

1 **HB 2841** - H AMDS to AMD (2841 AMH **** LONG 150)**130 ADOPTED 2-7-96**
2 By Representative Smith

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4 On page 1 of the amendment, after line 4, insert:

5 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) A joint select property tax reform
6 study committee is hereby created, composed of twelve members, with
7 six members of the senate, three from each of the two largest
8 caucuses, to be appointed by the president of the senate; and six
9 members of the house of representatives, three from each of the two
10 largest caucuses, to be appointed by the speaker of the house of
11 representatives. The speaker of the house of representatives and
12 the president of the senate shall designate cochairs of the
13 committee. Staff support for the committee shall be provided by
14 senate committee services and house of representatives office of
15 program research as mutually agreed by the cochairs of the
16 committee. The committee may also use the research services
17 provided to the legislature by the department of revenue under RCW
18 82.01.060(4).

19 (2) The committee shall complete a thorough review of
20 Washington's property tax system, addressing at least the following
21 issues:

22 (a) The advisability of enacting a property tax deferral
23 program as a method of alleviating the effects of large and
24 unanticipated increases in taxes on residential property;

25 (b) The advisability of providing property tax relief by
26 setting base years for property tax valuation computation, limiting
27 property tax valuation increases to two percent per year over the
28 base year until ownership of the property changes, and limiting the
29 tax assessed on owner-occupied property claimed as a principal
30 place of residence; and

31 (c) The effect of any proposed property tax reforms on:

1 (i) The ability of local governments, including both senior
2 and junior taxing districts, to provide essential services;

3 (ii) The tax burdens upon commercial and residential
4 taxpayers, and upon residential taxpayers by age and income group;
5 and

6 (iii) Real estate values, housing markets, and construction of
7 and access to new housing.

8 (3) The committee shall submit its final report to the
9 legislature before January 1, 1997."

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11 On page 4 of the amendment, line 1, strike sections 7, 8, and
12 9.

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14 Renumber sections consecutively, correct any internal
15 references accordingly, and correct the title.

EFFECT: Provides a property tax reform study committee.
Strikes deferral program.