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By House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Haugen, Day, D. Sommers, Nealey, Orr and Wynne).

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1 AN ACT Relating to local governmental medical care and services;
2 and amending RCW 84.52.069.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 84.52.069 and 1985 c 348 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) As used in this section, "taxing district" means a county,
7 emergency medical service district, city or town, public hospital
8 district, or fire protection district.

9 (2) A taxing district may impose additional regular property tax
10 levies in an amount equal to (~~twenty-five~~) fifty cents or less per
11 thousand dollars of the assessed value of property in the taxing
12 district in each year for six consecutive years when specifically
13 authorized so to do by a majority of at least three-fifths of the
14 (~~electors~~) registered voters thereof approving a proposition
15 authorizing the levies submitted at a general or special election, at

1 which election the number of persons voting "yes" on the proposition
2 shall constitute three-fifths of a number equal to forty per centum of
3 the total votes cast in such taxing district at the last preceding
4 general election when the number of ~~((electors))~~ registered voters
5 voting on the proposition does not exceed forty per centum of the total
6 votes cast in such taxing district in the last preceding general
7 election; or by a majority of at least three-fifths of the ~~((electors))~~
8 registered voters thereof voting on the proposition when the number of
9 ~~((electors))~~ registered voters voting on the proposition exceeds forty
10 per centum of the total votes cast in such taxing district in the last
11 preceding general election. Ballot propositions shall conform with RCW
12 29.30.111.

13 (3) Any tax imposed under this section shall be used only for the
14 provision of emergency medical care or emergency medical services,
15 including related personnel costs, training for such personnel, and
16 related equipment, supplies, vehicles and structures needed for the
17 provision of emergency medical care or emergency medical services.

18 (4) If a county levies a tax under this section, no taxing district
19 within the county may levy a tax under this section. No other taxing
20 district may levy a tax under this section if another taxing district
21 has levied a tax under this section within its boundaries: PROVIDED,
22 That if a county levies less than ~~((twenty-five))~~ fifty cents per
23 thousand dollars of the assessed value of property, then any other
24 taxing district may levy a tax under this section equal to the
25 difference between the rate of the levy by the county and ~~((twenty-~~
26 ~~five))~~ fifty cents: PROVIDED FURTHER, That if a taxing district within
27 a county levies this tax, and the voters of the county subsequently
28 approve a levying of this tax, then the amount of the taxing district
29 levy within the county shall be reduced, when the combined levies
30 exceed ~~((twenty-five))~~ fifty cents. Whenever a tax is levied county-

1 wide, the service shall, insofar as is feasible, be provided throughout
2 the county: PROVIDED FURTHER, That no county-wide levy proposal may be
3 placed on the ballot without the approval of the legislative authority
4 of each city exceeding fifty thousand population within the county:
5 AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That this section and RCW 36.32.480 shall not
6 prohibit any city or town from levying an annual excess levy to fund
7 emergency medical services: AND PROVIDED, FURTHER, That if a county
8 proposes to impose tax levies under this section, no other ballot
9 proposition authorizing tax levies under this section by another taxing
10 district in the county may be placed before the voters at the same
11 election at which the county ballot proposition is placed: AND
12 PROVIDED FURTHER, That any taxing district emergency medical service
13 levy that is authorized subsequent to a county emergency medical
14 service levy, shall expire concurrently with the county emergency
15 medical service levy.

16 (5) The tax levy authorized in this section is in addition to the
17 tax levy authorized in RCW 84.52.043.

18 (6) The limitation in RCW 84.55.010 shall not apply to the first
19 levy imposed pursuant to this section following the approval of such
20 levy by the voters pursuant to subsection (2) of this section.

21 (7) No taxing district may levy under this section more than
22 twenty-five cents per thousand dollars of assessed value of property if
23 reductions under RCW 84.52.010(2) are made for the year within the
24 boundaries of the taxing district.