

**ESB 5498 - H AMD 697**

By Representative Orcutt

**SCOPE AND OBJECT 4/13/2007**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 84.55.005 and 2002 c 1 s 2 are each reenacted to  
4 read as follows:

5 As used in this chapter:

6 (1) "Inflation" means the percentage change in the implicit  
7 price deflator for personal consumption expenditures for the United  
8 States as published for the most recent twelve-month period by the  
9 bureau of economic analysis of the federal department of commerce  
10 in September of the year before the taxes are payable;

11 (2) "Limit factor" means:

12 (a) For taxing districts with a population of less than ten  
13 thousand in the calendar year prior to the assessment year, one  
14 hundred one percent;

15 (b) For taxing districts for which a limit factor is authorized  
16 under RCW 84.55.0101, the lesser of the limit factor under that  
17 section or one hundred one percent;

18 (c) For all other districts, the lesser of one hundred one  
19 percent or one hundred percent plus inflation; and

20 (3) "Regular property taxes" has the meaning given it in RCW  
21 84.04.140.

22 **Sec. 2.** RCW 84.55.0101 and 2002 c 1 s 3 are each reenacted to  
23 read as follows:

24 Upon a finding of substantial need, the legislative authority  
25 of a taxing district other than the state may provide for the use  
26 of a limit factor under this chapter of one hundred one percent or  
27 less unless an increase greater than this limit is approved by the  
28 voters at an election as provided in RCW 84.55.050. In districts  
29 with legislative authorities of four members or less, two-thirds of  
30 the members must approve an ordinance or resolution under this

1 section. In districts with more than four members, a majority plus  
2 one vote must approve an ordinance or resolution under this  
3 section. The new limit factor shall be effective for taxes  
4 collected in the following year only.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
6 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of  
7 the state government and its existing public institutions, and  
8 takes effect immediately."

9 Correct the title.

**EFFECT:** Removes all current provisions, including those that  
allow greater lid lift authority, and reenacts the regular levy  
growth limitations adopted under Initiative 747.