

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**HOUSE BILL 1555**

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59th Legislature  
2005 Regular Session

SPECIAL DISTRICTS--MONETARY ASSESSMENTS

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/24/05

Passed by the House March 3, 2005  
Yeas 97 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 15, 2005  
Yeas 46 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN

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**President of the Senate**

Approved April 26, 2005.

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1555** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

RICHARD NAFZIGER

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**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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By Representatives Wallace, Newhouse, Haigh, Dunn, Takko, Grant, Blake, Quall, Linville, Conway, Orcutt and Kretz

Read first time 01/27/2005. Referred to Committee on Local Government.

1            AN ACT Relating to monetary assessments by drainage, diking, flood  
2 control, and mosquito control districts; amending RCW 17.28.255; and  
3 adding a new section to chapter 85.38 RCW.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 85.38 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7            (1) Every special district must use the assessed value applicable  
8 to forest land, farm and agricultural land, or open space land, under  
9 chapter 84.33 or 84.34 RCW, when the land has been designated as such  
10 and the assessed value is used as a component in determining the  
11 district assessment.

12            (2) If a district uses a fractional amount of assessed value as a  
13 component in determining the district assessment, then a fractional  
14 amount of the value applicable to forest land, farm and agricultural  
15 land, or open space land, under chapter 84.33 or 84.34 RCW, shall be  
16 used.

17            **Sec. 2.** RCW 17.28.255 and 1959 c 64 s 7 are each amended to read  
18 as follows:

1           The board of trustees shall annually determine the amount of money  
2 necessary to carry on the operations of the district and shall classify  
3 the property therein in proportion to the benefits to be derived from  
4 the operations of the district and in accordance with such  
5 classification shall apportion and assess the several lots, blocks,  
6 tracts, and parcels of land or other property within the district,  
7 which assessment shall be collected with the general taxes of the  
8 county or counties. A mosquito control district must use the assessed  
9 value applicable to forest land, farm and agricultural land, or open  
10 space land, under chapter 84.33 or 84.34 RCW, when the land has been  
11 designated as such and the assessed value is used as a component in  
12 determining the district assessment. If a district uses a fractional  
13 amount of assessed value as a component in determining the district  
14 assessment, then a fractional amount of the value applicable to forest  
15 land, farm and agricultural land, or open space land, under chapter  
16 84.33 or 84.34 RCW, shall be used.

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