenance and operation  
14 levies shall be matched with state funds using the following ratio of  
15 state funds to levy funds:

16 (~~(a)~~) (i) The difference between the district's twelve percent  
17 levy rate and the state-wide average twelve percent levy rate; to

18 (~~(b)~~) (ii) The state-wide average twelve percent levy rate.

19 (~~(2)~~) (b) The maximum amount of state matching funds for  
20 districts eligible for local effort assistance shall be the district's  
21 twelve percent levy amount, multiplied by the following percentage:

22 (~~(a)~~) (i) The difference between the district's twelve percent  
23 levy rate and the state-wide average twelve percent levy rate; divided  
24 by

25 (~~(b)~~) (ii) The district's twelve percent levy rate.

26 (2) For districts with housing costs, as determined under section  
27 2 subsection 2 of this act, that exceed the statewide median by at  
28 least one thousand dollars but by not more than two thousand five  
29 hundred dollars:

30 (a) Funds raised by the district through maintenance and operation  
31 levies shall be matched with state funds using the following ratio of  
32 state funds to levy funds:

33 (i) The difference between the district's thirteen percent levy  
34 rate and the state-wide average thirteen percent levy rate; to

35 (ii) The state-wide average thirteen percent levy rate.

36 (b) The maximum amount of state matching funds for districts  
37 eligible for local effort assistance shall be the district's thirteen  
38 percent levy amount, multiplied by the following percentage:

1        (i) The difference between the district's thirteen percent levy  
2 rate and the state-wide average thirteen percent levy rate; divided by

3        (ii) The district's thirteen percent levy rate.

4        (3) For districts with housing costs, as determined under section  
5 2 subsection 2 of this act, that are less than the statewide median or  
6 that exceed the statewide median by less than one thousand dollars  
7 greater than the statewide median cost of housing:

8        (a) Funds raised by the district through maintenance and operation  
9 levies shall be matched with state funds using the following ratio of  
10 state funds to levy funds:

11        (i) The difference between the district's fourteen percent levy  
12 rate and the state-wide average fourteen percent levy rate; to

13        (ii) The state-wide average fourteen percent levy rate.

14        (b) The maximum amount of state matching funds for districts  
15 eligible for local effort assistance shall be the district's fourteen  
16 percent levy amount, multiplied by the following percentage:

17        (i) The difference between the district's fourteen percent levy  
18 rate and the state-wide average fourteen percent levy rate; divided by

19        (ii) The district's fourteen percent levy rate."

20        Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct the  
21 title and any internal references accordingly.

**EFFECT:** The current 12 percent levy equalization formula is increased for certain school districts as follows: (1) The levy equalization allocation of a district with a cost of housing that is below the statewide median or that exceeds the statewide median by less than \$1,000 will be based on fourteen percent of the levy base; (2) the levy equalization allocation of a district with a cost of housing that exceeds the statewide median by at least \$1,000 but not more than \$2,500 will be based on thirteen percent of the levy base.