

2 **HB 2951** - H AMD 225 FAILED 2-12-96

3 By Representative Morris

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5 Beginning on page 2, line 14, strike all material through "year."
6 on page 3, line 2, and insert the following:

7 "**Sec. 3.** RCW 84.55.005 and 1994 c 301 s 49 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 As used in this chapter(~~(, the term)~~):

10 (1) "Regular property taxes" has the meaning given it in RCW
11 84.04.140, and also includes amounts received in lieu of regular
12 property taxes.

13 (2) "Inflation" means the percentage change in the implicit price
14 deflator for the United States for each calendar year as published by
15 the United States department of commerce.

16 (3) "Population change" means the percentage change in district
17 population for each year as reported by the office of financial
18 management.

19 (4) "Fiscal growth factor" means the average of the sum of
20 inflation and population change for each of the prior three calendar
21 years.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 84.55 RCW
23 to read as follows:

24 Except as provided in this chapter, the levy for districts other
25 than junior districts, as defined in RCW 84.52.043, in any year shall
26 be set so that the regular property taxes payable in the following year
27 shall not exceed the lesser of one hundred six percent or one hundred
28 percent plus the fiscal growth factor, multiplied by the amount of
29 regular property taxes lawfully levied for the state in the highest of
30 the three most recent years in which such taxes were levied for such
31 district, plus an additional dollar amount calculated by multiplying
32 the increase in assessed value in that district resulting from new
33 construction, improvements to property, and any increase in the
34 assessed value of state-assessed property by the regular property tax
35 levy rate of the state for the preceding year."

1 EFFECT: Amends the current 106 percent levy lid by restricting
2 growth in state and senior district regular levies to the lesser of a
3 "fiscal growth factor" or six percent. The "fiscal growth factor" is
4 the average of population growth plus inflation for the three prior
5 years. This is similar to the I-601 growth factor. Junior taxing
6 districts are not affected.

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