

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5443**

Chapter 251, Laws of 1995

54th Legislature  
1995 Regular Session

PROPERTY TAX--PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR COLLECTION OF AUTHORIZED TAXES

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/23/95

Passed by the Senate April 19, 1995  
YEAS 44 NAYS 0

JOEL PRITCHARD

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**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House April 7, 1995  
YEAS 92 NAYS 0

CLYDE BALLARD

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**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Approved May 5, 1995

MIKE LOWRY

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5443** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

MARTY BROWN

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**Secretary**

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May 5, 1995 - 10:21 a.m.

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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**By** Senate Committee on Government Operations (originally sponsored by Senators Drew, Fairley, Quigley, McAuliffe, Hargrove, Haugen, Owen, Rasmussen, Loveland, Smith, Gaspard and Franklin)

Read first time 02/22/95.

1            AN ACT Relating to public hearings for collection of authorized  
2 taxes; and adding a new section to chapter 84.55 RCW.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 84.55 RCW  
5 to read 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. For purposes of this section, "current expense budget" means  
15 that budget which is primarily funded by taxes and charges and reflects  
16 the provision of ongoing services. It does not mean the capital,  
17 enterprise, or special assessment budgets of cities, towns, counties,  
18 or special purpose districts.

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

Passed the Senate April 19, 1995.

Passed the House April 7, 1995.

Approved by the Governor May 5, 1995.

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