

2 **SSB 6013** - S AMD

3 By Senators Haugen and Winsley

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
6 following:

7 "Sec. 1. RCW 84.52.043 and 1993 c 337 s 3 are each amended to read  
8 as follows:

9 Within and subject to the limitations imposed by RCW 84.52.050 as  
10 amended, the regular ad valorem tax levies upon real and personal  
11 property by the taxing districts hereafter named shall be as follows:

12 (1) Levies of the senior taxing districts shall be as follows: (a)  
13 The levy by the state under RCW 84.52.065 shall not exceed three  
14 dollars and sixty cents per thousand dollars of assessed value adjusted  
15 to the state equalized value in accordance with the indicated ratio  
16 fixed by the state department of revenue to be used exclusively for the  
17 support of the common schools; (b) the levy by the state under section  
18 2 of this act shall not exceed two cents per thousand dollars of  
19 assessed value adjusted to the state equalized value in accordance with  
20 the indicated ratio fixed by the state department of revenue to be used  
21 exclusively for state fire protection services; (c) the levy by any  
22 county shall not exceed one dollar and eighty cents per thousand  
23 dollars of assessed value; ~~((+e+))~~ (d) the levy by any road district  
24 shall not exceed two dollars and twenty-five cents per thousand dollars  
25 of assessed value; and ~~((+d+))~~ (e) the levy by any city or town shall  
26 not exceed three dollars and thirty-seven and one-half cents per  
27 thousand dollars of assessed value. However any county is hereby  
28 authorized to increase its levy from one dollar and eighty cents to a  
29 rate not to exceed two dollars and forty-seven and one-half cents per  
30 thousand dollars of assessed value for general county purposes if the  
31 total levies for both the county and any road district within the  
32 county do not exceed four dollars and five cents per thousand dollars  
33 of assessed value, and no other taxing district has its levy reduced as  
34 a result of the increased county levy.

35 (2) The aggregate levies of junior taxing districts and senior  
36 taxing districts, other than the state, shall not exceed five dollars

1 and ninety cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. The term  
2 "junior taxing districts" includes all taxing districts other than the  
3 state, counties, road districts, cities, towns, port districts, and  
4 public utility districts. The limitations provided in this subsection  
5 shall not apply to: (a) Levies at the rates provided by existing law  
6 by or for any port or public utility district; (b) excess property tax  
7 levies authorized in Article VII, section 2 of the state Constitution;  
8 (c) levies for acquiring conservation futures as authorized under RCW  
9 84.34.230; (d) levies for emergency medical care or emergency medical  
10 services imposed under RCW 84.52.069; and (e) levies to finance  
11 affordable housing for very low-income housing imposed under RCW  
12 84.52.105.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 84.52 RCW  
14 to read as follows:

15 Subject to the limitations in RCW 84.55.010, in each year the state  
16 shall levy for collection in the following year for state fire  
17 protection responsibilities within the department of community, trade,  
18 and economic development a tax of two cents per thousand dollars of  
19 assessed value upon the assessed valuation of all taxable property  
20 within the state, except classified or designated forest land under  
21 chapter 84.33 RCW, adjusted to the state equalized value in accordance  
22 with the indicated ratio fixed by the state department of revenue.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 84.52 RCW  
24 to read as follows:

25 When a county assessor finds that the aggregate of all regular tax  
26 levies upon real and personal property by the state and all taxing  
27 districts other than a port or public utility district exceeds the  
28 limitation set forth in RCW 84.52.050, the assessor shall recompute and  
29 establish a consolidated levy as follows:

30 (1) If the limitation is exceeded only as a result of the levy  
31 authorized in section 2 of this act adjusted to the local levy rate in  
32 accordance with the indicated ratio fixed by the department, the  
33 certified property tax levy rates authorized under RCW 84.52.043(1)(e)  
34 and 52.16.140 shall be reduced on a pro rata basis until the limitation  
35 is not exceeded;

36 (2) If the limitation is exceeded as a result of both the levy  
37 authorized in section 2 of this act adjusted to the local levy rate in

1 accordance with the indicated ratio fixed by the department and other  
2 tax levies, the pro rationing process provided in RCW 84.52.010 shall  
3 be followed until the limitation is exceeded only as a result of the  
4 levy authorized in section 2 of this act, and the consolidated levy  
5 shall then be further reduced in accordance with subsection (1) of this  
6 section.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act shall be submitted to the people  
8 for their adoption and ratification, or rejection, at the next  
9 succeeding general election to be held in this state, in accordance  
10 with Article II, section 1 of the state Constitution, as amended, and  
11 the laws adopted to facilitate the operation thereof."

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15 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "services;" strike the  
16 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 84.52.043; adding new  
17 sections to chapter 84.52 RCW; and providing for submission of this act  
18 to a vote of the people."

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