- 2 <u>HB 2841</u> H AMD TO H AMD (LONG 150)132 FAILED 2-7-96
- 3 By Representative Morris

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- 5 Beginning on page 2, line 1 of the amendment, strike all material
- 6 through "year." on page 2, line 27, and insert the following:
- 7 "Sec. 3. RCW 84.55.005 and 1994 c 301 s 49 are each amended to
- 8 read as follows:
- 9 As used in this chapter((, the term)):
- 10 (1) "Regular property taxes" has the meaning given it in RCW
- 11 84.04.140, and also includes amounts received in lieu of regular
- 12 property taxes.
- 13 (2) "Inflation" means the percentage change in the implicit price
- 14 deflator for the United States for each calendar year as published by
- 15 the United States department of commerce.
- 16 (3) "Population change" means the percentage change in district
- 17 population for each year as reported by the office of financial
- 18 management.
- 19 <u>(4) "Fiscal growth factor" means the average of the sum of</u>
- 20 inflation and population change for each of the prior three calendar
- 21 years.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 84.55 RCW
- 23 to read as follows:
- 24 Except as provided in this chapter, the levy for districts other
- 25 than junior districts, as defined in RCW 84.52.043, in any year shall
- 26 be set so that the regular property taxes payable in the following year
- 27 shall not exceed the lesser of one hundred six percent or one hundred
- 28 percent plus the fiscal growth factor, multiplied by the amount of
- 29 regular property taxes lawfully levied for the state in the highest of
- 30 the three most recent years in which such taxes were levied for such
- 31 district, plus an additional dollar amount calculated by multiplying
- 32 the increase in assessed value in that district resulting from new
- 33 construction, improvements to property, and any increase in the
- 34 assessed value of state-assessed property by the regular property tax
- 35 levy rate of the state for the preceding year."

<u>EFFECT:</u> Amends the current 106 percent levy lid by restricting growth in state and senior district regular levies to the lesser of a "fiscal growth factor" or six percent. The "fiscal growth factor" is the average of population growth plus inflation for the three prior years. This is similar to the I-601 growth factor. Junior taxing districts are not affected.

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