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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2442**

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**By** House Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Berg, Duerr, Parshley, Tharinger, Ryu, Zahn, Wylie, Scott, Peterson, Simmons, Ramel, Bergquist, Ormsby, Pollet, and Macri)

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1 AN ACT Relating to providing local governments tax resources and  
2 fund flexibility; amending RCW 82.46.075, 82.14.530, 71.20.110,  
3 73.08.080, 84.52.043, 84.52.043, 84.52.010, 84.52.010, 84.55.005,  
4 84.55.050, 82.14.049, and 86.15.080; reenacting and amending RCW  
5 82.46.035; adding a new section to chapter 82.14 RCW; adding a new  
6 section to chapter 84.52 RCW; creating new sections; providing  
7 effective dates; and providing expiration dates.

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

9 **Part I**

10 **Use of Local Real Estate Excise Tax Revenues**

11 **Sec. 101.** RCW 82.46.035 and 2025 c 85 s 2 and 2025 c 159 s 5 are  
12 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

13 (1) The legislative authority of any county or city must identify  
14 in the adopted budget the capital projects funded in whole or in part  
15 from the proceeds of the tax authorized in this section, and must  
16 indicate that such tax is intended to be in addition to other funds  
17 that may be reasonably available for such capital projects.

18 (2) The legislative authority of any county or any city that  
19 plans under RCW 36.70A.040(1) may impose an additional excise tax on  
20 each sale of real property in the unincorporated areas of the county

1 for the county tax and in the corporate limits of the city for the  
2 city tax at a rate not exceeding 0.25 percent of the selling price.  
3 Any county choosing to plan under RCW 36.70A.040(2) and any city  
4 within such a county may only adopt an ordinance imposing the excise  
5 tax authorized by this section if the ordinance is first authorized  
6 by a proposition approved by a majority of the voters of the taxing  
7 district voting on the proposition at a general election held within  
8 the district or at a special election within the taxing district  
9 called by the district for the purpose of submitting such proposition  
10 to the voters.

11 (3) Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section,  
12 revenues generated from the tax imposed under subsection (2) of this  
13 section must be used by such counties and cities solely for capital  
14 projects specified in a capital facilities plan element of a  
15 comprehensive plan. However, revenues (a) pledged by such counties  
16 and cities to debt retirement prior to March 1, 1992, may continue to  
17 be used for that purpose until the original debt for which the  
18 revenues were pledged is retired, or (b) committed prior to March 1,  
19 1992, by such counties or cities to a project may continue to be used  
20 for that purpose until the project is completed.

21 (4) As used in this section, "city" means any city or town and  
22 "capital project" means those public works projects or public  
23 investments of a local government for:

24 (a) Planning, acquisition, construction, reconstruction, repair,  
25 replacement, rehabilitation, or improvement of streets, roads,  
26 highways, sidewalks, street and road lighting systems, traffic  
27 signals, bridges, domestic water systems, storm and sanitary sewer  
28 systems;

29 (b) Planning, construction, reconstruction, repair,  
30 rehabilitation, or improvement of parks;

31 (c) (i) Planning, construction, reconstruction, repair,  
32 rehabilitation, or improvement of either of the following categories  
33 of airports:

34 (A) Airports included in the most recent Washington aviation  
35 system plan published by the Washington department of transportation  
36 aviation division; and

37 (B) Airports included in the national plan of integrated airport  
38 systems with less than 10,000 annual enplanements as determined by  
39 the most recent enplanement data published by the federal aviation  
40 administration.

1 (ii) "Capital project" does not include the installation or  
2 improvement of fuel systems for the distribution of leaded fuel at an  
3 airport as described in this subsection (5)(c); (~~and~~)

4 (d) Planning, acquisition, construction, reconstruction, repair,  
5 replacement, rehabilitation, or improvement of facilities for those  
6 experiencing homelessness and affordable housing projects; (~~and~~

7 ~~(d)~~) (e) Any use allowed under RCW 82.46.010; and

8 (f) Abatement of nuisance properties.

9 (5) Revenues generated by the tax imposed under subsection (2) of  
10 this section may be used towards planning, acquisition, construction,  
11 reconstruction, repair, replacement, rehabilitation, or improvement  
12 of facilities for those experiencing homelessness and affordable  
13 housing projects that are supported through an interlocal housing  
14 collaboration as established under chapter 39.34 RCW.

15 (6) A county or city may use the greater of \$100,000 or 25  
16 percent of available funds for capital projects as defined in  
17 subsection (4)(d) of this section. The limits in this subsection do  
18 not apply to any county or city that used revenue under this section  
19 for the acquisition, construction, improvement, or rehabilitation of  
20 facilities to provide housing for the homeless prior to June 30,  
21 2019.

22 (7) A county or city using funds for uses in subsection (4)(d) of  
23 this section must document in its plan under RCW 36.70A.070(3) that  
24 it has funds during the next two years for capital projects in  
25 subsection (4)(a) and (b) of this section.

26 (8) When the governor files a notice of noncompliance under RCW  
27 36.70A.340 with the secretary of state and the appropriate county or  
28 city, the county or city's authority to impose the additional excise  
29 tax under this section is temporarily rescinded until the governor  
30 files a subsequent notice rescinding the notice of noncompliance.

## 31 Part II

### 32 City or County Imposed Real Estate Excise Tax for the Development of 33 Affordable Housing

34 **Sec. 201.** RCW 82.46.075 and 2002 c 343 s 1 are each amended to  
35 read as follows:

36 (1) (a) Subject to subsection(~~(s—(4)—and~~) (5) of this section,  
37 the legislative authority of any county may impose an additional  
38 excise tax on the purchase and sale of real property in the county at

1 the rate of (~~one-half of one~~) 0.5 percent of the selling price. The  
2 proceeds of the tax shall be used exclusively for the development of  
3 affordable housing including acquisition, building, rehabilitation,  
4 and maintenance and operation of housing for very low, low, and  
5 moderate-income persons and those with special needs.

6 (b) If a county imposes a tax authorized under (a) of this  
7 subsection after a city located in that county has imposed the tax  
8 authorized under subsection (2) of this section, the county must  
9 provide a credit against its tax for the full amount of tax imposed  
10 by the city.

11 (2)(a) Subject to subsection (5) of this section, the legislative  
12 authority of a city may impose an excise tax on the purchase and sale  
13 of real property in the city at the rate of 0.5 percent of the  
14 selling price if:

15 (i) The county in which the city is located has adopted a  
16 resolution of intent stating that they do not intend to impose the  
17 excise tax under this section; or

18 (ii) The county in which the city is located has not imposed the  
19 excise tax under this section by January 1, 2028.

20 (b) The proceeds of the tax must be used exclusively for the  
21 development of affordable housing, including acquisition, building,  
22 rehabilitation, and maintenance and operation of housing, for very  
23 low, low, and moderate-income persons and those with special needs.

24 (3) Revenues generated from the tax imposed under this section  
25 shall be placed in an affordable housing account administered by the  
26 county or city. Disbursements from the account shall be made  
27 following a competitive grant and loan process. The county or city  
28 legislative authority shall determine a mechanism for receiving grant  
29 and loan applications, and criteria by which the applications shall  
30 be approved and funded. Eligible recipients of grants and loans from  
31 the account shall be private nonprofit, affordable housing providers,  
32 the housing authority for the county or city, or other housing  
33 programs conducted or funded by a public agency, or by a public  
34 agency in partnership with a private nonprofit entity.

35 ~~((3))~~ (4) The taxes imposed under this section shall be imposed  
36 in the same manner and on the same occurrences, and are subject to  
37 the same conditions, as the taxes under chapter 82.45 RCW(~~(, except~~  
38 that the tax shall be the obligation of both the purchaser and the  
39 seller, as determined by the county legislative authority, with at  
40 least one-half of the obligation being that of the purchaser)). The

1 county or city may enforce the obligation through an action of debt  
2 against the ((purchaser or)) seller or may foreclose the lien on the  
3 property in the same manner prescribed for the foreclosure of  
4 mortgages. ((The imposition of the tax is effective thirty days after  
5 the election at which the tax is authorized.

6 ~~(4))~~ (5)(a) No tax may be imposed under this section unless  
7 approved by a majority of the voters of the county or city voting,  
8 for a specified period and for a specified maximum rate. This vote  
9 must follow either:

10 (i) The adoption of a resolution by the county or city  
11 legislative authority proposing this action; or

12 (ii) The filing of a petition proposing this action with the  
13 county or city auditor, signed by county or city voters at least  
14 equal in number to ((ten)) 10 percent of the total number of voters  
15 in the county or city who voted in the preceding general election.

16 (b) The ballot proposition shall be submitted to the voters of  
17 the county or city at the next general election occurring at least  
18 ((sixty)) 60 days after a petition is filed, or at any special  
19 election prior to this general election called for this purpose by  
20 the county or city legislative authority.

21 ((~~(5) No tax may be imposed under this section unless the county  
22 imposes a tax under RCW 82.46.070 at the maximum rate and the tax was  
23 imposed by January 1, 2003.~~))

24 (6) A plan for the expenditure of the proceeds of the tax imposed  
25 by this section shall be prepared by the county or city legislative  
26 authority at least ((sixty)) 60 days before the election if the  
27 proposal is initiated by resolution of the county or city legislative  
28 authority, or within six months after the tax has been authorized by  
29 the voters if the proposal is initiated by petition. Prior to the  
30 adoption of this plan, the elected officials of cities located within  
31 the county shall be consulted and at least one public hearing shall  
32 be held to obtain public comment. The proceeds of the tax shall be  
33 expended in conformance with this plan.

34 (7) A tax imposed under this section may take effect (a) no  
35 sooner than 75 days after the department is notified in writing of  
36 the change and (b) only on the first day of January, April, or July.

37 **Part III**

38 **Local Sales and Use Tax to Fund Services for Children and Families**



1       **Sec. 401.** RCW 82.14.530 and 2021 c 27 s 1 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       (1)(a)(i) A county legislative authority may submit an  
4 authorizing proposition to the county voters at a special or general  
5 election and, if the proposition is approved by a majority of persons  
6 voting, impose a sales and use tax in accordance with the terms of  
7 this chapter. The title of each ballot measure must clearly state the  
8 purposes for which the proposed sales and use tax will be used. The  
9 rate of tax under this section may not exceed (~~one-tenth of one~~)  
10 0.1 percent of the selling price in the case of a sales tax, or value  
11 of the article used, in the case of a use tax.

12       (ii) As an alternative to the authority provided in (a)(i) of  
13 this subsection, a county legislative authority may impose, without a  
14 proposition approved by a majority of persons voting, a sales and use  
15 tax in accordance with the terms of this chapter. The rate of tax  
16 under this section may not exceed (~~one-tenth of one~~) 0.1 percent of  
17 the selling price in the case of a sales tax, or value of the article  
18 used, in the case of a use tax.

19       (b)(i) If a county does not impose the full tax rate authorized  
20 under (a) of this subsection by September 30, 2020, any city  
21 legislative authority located in that county may:

22       (A) Submit an authorizing proposition to the city voters at a  
23 special or general election and, if the proposition is approved by a  
24 majority of persons voting, impose the whole or remainder of the  
25 sales and use tax rate in accordance with the terms of this chapter.  
26 The title of each ballot measure must clearly state the purposes for  
27 which the proposed sales and use tax will be used; or

28       (B) Impose, without a proposition approved by a majority of  
29 persons voting, the whole or remainder of the sales and use tax rate  
30 in accordance with the terms of this chapter.

31       (ii) The rate of tax under this section may not exceed (~~one-~~  
32 ~~tenth of one~~) 0.1 percent of the selling price in the case of a  
33 sales tax, or value of the article used, in the case of a use tax.

34       (iii) A county with a population of greater than (~~one million~~  
35 ~~five hundred thousand~~) 1,500,000 may impose the tax authorized under  
36 (a)(ii) of this subsection only if the county plans to spend at least  
37 (~~thirty~~) 30 percent of the moneys collected under this section that  
38 are attributable to taxable activities or events within any city with  
39 a population greater than (~~sixty thousand~~) 60,000 located in that  
40 county within that city's boundaries.

1 (c) If a county imposes a tax authorized under (a) of this  
2 subsection after a city located in that county has imposed the tax  
3 authorized under (b) of this subsection, the county must provide a  
4 credit against its tax for the full amount of tax imposed by a city.

5 (d) The taxes authorized in this subsection are in addition to  
6 any other taxes authorized by law and must be collected from persons  
7 who are taxable by the state under chapters 82.08 and 82.12 RCW upon  
8 the occurrence of any taxable event within the county for a county's  
9 tax and within a city for a city's tax.

10 (2)(a) Notwithstanding subsection (4) of this section, a minimum  
11 of (~~sixty~~) 60 percent of the moneys collected under this section  
12 must be used for the following purposes:

13 (i) Constructing or acquiring affordable housing, which may  
14 include emergency, transitional, and supportive housing and new units  
15 of affordable housing within an existing structure, and facilities  
16 providing housing-related services, or acquiring land for these  
17 purposes; or

18 (ii) Constructing or acquiring behavioral health-related  
19 facilities, or acquiring land for these purposes; or

20 (iii) Funding the rehabilitation, operations, and maintenance  
21 costs of new and existing units of affordable housing and facilities  
22 where housing-related programs are provided, or newly constructed  
23 evaluation and treatment centers.

24 (b) The affordable housing and facilities providing housing-  
25 related programs in (a)(i) of this subsection may only be provided to  
26 persons within any of the following population groups whose income is  
27 at or below (~~sixty~~) 60 percent of the median income of the county  
28 imposing the tax:

29 (i) Persons with behavioral health disabilities;

30 (ii) Veterans;

31 (iii) Senior citizens;

32 (iv) Persons who are homeless or at-risk of being homeless,  
33 including families with children;

34 (v) Unaccompanied homeless youth or young adults;

35 (vi) Persons with disabilities; or

36 (vii) Domestic violence survivors.

37 (c) The remainder of the moneys collected under this section must  
38 be used for rental assistance, the operation, delivery, or evaluation  
39 of behavioral health treatment programs and services, or housing-  
40 related services.

1 (3) (a) A county that imposes the tax under this section must  
2 consult with a city before the county may construct or acquire any of  
3 the facilities authorized under subsection (2) (a) of this section  
4 within the city limits.

5 (b) Among other priorities, a county that acquires a facility  
6 under subsection (2) (a) of this section must provide an opportunity  
7 for 15 percent of the units provided at that facility to be provided  
8 to individuals who are living in or near the city in which the  
9 facility is located, or have ties to that community. The provisions  
10 of this subsection (3) (b) do not apply if the county is unable to  
11 identify sufficient individuals within the city in need of services  
12 that meet the criteria provided in subsection (2) (b) of this section.  
13 This prioritization must not jeopardize United States department of  
14 housing and urban development funding for the continuum of care  
15 program.

16 (4) A county that has not imposed the tax authorized under RCW  
17 82.14.460 prior to October 9, 2015, but imposes the tax authorized  
18 under this section after a city in that county has imposed the tax  
19 authorized under RCW 82.14.460 prior to October 9, 2015, must enter  
20 into an interlocal agreement with that city to determine how the  
21 services and provisions described in subsection (2) of this section  
22 will be allocated and funded in the city.

23 (5) To carry out the purposes of subsection (2) (a) and (b) of  
24 this section, the legislative authority of the county or city  
25 imposing the tax has the authority to issue general obligation or  
26 revenue bonds within the limitations now or hereafter prescribed by  
27 the laws of this state, and may use, and is authorized to pledge, up  
28 to (~~fifty~~) 50 percent of the moneys collected under this section  
29 for repayment of such bonds, in order to finance the provision or  
30 construction of affordable housing, facilities where housing-related  
31 programs are provided, or evaluation and treatment centers described  
32 in subsection (2) (a) (iii) of this section.

33 (6) (a) Moneys collected under this section may be used to offset  
34 reductions in state or federal funds for the purposes described in  
35 subsection (2) of this section.

36 (b) No more than (~~ten~~) 10 percent of the moneys collected under  
37 this section may be used to supplant existing local funds.

1 **Part V**

2 **Veterans' Assistance Property Tax Levy and the Mental Health and**  
3 **Developmental Disabilities Assistance Property Tax Levy**

4 **Sec. 501.** RCW 71.20.110 and 2013 c 123 s 1 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) (a) In order to provide additional funds for the coordination  
7 and provision of community services for persons with developmental  
8 disabilities or mental health services, the county governing  
9 authority of each county in the state must ~~((budget and))~~ levy  
10 annually a tax in a sum equal to ~~((the amount which would be raised~~  
11 ~~by a levy of two and one-half))~~ 2.5 cents per ~~((thousand dollars))~~  
12 \$1,000 of assessed value against the taxable property in the  
13 county ~~((, or as such amount is modified pursuant to subsection (2) or~~  
14 ~~(3) of this section,))~~ to be used for such purposes. ~~((However, all))~~

15 (b) The levy required in this section must be:

16 (i) Imposed by the legislative authority of the county as a  
17 separate levy, independent of the regular property tax levy  
18 authorized in RCW 84.52.043(1)(b); or

19 (ii) Imposed by the legislative authority of the county as part  
20 of its levy authorized in RCW 84.52.043(1)(b).

21 (2) All or part of the funds collected from the tax levied for  
22 the purposes of this section may be transferred to the state of  
23 Washington, department of social and health services, for the purpose  
24 of obtaining federal matching funds to provide and coordinate  
25 community services for persons with developmental disabilities and  
26 mental health services. In the event a county elects to transfer such  
27 tax funds to the state for this purpose, the state must grant these  
28 moneys and the additional funds received as matching funds to  
29 service-providing community agencies or community boards in the  
30 county which has made such transfer, pursuant to the plan approved by  
31 the county, as provided by chapters 71.24 and 71.28 RCW and by  
32 chapter 71A.14 RCW, all as now or hereafter amended.

33 ~~((2) The amount of a levy allocated to the purposes specified in~~  
34 ~~this section may be reduced in the same proportion as the regular~~  
35 ~~property tax levy of the county is reduced by chapter 84.55 RCW.~~

36 ~~(3)(a) The amount of a levy allocated to the purposes specified~~  
37 ~~in this section may be modified from the amount required by~~  
38 ~~subsection (1) of this section as follows:~~

1 ~~(i) If the certified levy is reduced from the preceding year's~~  
2 ~~certified levy, the amount of the levy allocated to the purposes~~  
3 ~~specified in this section may be reduced by no more than the same~~  
4 ~~percentage as the certified levy is reduced from the preceding year's~~  
5 ~~certified levy;~~

6 ~~(ii) If the certified levy is increased from the preceding year's~~  
7 ~~certified levy, the amount of the levy allocated to the purposes~~  
8 ~~specified in this section must be increased from the amount of the~~  
9 ~~levy so allocated in the previous year by at least the same~~  
10 ~~percentage as the certified levy is increased from the preceding~~  
11 ~~year's certified levy. However, the amount of the levy allocated to~~  
12 ~~the purposes specified in this section does not have to be increased~~  
13 ~~under this subsection (3) (a) (ii) for the portion of a certified levy~~  
14 ~~increase resulting from a voter-approved increase under RCW 84.55.050~~  
15 ~~that is dedicated to a specific purpose; or~~

16 ~~(iii) If the certified levy is unchanged from the preceding~~  
17 ~~year's certified levy, the amount of the levy allocated to the~~  
18 ~~purposes specified in this section must be equal to or greater than~~  
19 ~~the amount of the levy so allocated in the preceding year.~~

20 ~~(b) For purposes of this subsection, "certified levy" means the~~  
21 ~~property tax levy for general county purposes certified to the county~~  
22 ~~assessor as required by RCW 84.52.070, excluding any amounts~~  
23 ~~certified under chapters 84.69 and 84.68 RCW.~~

24 ~~(4) Subsections (2) and (3) of this section do not preclude a~~  
25 ~~county from increasing the levy amount in subsection (1) of this~~  
26 ~~section to an amount that is greater than the change in the regular~~  
27 ~~county levy.))~~

28 **Sec. 502.** RCW 73.08.080 and 2019 c 432 s 35 are each amended to  
29 read as follows:

30 (1) (a) The legislative authority in each county must levy, in  
31 addition to the taxes now levied by law, a tax in a sum equal to the  
32 amount that would be raised by not less than ~~((one and one-eighth))~~  
33 1.125 cents per ~~((thousand dollars))~~ \$1,000 of assessed value, and  
34 not greater than ~~((twenty-seven))~~ 27 cents per ~~((thousand dollars))~~  
35 \$1,000 of assessed value against the taxable property of their  
36 respective counties, to be levied and collected as now prescribed by  
37 law for the assessment and collection of taxes, for the purpose of  
38 creating a veterans' assistance fund.

39 (b) The levy required in this section must be:

1 (i) Imposed by the legislative authority of the county as a  
2 separate levy, independent of the regular property tax levy  
3 authorized in RCW 84.52.043(1)(b); or

4 (ii) Imposed by the legislative authority of the county as part  
5 of its levy authorized in RCW 84.52.043(1)(b).

6 (2) Expenditures from the veterans' assistance fund, and interest  
7 earned on balances from the fund, may be used only for:

8 (a) The veterans' assistance programs authorized by RCW  
9 73.08.010;

10 (b) The lawful disposition of the remains as defined in RCW  
11 68.04.020 of a deceased indigent veteran or deceased family member of  
12 an indigent veteran as authorized by RCW 73.08.070; and

13 (c) The direct and indirect costs incurred in the administration  
14 of the fund as authorized by subsection ~~((2))~~ (3) of this section.

15 ~~((2))~~ (3) If the funds on deposit in the veterans' assistance  
16 fund, less outstanding warrants, on the first Tuesday in September  
17 exceeds ~~((the lesser of))~~ the expected yield of ~~((one and one-~~  
18 ~~eighth))~~ 1.125 cents per ~~((thousand dollars))~~ \$1,000 of assessed  
19 value against the taxable property of the county ~~((or the expected~~  
20 ~~yield of a levy determined as set forth in subsection (5) of this~~  
21 ~~section)),~~ the county legislative authority may levy a lesser amount  
22 than would otherwise be required under subsection (1) ~~((or (5)))~~ of  
23 this section.

24 ~~((3))~~ (4) The direct and indirect costs incurred in the  
25 administration of the veterans' assistance fund must be computed by  
26 the county auditor, or the chief financial officer in a county  
27 operating under a charter, not less than annually. Following the  
28 computation of these direct and indirect costs, an amount equal to  
29 these costs may then be transferred from the veterans' assistance  
30 fund to the county current expense fund.

31 ~~((4) The amount of a levy allocated to the purposes specified in~~  
32 ~~this section may be reduced in the same proportion as the regular~~  
33 ~~property tax levy of the county is reduced by chapter 84.55 RCW.~~

34 ~~(5)(a) The amount of a levy allocated to the purposes specified~~  
35 ~~in this section may be modified from the amount required by~~  
36 ~~subsection (1) of this section as follows:~~

37 ~~(i) If the certified levy is reduced from the preceding year's~~  
38 ~~certified levy, the amount of the levy allocated to the purposes~~  
39 ~~specified in this section may be reduced by no more than the same~~

1 ~~percentage as the certified levy is reduced from the preceding year's~~  
2 ~~certified levy;~~

3 ~~(ii) If the certified levy is increased from the preceding year's~~  
4 ~~certified levy, the amount of the levy allocated to the purposes~~  
5 ~~specified in this section may not be less than the base allocation~~  
6 ~~increased by the same percentage as the certified levy is increased~~  
7 ~~from the preceding year's certified levy. However, the amount of the~~  
8 ~~levy allocated to the purposes specified in this section does not~~  
9 ~~have to be increased under this subsection (5) (a) (ii) for the portion~~  
10 ~~of a certified levy increase resulting from a voter-approved increase~~  
11 ~~under RCW 84.55.050 that is dedicated to a specific purpose; or~~

12 ~~(iii) If the certified levy is unchanged from the preceding~~  
13 ~~year's certified levy, the amount of the levy allocated to the~~  
14 ~~purposes specified in this section must be equal to or greater than~~  
15 ~~the base allocation.~~

16 ~~(b) For purposes of this subsection, the following definitions~~  
17 ~~apply:~~

18 ~~(i) "Base allocation" means the most recent allocation that was~~  
19 ~~not reduced under subsection (2) of this section.~~

20 ~~(ii) "Certified levy" means the property tax levy for general~~  
21 ~~county purposes certified to the county assessor as required by RCW~~  
22 ~~84.52.070, excluding any amounts certified under chapters 84.69 and~~  
23 ~~84.68 RCW.~~

24 ~~(6) Subsections (2), (4), and (5) of this section do not preclude~~  
25 ~~a county from increasing the levy amount in subsection (1) of this~~  
26 ~~section to an amount that is greater than the change in the regular~~  
27 ~~county levy.)~~

28 **Sec. 503.** RCW 84.52.043 and 2024 c 361 s 3 are each amended to  
29 read as follows:

30 Within and subject to the limitations imposed by RCW 84.52.050 as  
31 amended, the regular ad valorem tax levies upon real and personal  
32 property by the taxing districts hereafter named are as follows:

33 (1) Levies of the senior taxing districts are as follows: (a) The  
34 levies by the state may not exceed the applicable aggregate rate  
35 limit specified in RCW 84.52.065 (2) or (4) adjusted to the state  
36 equalized value in accordance with the indicated ratio fixed by the  
37 state department of revenue to be used exclusively for the support of  
38 the common schools; (b) the levy by any county may not exceed \$1.80  
39 per \$1,000 of assessed value; (c) the levy by any county pursuant to

1 RCW 73.08.080(1) may not exceed 27 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value  
2 or be less than 1.125 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value; (d) the  
3 levy by any county pursuant to RCW 71.20.110 may not exceed 2.5 cents  
4 per \$1,000 of assessed value; (e) the levy by any road district may  
5 not exceed \$2.25 per \$1,000 of assessed value; and ((-d-)) (f) the  
6 levy by any city or town may not exceed \$3.375 per \$1,000 of assessed  
7 value. However, any county is hereby authorized to increase its levy  
8 from \$1.80 to a rate not to exceed \$2.475 per \$1,000 of assessed  
9 value for general county purposes if the total levies for both the  
10 county and any road district within the county do not exceed \$4.05  
11 per \$1,000 of assessed value, and no other taxing district has its  
12 levy reduced as a result of the increased county levy.

13 (2) The aggregate levies of junior taxing districts and senior  
14 taxing districts, other than the state, may not exceed \$5.90 per  
15 \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The term "junior taxing districts"  
16 includes all taxing districts other than the state, counties, road  
17 districts, cities, towns, port districts, and public utility  
18 districts. The limitations provided in this subsection do not apply  
19 to: (a) Levies at the rates provided by existing law by or for any  
20 port or public utility district; (b) excess property tax levies  
21 authorized in Article VII, section 2 of the state Constitution; (c)  
22 levies for acquiring conservation futures as authorized under RCW  
23 84.34.230; (d) levies for emergency medical care or emergency medical  
24 services imposed under RCW 84.52.069; (e) levies to finance  
25 affordable housing imposed under RCW 84.52.105; (f) the portions of  
26 levies by metropolitan park districts that are protected under RCW  
27 84.52.120; (g) levies imposed by ferry districts under RCW 36.54.130;  
28 (h) levies for criminal justice purposes under RCW 84.52.135; (i) the  
29 portions of levies by fire protection districts and regional fire  
30 protection service authorities that are protected under RCW  
31 84.52.125; (j) levies by counties for transit-related purposes under  
32 RCW 84.52.140; (k) the portion of the levy by flood control zone  
33 districts that are protected under RCW 84.52.816; (l) levies imposed  
34 by a regional transit authority under RCW 81.104.175; (m) levies  
35 imposed by any park and recreation district described under RCW  
36 84.52.010(3)(a)(viii); (n) levies for veterans' assistance under RCW  
37 73.08.080(1); (o) levies for developmental disabilities or mental  
38 health services under RCW 71.20.110; (p) levies for county public  
39 health clinic operations, maintenance, and capital expenses under  
40 section 901 of this act; (q) the portion of any levy resulting from

1 the correction of a levy error under RCW 84.52.085(3); and (~~(e)~~)  
2 (r) levies for county hospital purposes under RCW 36.62.090.

3 **Sec. 504.** RCW 84.52.043 and 2024 c 361 s 4 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 Within and subject to the limitations imposed by RCW 84.52.050 as  
6 amended, the regular ad valorem tax levies upon real and personal  
7 property by the taxing districts hereafter named are as follows:

8 (1) Levies of the senior taxing districts are as follows: (a) The  
9 levies by the state may not exceed the applicable aggregate rate  
10 limit specified in RCW 84.52.065 (2) or (4) adjusted to the state  
11 equalized value in accordance with the indicated ratio fixed by the  
12 state department of revenue to be used exclusively for the support of  
13 the common schools; (b) the levy by any county may not exceed \$1.80  
14 per \$1,000 of assessed value; (c) the levy by any county pursuant to  
15 RCW 73.08.080(1) may not exceed 27 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value  
16 or be less than 1.125 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value; (d) the  
17 levy by any county pursuant to RCW 71.20.110 may not exceed 2.5 cents  
18 per \$1,000 of assessed value; (e) the levy by any road district may  
19 not exceed \$2.25 per \$1,000 of assessed value; and (~~(d)~~) (f) the  
20 levy by any city or town may not exceed \$3.375 per \$1,000 of assessed  
21 value. However any county is hereby authorized to increase its levy  
22 from \$1.80 to a rate not to exceed \$2.475 per \$1,000 of assessed  
23 value for general county purposes if the total levies for both the  
24 county and any road district within the county do not exceed \$4.05  
25 per \$1,000 of assessed value, and no other taxing district has its  
26 levy reduced as a result of the increased county levy.

27 (2) The aggregate levies of junior taxing districts and senior  
28 taxing districts, other than the state, may not exceed \$5.90 per  
29 \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The term "junior taxing districts"  
30 includes all taxing districts other than the state, counties, road  
31 districts, cities, towns, port districts, and public utility  
32 districts. The limitations provided in this subsection do not apply  
33 to: (a) Levies at the rates provided by existing law by or for any  
34 port or public utility district; (b) excess property tax levies  
35 authorized in Article VII, section 2 of the state Constitution; (c)  
36 levies for acquiring conservation futures as authorized under RCW  
37 84.34.230; (d) levies for emergency medical care or emergency medical  
38 services imposed under RCW 84.52.069; (e) levies to finance  
39 affordable housing imposed under RCW 84.52.105; (f) the portions of

1 levies by metropolitan park districts that are protected under RCW  
2 84.52.120; (g) levies imposed by ferry districts under RCW 36.54.130;  
3 (h) levies for criminal justice purposes under RCW 84.52.135; (i) the  
4 portions of levies by fire protection districts and regional fire  
5 protection service authorities that are protected under RCW  
6 84.52.125; (j) levies by counties for transit-related purposes under  
7 RCW 84.52.140; (k) the portion of the levy by flood control zone  
8 districts that are protected under RCW 84.52.816; (l) levies imposed  
9 by a regional transit authority under RCW 81.104.175; (m) the portion  
10 of any levy resulting from the correction of a levy error under RCW  
11 84.52.085(3); ~~((and))~~ (n) levies for veterans' assistance under RCW  
12 73.08.080(1); (o) levies for developmental disabilities or mental  
13 health services under RCW 71.20.110; (p) levies for county public  
14 health clinic operations, maintenance, and capital expenses under  
15 section 901 of this act; and (q) levies for county hospital purposes  
16 under RCW 36.62.090.

17 **Sec. 505.** RCW 84.52.010 and 2024 c 361 s 5 are each amended to  
18 read as follows:

19 (1) Except as is permitted under RCW 84.55.050, all taxes must be  
20 levied or voted in specific amounts.

21 (2) The rate percent of all taxes for state and county purposes,  
22 and purposes of taxing districts coextensive with the county, must be  
23 determined, calculated and fixed by the county assessors of the  
24 respective counties, within the limitations provided by law, upon the  
25 assessed valuation of the property of the county, as shown by the  
26 completed tax rolls of the county, and the rate percent of all taxes  
27 levied for purposes of taxing districts within any county must be  
28 determined, calculated, and fixed by the county assessors of the  
29 respective counties, within the limitations provided by law, upon the  
30 assessed valuation of the property of the taxing districts  
31 respectively.

32 (3) When a county assessor finds that the aggregate rate of tax  
33 levy on any property, that is subject to the limitations set forth in  
34 RCW 84.52.043 or 84.52.050, exceeds the limitations provided in  
35 either of these sections, the assessor must recompute and establish a  
36 consolidated levy in the following manner:

37 (a) The full certified rates of tax levy for state, county,  
38 county road district, regional transit authority, and city or town  
39 purposes must be extended on the tax rolls in amounts not exceeding

1 the limitations established by law; however, any state levy takes  
2 precedence over all other levies and may not be reduced for any  
3 purpose other than that required by RCW 84.55.010. If, as a result of  
4 the levies imposed under RCW 36.54.130, 36.69.145 by a park and  
5 recreation district described under (a)(viii) of this subsection (3),  
6 73.08.080(1), 71.20.110, 84.34.230, 84.52.069, 84.52.105, 36.62.090,  
7 section 901 of this act, the portion of the levy by a metropolitan  
8 park district that was protected under RCW 84.52.120, 84.52.125,  
9 84.52.135, and 84.52.140, the portion of the levy by a flood control  
10 zone district that was protected under RCW 84.52.816, and any portion  
11 of a levy resulting from the correction of a levy error under RCW  
12 84.52.085(3), the combined rate of regular property tax levies that  
13 are subject to the one percent limitation exceeds one percent of the  
14 true and fair value of any property, then these levies must be  
15 reduced as follows:

16 (i) The portion of any levy resulting from the correction of a  
17 levy error under RCW 84.52.085(3) must be reduced until the combined  
18 rate no longer exceeds one percent of the true and fair value of any  
19 property or must be eliminated;

20 (ii) If the combined rate of regular property tax levies that are  
21 subject to the one percent limitation still exceeds one percent of  
22 the true and fair value of any property, the portion of the levy by a  
23 flood control zone district that was protected under RCW 84.52.816  
24 must be reduced until the combined rate no longer exceeds one percent  
25 of the true and fair value of any property or must be eliminated;

26 (iii) If the combined rate of regular property tax levies that  
27 are subject to the one percent limitation still exceeds one percent  
28 of the true and fair value of any property, the levy imposed by a  
29 county under RCW 84.52.140 must be reduced until the combined rate no  
30 longer exceeds one percent of the true and fair value of any property  
31 or must be eliminated;

32 (iv) If the combined rate of regular property tax levies that are  
33 subject to the one percent limitation still exceeds one percent of  
34 the true and fair value of any property, the portion of the levy by a  
35 fire protection district or regional fire protection service  
36 authority that is protected under RCW 84.52.125 must be reduced until  
37 the combined rate no longer exceeds one percent of the true and fair  
38 value of any property or must be eliminated;

39 (v) If the combined rate of regular property tax levies that are  
40 subject to the one percent limitation still exceeds one percent of

1 the true and fair value of any property, the levy imposed by a county  
2 under RCW 84.52.135 must be reduced until the combined rate no longer  
3 exceeds one percent of the true and fair value of any property or  
4 must be eliminated;

5 (vi) If the combined rate of regular property tax levies that are  
6 subject to the one percent limitation still exceeds one percent of  
7 the true and fair value of any property, the levy imposed by a ferry  
8 district under RCW 36.54.130 must be reduced until the combined rate  
9 no longer exceeds one percent of the true and fair value of any  
10 property or must be eliminated;

11 (vii) If the combined rate of regular property tax levies that  
12 are subject to the one percent limitation still exceeds one percent  
13 of the true and fair value of any property, the portion of the levy  
14 by a metropolitan park district that is protected under RCW 84.52.120  
15 must be reduced until the combined rate no longer exceeds one percent  
16 of the true and fair value of any property or must be eliminated;

17 (viii) If the combined rate of regular property tax levies that  
18 are subject to the one percent limitation still exceeds one percent  
19 of the true and fair value of any property, then the levies imposed  
20 under RCW 36.69.145 must be reduced until the combined rate no longer  
21 exceeds one percent of the true and fair value of any property or  
22 must be eliminated. This subsection (3)(a)(viii) only applies to a  
23 park and recreation district located on an island and within a county  
24 with a population exceeding 2,000,000;

25 (ix) If the combined rate of regular property tax levies that are  
26 subject to the one percent limitation still exceeds one percent of  
27 the true and fair value of any property, then the levies imposed  
28 under RCW 84.34.230, 84.52.105, 36.62.090, section 901 of this act,  
29 and any portion of the levy imposed under RCW 84.52.069 that is in  
30 excess of 30 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value, must be reduced on a  
31 pro rata basis until the combined rate no longer exceeds one percent  
32 of the true and fair value of any property or must be eliminated; and

33 (x) If the combined rate of regular property tax levies that are  
34 subject to the one percent limitation still exceeds one percent of  
35 the true and fair value of any property, then the 30 cents per \$1,000  
36 of assessed value of tax levy imposed under RCW 84.52.069 must be  
37 reduced until the combined rate no longer exceeds one percent of the  
38 true and fair value of any property or eliminated.

39 (b) The certified rates of tax levy subject to these limitations  
40 by all junior taxing districts imposing taxes on such property must

1 be reduced or eliminated as follows to bring the consolidated levy of  
2 taxes on such property within the provisions of these limitations:

3 (i) First, the certified property tax levy authorized under RCW  
4 84.52.821 must be reduced on a pro rata basis or eliminated;

5 (ii) Second, if the consolidated tax levy rate still exceeds  
6 these limitations, the certified property tax levy rates of those  
7 junior taxing districts authorized under RCW 36.68.525, 36.69.145  
8 except a park and recreation district described under (a)(viii) of  
9 this subsection, 35.95A.100, and 67.38.130 must be reduced on a pro  
10 rata basis or eliminated;

11 (iii) Third, if the consolidated tax levy rate still exceeds  
12 these limitations, the certified property tax levy rates of flood  
13 control zone districts other than the portion of a levy protected  
14 under RCW 84.52.816 must be reduced on a pro rata basis or  
15 eliminated;

16 (iv) Fourth, if the consolidated tax levy rate still exceeds  
17 these limitations, the certified property tax levy rates of all other  
18 junior taxing districts, other than fire protection districts,  
19 regional fire protection service authorities, library districts, the  
20 first 50 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation levies for  
21 metropolitan park districts, and the first 50 cents per \$1,000 of  
22 assessed valuation levies for public hospital districts, must be  
23 reduced on a pro rata basis or eliminated;

24 (v) Fifth, if the consolidated tax levy rate still exceeds these  
25 limitations, the first 50 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation  
26 levies for metropolitan park districts created on or after January 1,  
27 2002, must be reduced on a pro rata basis or eliminated;

28 (vi) Sixth, if the consolidated tax levy rate still exceeds these  
29 limitations, the certified property tax levy rates authorized to fire  
30 protection districts under RCW 52.16.140 and 52.16.160 and regional  
31 fire protection service authorities under RCW 52.26.140(1) (b) and  
32 (c) must be reduced on a pro rata basis or eliminated; (~~and~~)

33 (vii) Seventh, if the consolidated tax levy rate still exceeds  
34 these limitations, the certified property tax levy rates authorized  
35 for fire protection districts under RCW 52.16.130, regional fire  
36 protection service authorities under RCW 52.26.140(1)(a), library  
37 districts, metropolitan park districts created before January 1,  
38 2002, under their first 50 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation  
39 levy, and public hospital districts under their first 50 cents per

1 \$1,000 of assessed valuation levy, must be reduced on a pro rata  
2 basis or eliminated;

3 (viii) Eighth, if the consolidated tax levy rate still exceeds  
4 these limitations, the certified property tax levy rates authorized  
5 for veterans' assistance under RCW 73.08.080(1) must be reduced on a  
6 pro rata basis or eliminated; and

7 (ix) Ninth, if the consolidated tax levy rate still exceeds these  
8 limitations, the certified property tax levy rates authorized for  
9 developmental disabilities or mental health services under RCW  
10 71.20.110(1) must be reduced on a pro rata basis or eliminated.

11 **Sec. 506.** RCW 84.52.010 and 2024 c 361 s 6 are each amended to  
12 read as follows:

13 (1) Except as is permitted under RCW 84.55.050, all taxes must be  
14 levied or voted in specific amounts.

15 (2) The rate percent of all taxes for state and county purposes,  
16 and purposes of taxing districts coextensive with the county, must be  
17 determined, calculated and fixed by the county assessors of the  
18 respective counties, within the limitations provided by law, upon the  
19 assessed valuation of the property of the county, as shown by the  
20 completed tax rolls of the county, and the rate percent of all taxes  
21 levied for purposes of taxing districts within any county must be  
22 determined, calculated and fixed by the county assessors of the  
23 respective counties, within the limitations provided by law, upon the  
24 assessed valuation of the property of the taxing districts  
25 respectively.

26 (3) When a county assessor finds that the aggregate rate of tax  
27 levy on any property, that is subject to the limitations set forth in  
28 RCW 84.52.043 or 84.52.050, exceeds the limitations provided in  
29 either of these sections, the assessor must recompute and establish a  
30 consolidated levy in the following manner:

31 (a) The full certified rates of tax levy for state, county,  
32 county road district, regional transit authority, and city or town  
33 purposes must be extended on the tax rolls in amounts not exceeding  
34 the limitations established by law; however any state levy takes  
35 precedence over all other levies and may not be reduced for any  
36 purpose other than that required by RCW 84.55.010. If, as a result of  
37 the levies imposed under RCW 36.54.130, 73.08.080(1), 71.20.110,  
38 84.34.230, 84.52.069, 84.52.105, 36.62.090, section 901 of this act,  
39 the portion of the levy by a metropolitan park district that was

1 protected under RCW 84.52.120, 84.52.125, 84.52.135, and 84.52.140,  
2 the portion of the levy by a flood control zone district that was  
3 protected under RCW 84.52.816, and the portion of any levy resulting  
4 from the correction of a levy error under RCW 84.52.085(3), the  
5 combined rate of regular property tax levies that are subject to the  
6 one percent limitation exceeds one percent of the true and fair value  
7 of any property, then these levies must be reduced as follows:

8 (i) The portion of any levy resulting from the correction of a  
9 levy error under RCW 84.52.085(3) must be reduced until the combined  
10 rate no longer exceeds one percent of the true and fair value of any  
11 property or must be eliminated;

12 (ii) If the combined rate of regular property tax levies that are  
13 subject to the one percent limitation still exceeds one percent of  
14 the true and fair value of any property, the portion of the levy by a  
15 flood control zone district that was protected under RCW 84.52.816  
16 must be reduced until the combined rate no longer exceeds one percent  
17 of the true and fair value of any property or must be eliminated;

18 (iii) If the combined rate of regular property tax levies that  
19 are subject to the one percent limitation still exceeds one percent  
20 of the true and fair value of any property, the levy imposed by a  
21 county under RCW 84.52.140 must be reduced until the combined rate no  
22 longer exceeds one percent of the true and fair value of any property  
23 or must be eliminated;

24 (iv) If the combined rate of regular property tax levies that are  
25 subject to the one percent limitation still exceeds one percent of  
26 the true and fair value of any property, the portion of the levy by a  
27 fire protection district or regional fire protection service  
28 authority that is protected under RCW 84.52.125 must be reduced until  
29 the combined rate no longer exceeds one percent of the true and fair  
30 value of any property or must be eliminated;

31 (v) If the combined rate of regular property tax levies that are  
32 subject to the one percent limitation still exceeds one percent of  
33 the true and fair value of any property, the levy imposed by a county  
34 under RCW 84.52.135 must be reduced until the combined rate no longer  
35 exceeds one percent of the true and fair value of any property or  
36 must be eliminated;

37 (vi) If the combined rate of regular property tax levies that are  
38 subject to the one percent limitation still exceeds one percent of  
39 the true and fair value of any property, the levy imposed by a ferry  
40 district under RCW 36.54.130 must be reduced until the combined rate

1 no longer exceeds one percent of the true and fair value of any  
2 property or must be eliminated;

3 (vii) If the combined rate of regular property tax levies that  
4 are subject to the one percent limitation still exceeds one percent  
5 of the true and fair value of any property, the portion of the levy  
6 by a metropolitan park district that is protected under RCW 84.52.120  
7 must be reduced until the combined rate no longer exceeds one percent  
8 of the true and fair value of any property or must be eliminated;

9 (viii) If the combined rate of regular property tax levies that  
10 are subject to the one percent limitation still exceeds one percent  
11 of the true and fair value of any property, then the levies imposed  
12 under RCW 84.34.230, 84.52.105, 36.62.090, section 901 of this act,  
13 and any portion of the levy imposed under RCW 84.52.069 that is in  
14 excess of 30 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value, must be reduced on a  
15 pro rata basis until the combined rate no longer exceeds one percent  
16 of the true and fair value of any property or must be eliminated; and

17 (ix) If the combined rate of regular property tax levies that are  
18 subject to the one percent limitation still exceeds one percent of  
19 the true and fair value of any property, then the 30 cents per \$1,000  
20 of assessed value of tax levy imposed under RCW 84.52.069 must be  
21 reduced until the combined rate no longer exceeds one percent of the  
22 true and fair value of any property or eliminated.

23 (b) The certified rates of tax levy subject to these limitations  
24 by all junior taxing districts imposing taxes on such property must  
25 be reduced or eliminated as follows to bring the consolidated levy of  
26 taxes on such property within the provisions of these limitations:

27 (i) First, the certified property tax levy authorized under RCW  
28 84.52.821 must be reduced on a pro rata basis or eliminated;

29 (ii) Second, if the consolidated tax levy rate still exceeds  
30 these limitations, the certified property tax levy rates of those  
31 junior taxing districts authorized under RCW 36.68.525, 36.69.145,  
32 35.95A.100, and 67.38.130 must be reduced on a pro rata basis or  
33 eliminated;

34 (iii) Third, if the consolidated tax levy rate still exceeds  
35 these limitations, the certified property tax levy rates of flood  
36 control zone districts other than the portion of a levy protected  
37 under RCW 84.52.816 must be reduced on a pro rata basis or  
38 eliminated;

39 (iv) Fourth, if the consolidated tax levy rate still exceeds  
40 these limitations, the certified property tax levy rates of all other

1 junior taxing districts, other than fire protection districts,  
2 regional fire protection service authorities, library districts, the  
3 first 50 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation levies for  
4 metropolitan park districts, and the first 50 cents per \$1,000 of  
5 assessed valuation levies for public hospital districts, must be  
6 reduced on a pro rata basis or eliminated;

7 (v) Fifth, if the consolidated tax levy rate still exceeds these  
8 limitations, the first 50 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation  
9 levies for metropolitan park districts created on or after January 1,  
10 2002, must be reduced on a pro rata basis or eliminated;

11 (vi) Sixth, if the consolidated tax levy rate still exceeds these  
12 limitations, the certified property tax levy rates authorized to fire  
13 protection districts under RCW 52.16.140 and 52.16.160 and regional  
14 fire protection service authorities under RCW 52.26.140(1) (b) and  
15 (c) must be reduced on a pro rata basis or eliminated; (~~and~~).

16 (vii) Seventh, if the consolidated tax levy rate still exceeds  
17 these limitations, the certified property tax levy rates authorized  
18 for fire protection districts under RCW 52.16.130, regional fire  
19 protection service authorities under RCW 52.26.140(1)(a), library  
20 districts, metropolitan park districts created before January 1,  
21 2002, under their first 50 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation  
22 levy, and public hospital districts under their first 50 cents per  
23 \$1,000 of assessed valuation levy, must be reduced on a pro rata  
24 basis or eliminated;

25 (viii) Eighth, if the consolidated tax levy rate still exceeds  
26 these limitations, the certified property tax levy rates authorized  
27 for veterans' assistance under RCW 73.08.080(1) must be reduced on a  
28 pro rata basis or eliminated; and

29 (ix) Ninth, if the consolidated tax levy rate still exceeds these  
30 limitations, the certified property tax levy rates authorized for  
31 developmental disabilities or mental health services under RCW  
32 71.20.110(1) must be reduced on a pro rata basis or eliminated.

33 **Sec. 507.** RCW 84.55.005 and 2014 c 97 s 316 are each amended to  
34 read as follows:

35 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter  
36 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

37 (1) "Inflation" means the percentage change in the implicit price  
38 deflator for personal consumption expenditures for the United States  
39 as published for the most recent twelve-month period by the bureau of

1 economic analysis of the federal department of commerce by September  
2 25th of the year before the taxes are payable;

3 (2) "Limit factor" means:

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

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

10 (c) For the veterans' assistance levy under RCW 73.08.080(1), the  
11 lesser of 101 percent or 100 percent plus inflation, except in a  
12 county with a population less than 10,000, then 101 percent;

13 (d) For the developmental disabilities and mental health services  
14 levy under RCW 71.20.110(1), the lesser of 101 percent or 100 percent  
15 plus inflation, except in a county with a population less than  
16 10,000, then 101 percent; and

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

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

## 21 Part VI

### 22 Exceeding Regular Property Tax Levy Limitations

23 **Sec. 601.** RCW 84.55.050 and 2024 c 114 s 1 are each amended to  
24 read as follows:

25 (1) Subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate  
26 limitations, regular property taxes may be levied by or for a taxing  
27 district in an amount exceeding the limitations provided for in this  
28 chapter if such levy is authorized by a proposition approved by a  
29 majority of the voters of the taxing district voting on the  
30 proposition at a general election held within the district or at a  
31 special election within the taxing district called by the district  
32 for the purpose of submitting such proposition to the voters. Any  
33 election held pursuant to this section shall be held not more than 12  
34 months prior to the date on which the proposed levy, or the first of  
35 the two consecutive levies, is to be made, except as provided in  
36 subsection (2) of this section. The ballot of the proposition shall  
37 state the dollar rate or rates, proposed for each year, up to two

1 consecutive years, and shall clearly state the conditions, if any,  
2 which are applicable under subsection (4) of this section.

3 (2) Subject to statutory dollar limitations, a proposition placed  
4 before the voters under this section may authorize annual increases  
5 in levies for multiple consecutive years, up to (~~six~~) 10  
6 consecutive years, during which period each year's authorized maximum  
7 legal levy shall be used as the base upon which an increased levy  
8 limit for the succeeding year is computed, but the ballot proposition  
9 must state the dollar rate proposed only for the first year of the  
10 consecutive years and must state the limit factor, or a specified  
11 index to be used for determining a limit factor, such as the consumer  
12 price index, which need not be the same for all years, by which the  
13 regular tax levy for the district may be increased in each of the  
14 subsequent consecutive years. Elections for this purpose must be held  
15 at a primary or general election. The title of each ballot measure  
16 must state the limited purposes for which the proposed annual  
17 increases during the specified period of up to (~~six~~) 10 consecutive  
18 years shall be used.

19 (3) After a levy authorized pursuant to this section is made, the  
20 dollar amount of such levy may not be used for the purpose of  
21 computing the limitations for subsequent levies provided for in this  
22 chapter, unless the ballot proposition expressly states that the levy  
23 made under this section will be used for this purpose.

24 (4) If expressly stated, a proposition placed before the voters  
25 under subsection (1) or (2) of this section may:

26 (a) Use the dollar amount of (~~a~~) the final levy under  
27 subsection (1) of this section, or the dollar amount of the final  
28 levy under subsection (2) of this section, for the purpose of  
29 computing the limitations for subsequent levies provided for in this  
30 chapter;

31 (b) Limit the period for which the increased levy is to be made  
32 under (a) of this subsection;

33 (c) Limit the purpose for which the increased levy is to be made  
34 under (a) of this subsection, but if the limited purpose includes  
35 making redemption payments on bonds;

36 (i) For the county in which the state capitol is located, the  
37 period for which the increased levies are made may not exceed 25  
38 years; and

1 (ii) For districts other than a district under (c)(i) of this  
2 subsection, the period for which the increased levies are made may  
3 not exceed nine years;

4 (d) Set the levy or levies at a rate less than the maximum rate  
5 allowed for the district;

6 (e) Provide that the exemption authorized by RCW 84.36.381 will  
7 apply to the levy of any additional regular property taxes authorized  
8 by voters; or

9 (f) Include any combination of the conditions in this subsection.

10 (5) Except as otherwise expressly stated in an approved ballot  
11 measure under this section, subsequent levies shall be computed as  
12 if:

13 (a) The proposition under this section had not been approved; and

14 (b) The taxing district had made levies at the maximum rates  
15 which would otherwise have been allowed under this chapter during the  
16 years levies were made under the proposition.

## 17 Part VII

### 18 Sales Tax on Rental Cars

19 **Sec. 701.** RCW 82.14.049 and 2020 c 139 s 23 are each amended to  
20 read as follows:

21 (1) The legislative authority of any county may impose a sales  
22 and use tax, in addition to the tax authorized by RCW 82.14.030, upon  
23 retail car rentals within the county that are taxable by the state  
24 under chapters 82.08 and 82.12 RCW. The rate of tax is one percent of  
25 the selling price in the case of a sales tax or rental value of the  
26 vehicle in the case of a use tax. Proceeds of the tax may not be used  
27 to subsidize any professional sports team and must be used solely for  
28 the following purposes:

29 (a) Acquiring, constructing, maintaining, or operating public  
30 sports stadium facilities;

31 (b) Engineering, planning, financial, legal, or professional  
32 services incidental to public sports stadium facilities;

33 (c) Youth or amateur sport activities or facilities; ~~((or))~~

34 (d) Debt or refinancing debt issued for the purposes of  
35 subsection (1) of this section; or

36 (e) Criminal justice purposes as defined in RCW 82.14.345.

37 (2) In a county of ~~((one million))~~ 1,000,000 or more, at least  
38 ~~((seventy-five))~~ 75 percent of the tax imposed under this section

1 must be used to retire the debt on the stadium under RCW  
2 67.28.180(2)(b)(i)(B), until that debt is fully retired.

3 **Part VIII**

4 **Flood Control Zone Districts Recovery Assistance**

5 **Sec. 801.** RCW 86.15.080 and 2010 c 46 s 2 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 A zone or participating zone may:

8 (1) Exercise all the powers and immunities vested in a county for  
9 flood water or stormwater control purposes under the provisions of  
10 chapters 86.12, 86.13, 36.89, and 36.94 RCW: PROVIDED, That in  
11 exercising such powers, all actions shall be taken in the name of the  
12 zone and title to all property or property rights shall vest in the  
13 zone;

14 (2) Plan, construct, acquire, repair, maintain, and operate all  
15 necessary equipment, facilities, improvements, and works to control,  
16 conserve, and remove flood waters and stormwaters and to otherwise  
17 carry out the purposes of this chapter including, but not limited to,  
18 protection of the quality of water sources;

19 (3) Take action necessary to protect life and property within the  
20 district from flood water damage, including in the context of an  
21 emergency, as defined in RCW 38.52.010, using covered volunteer  
22 emergency workers, as defined in RCW 38.52.010 and 38.52.180(5)(a),  
23 subject to and in accordance with the terms of RCW 38.52.180;

24 (4) Control, conserve, retain, reclaim, and remove flood waters  
25 and stormwaters, including waters of lakes and ponds within the  
26 district, and dispose of the same for beneficial or useful purposes  
27 under such terms and conditions as the board may deem appropriate,  
28 subject to the acquisition by the board of appropriate water rights  
29 in accordance with the statutes;

30 (5) Acquire necessary property, property rights, facilities, and  
31 equipment necessary to the purposes of the zone by purchase, gift, or  
32 condemnation: PROVIDED, That property of municipal corporations may  
33 not be acquired without the consent of such municipal corporation;

34 (6) Sue and be sued in the name of the zone;

35 (7) Acquire or reclaim lands when incidental to the purposes of  
36 the zone and dispose of such lands as are surplus to the needs of the  
37 zone in the manner provided for the disposal of county property in  
38 chapter 36.34 RCW;

1 (8) Cooperate with or join with the state of Washington, United  
2 States, another state, any agency, corporation or political  
3 subdivision of the United States or any state, Canada, or any private  
4 corporation or individual for the purposes of this chapter;

5 (9) Accept funds or property by loan, grant, gift or otherwise  
6 from the United States, the state of Washington, or any other public  
7 or private source;

8 (10) Remove debris, logs, or other material which may impede the  
9 orderly flow of waters in streams or water courses: PROVIDED, That  
10 such material shall become property of the zone and may be sold for  
11 the purpose of recovering the cost of removal: PROVIDED FURTHER, That  
12 valuable material or minerals removed from public lands shall remain  
13 the property of the state;

14 (11) Provide grant funds to political subdivisions of the state  
15 that are located within the boundaries of the zone, so long as the  
16 use of the grant funds is within the purposes authorized under this  
17 chapter;

18 (12) Expend funds, or transfer funds to the county legislative  
19 authority in which the zone is located, for the purpose of providing  
20 county-administered flood recovery assistance to households and  
21 businesses damaged by a flood event occurring within the zone that is  
22 the subject of an emergency proclamation issued by the governor under  
23 RCW 43.06.010.

24 **Part IX**

25 **County Public Health Clinic Property Tax**

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 901.** A new section is added to chapter 84.52  
27 RCW to read as follows:

28 (1) A county, at the time of levying general taxes, may levy an  
29 additional regular property tax, not to exceed five cents per \$1,000  
30 of assessed value in any one year, in accordance with this section.

31 (2) The legislative authority of a county imposing this levy must  
32 either:

33 (a) Impose the levy as a separate levy, independent of the  
34 regular property tax levy authorized in RCW 84.52.043(1)(b); or

35 (b) Impose the levy as part of its levy authorized in RCW  
36 84.52.043(1)(b).

1 (3) Any tax imposed under this section may only be used for the  
2 operation, maintenance, and capital expenses of public health  
3 clinics.

4 (4) The limitations in RCW 84.52.043 do not apply to the tax levy  
5 authorized in this section and the limitation in RCW 84.55.010 does  
6 not apply to the first year the tax levy is imposed under this  
7 section.

8 (5) A tax imposed under this section may take effect (a) no  
9 sooner than 75 days after the department is notified in writing of  
10 the change and (b) only on the first day of January, April, or July.

11 (6) For the purposes of this section, "public health clinic"  
12 means a fixed or mobile, publicly operated site for the provision of  
13 low-barrier public health and other related services including, but  
14 not limited to: Primary, dental, and reproductive health care;  
15 treatment, control, and prevention of communicable diseases,  
16 substance use disorder, and other health conditions; maternal,  
17 infant, child, and family health and nutrition; behavioral health  
18 care; assistance with health plan enrollment; and access and  
19 referrals to other community services.

20 **Part X**  
21 **Miscellaneous**

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1001.** Section 201 of this act takes effect  
23 January 1, 2028.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1002.** Sections 301 and 302 of this act take  
25 effect January 1, 2027.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1003.** Sections 501 through 507 of this act  
27 apply to taxes levied for collection in 2027 and thereafter.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1004.** Section 503 of this act expires January  
29 1, 2027.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1005.** Section 504 of this act takes effect  
31 January 1, 2027.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1006.** Section 505 of this act expires January  
33 1, 2027.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1007.**    Section 506 of this act takes effect  
2    January 1, 2027.

3        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1008.**    Except for sections 201, 301, 302, 504,  
4    and 506 of this act, this act takes effect July 1, 2026.

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