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5 On page 5, after line 8, insert the following:

6 "Sec. 8. RCW 84.34.230 and 1994 c 301 s 33 are each amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 For the purpose of acquiring conservation futures as well as other  
9 rights and interests in real property pursuant to RCW 84.34.210 and  
10 84.34.220, a county may levy an amount not to exceed six and one-  
11 quarter cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation against the  
12 assessed valuation of all taxable property within the county(~~(, which~~  
13 ~~levy shall be in addition to that authorized by RCW 84.52.043)~~). The  
14 limitations in RCW 84.52.043 shall not apply to the tax levy authorized  
15 in this section.

16 **Sec. 9.** RCW 84.52.069 and 1994 c 79 s 2 are each amended to read  
17 as follows:

18 (1) As used in this section, "taxing district" means a county,  
19 emergency medical service district, city or town, public hospital  
20 district, urban emergency medical service district, or fire protection  
21 district.

22 (2) A taxing district may impose additional regular property tax  
23 levies in an amount equal to fifty cents or less per thousand dollars  
24 of the assessed value of property in the taxing district in each year  
25 for six consecutive years when specifically authorized so to do by a  
26 majority of at least three-fifths of the registered voters thereof  
27 approving a proposition authorizing the levies submitted at a general  
28 or special election, at which election the number of persons voting  
29 "yes" on the proposition shall constitute three-fifths of a number  
30 equal to forty percent of the total number of voters voting in such  
31 taxing district at the last preceding general election when the number  
32 of registered voters voting on the proposition does not exceed forty  
33 percent of the total number of voters voting in such taxing district in  
34 the last preceding general election; or by a majority of at least  
35 three-fifths of the registered voters thereof voting on the proposition

1 when the number of registered voters voting on the proposition exceeds  
2 forty percent of the total number of voters voting in such taxing  
3 district in the last preceding general election. Ballot propositions  
4 shall conform with RCW 29.30.111.

5 (3) Any tax imposed under this section shall be used only for the  
6 provision of emergency medical care or emergency medical services,  
7 including related personnel costs, training for such personnel, and  
8 related equipment, supplies, vehicles and structures needed for the  
9 provision of emergency medical care or emergency medical services.

10 (4) If a county levies a tax under this section, no taxing district  
11 within the county may levy a tax under this section. No other taxing  
12 district may levy a tax under this section if another taxing district  
13 has levied a tax under this section within its boundaries: PROVIDED,  
14 That if a county levies less than fifty cents per thousand dollars of  
15 the assessed value of property, then any other taxing district may levy  
16 a tax under this section equal to the difference between the rate of  
17 the levy by the county and fifty cents: PROVIDED FURTHER, That if a  
18 taxing district within a county levies this tax, and the voters of the  
19 county subsequently approve a levying of this tax, then the amount of  
20 the taxing district levy within the county shall be reduced, when the  
21 combined levies exceed fifty cents. Whenever a tax is levied county-  
22 wide, the service shall, insofar as is feasible, be provided throughout  
23 the county: PROVIDED FURTHER, That no county-wide levy proposal may be  
24 placed on the ballot without the approval of the legislative authority  
25 of each city exceeding fifty thousand population within the county:  
26 AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That this section and RCW 36.32.480 shall not  
27 prohibit any city or town from levying an annual excess levy to fund  
28 emergency medical services: AND PROVIDED, FURTHER, That if a county  
29 proposes to impose tax levies under this section, no other ballot  
30 proposition authorizing tax levies under this section by another taxing  
31 district in the county may be placed before the voters at the same  
32 election at which the county ballot proposition is placed: AND  
33 PROVIDED FURTHER, That any taxing district emergency medical service  
34 levy that is authorized subsequent to a county emergency medical  
35 service levy, shall expire concurrently with the county emergency  
36 medical service levy.

37 (5) The (~~tax levy authorized in this section is in addition to the~~  
38 ~~tax levy authorized~~) limitations in RCW 84.52.043 shall not apply to  
39 the tax levy authorized in this section.

1 (6) The limitation in RCW 84.55.010 shall not apply to the first  
2 levy imposed pursuant to this section following the approval of such  
3 levy by the voters pursuant to subsection (2) of this section.

4 **Sec. 10.** RCW 84.52.105 and 1993 c 337 s 2 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) A county, city, or town may impose additional regular property  
7 tax levies of up to fifty cents per thousand dollars of assessed value  
8 of property in each year for up to ten consecutive years to finance  
9 affordable housing for very low-income households when specifically  
10 authorized to do so by a majority of the voters of the taxing district  
11 voting on a ballot proposition authorizing the levies. If both a  
12 county, and a city or town within the county, impose levies authorized  
13 under this section, the levies of the last jurisdiction to receive  
14 voter approval for the levies shall be reduced or eliminated so that  
15 the combined rates of these levies may not exceed fifty cents per  
16 thousand dollars of assessed valuation in any area within the county.  
17 A ballot proposition authorizing a levy under this section must conform  
18 with RCW 84.52.054.

19 (2) The additional property tax levies may not be imposed until:

20 (a) The governing body of the county, city, or town declares the  
21 existence of an emergency with respect to the availability of housing  
22 that is affordable to very low-income households in the taxing  
23 district; and

24 (b) The governing body of the county, city, or town adopts an  
25 affordable housing financing plan to serve as the plan for expenditure  
26 of funds raised by a levy authorized under this section, and the  
27 governing body determines that the affordable housing financing plan is  
28 consistent with either the locally adopted or state-adopted  
29 comprehensive housing affordability strategy, required under the  
30 Cranston-Gonzalez national affordable housing act (42 U.S.C. Sec.  
31 12701, et seq.), as amended.

32 (3) For purposes of this section, the term "very low-income  
33 household" means a single person, family, or unrelated persons living  
34 together whose income is at or below fifty percent of the median  
35 income, as determined by the United States department of housing and  
36 urban development, with adjustments for household size, for the county  
37 where the taxing district is located.

1       (4) The limitations in RCW 84.52.043 shall not apply to the tax  
2 levy authorized in this section."

3       Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any  
4 internal references accordingly.

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8       On page 1, line 3 of the title, after "9.41.135," strike "and  
9 82.32.320" and insert "82.32.320, 84.34.230, 84.52.069, and 84.52.105"

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