
SENATE BILL 5362

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By Senator Jacobsen

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1 AN ACT Relating to a conservation futures levy; and amending RCW
2 84.34.230.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 84.34.230 and 2005 c 449 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Conservation futures are a useful tool for counties to preserve
7 lands of public interest for future generations. Counties are
8 encouraged to use some conservation futures as one tool for salmon
9 preservation purposes.

10 (2) For the purpose of acquiring conservation futures and other
11 rights and interests in real property pursuant to RCW 84.34.210 and
12 84.34.220, and for maintaining and operating any property acquired with
13 these funds, a county may levy an amount not to exceed (~~six and one-~~
14 ~~quarter~~) twelve and one-half cents per thousand dollars of assessed
15 valuation against the assessed valuation of all taxable property within
16 the county. The limitations in RCW 84.52.043 shall not apply to the
17 tax levy authorized in this section.

18 (3)(a) Of the amount levied by a county under subsection (2) of
19 this section that is in excess of six and one-quarter cents per

1 thousand dollars, at least one-half shall be used to acquire
2 conservation easements on farm and agricultural land or purchase the
3 development rights to farm and agricultural land. Such acquisition of
4 a conservation easement or purchase of development right shall be made
5 in a way to retain the long-term farm and agricultural use of the land.

6 (b) An amount levied by a county under subsection (2) of this
7 section that is in excess of six and one-quarter cents per thousand
8 dollars and that is not used under (a) of this subsection, may be used
9 in accordance with RCW 84.34.210 and 84.34.220.

10 (4) Any rights or interests in real property acquired under this
11 section after July 24, 2005, must be located within the assessing
12 county. Further, the county must determine if the rights or interests
13 in real property acquired with these funds would reduce the capacity of
14 land suitable for development necessary to accommodate the allocated
15 housing and employment growth, as adopted in the countywide planning
16 policies. When actions are taken that reduce capacity to accommodate
17 planned growth, the jurisdiction shall adopt reasonable measures to
18 increase the capacity lost by such actions.

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