

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SJR 8203

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As of January 20, 2004

**Brief Description:** Submitting to the voters a constitutional amendment that would authorize the legislature to reduce the assessed value of real estate by amounts spent on certain fees.

**Sponsors:** Senators Stevens, Mulliken, Benton, Honeyford and Roach.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Land Use & Planning: 2/3/03; 1/22/04.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON LAND USE & PLANNING

**Staff:** Genevieve Pisarski (786-7488)

**Background:** Article VII, section 1, of the Washington Constitution requires that all taxes shall be uniform upon the same class of property within the jurisdiction of the authority levying the tax.

**Summary of Bill:** An amendment to Article VII, section 1, is submitted to the voters to authorize the Legislature to enact by statute a reduction in the assessed value of real property by amounts expended by the property owner on mitigation fees, impact fees, or system improvement charges.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Effective Date:** Upon approval of the voters at the November 2003 general election.