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3 By Senators Fraser and Kohl-Welles

4 WITHDRAWN

5 Beginning on page 1, line 5, strike all of section 1 and insert the
6 following:

7 "Sec. 1. RCW 84.52.069 and 1995 c 318 s 9 are each amended to read
8 as follows:

9 (1) As used in this section, "taxing district" means a county,
10 emergency medical service district, city or town, public hospital
11 district, urban emergency medical service district, or fire protection
12 district.

13 (2) A taxing district may impose additional regular property tax
14 levies in an amount equal to fifty cents or less per thousand dollars
15 of the assessed value of property in the taxing district (~~(in each year~~
16 ~~for six consecutive years when specifically authorized so to do)).~~ The
17 tax shall either be imposed (a) each year for six consecutive years; or
18 (b) permanently. A tax levy under this section must be specifically
19 authorized by a majority of at least three-fifths of the registered
20 voters thereof approving a proposition authorizing the levies submitted
21 at a general or special election, at which election the number of
22 persons voting "yes" on the proposition shall constitute three-fifths
23 of a number equal to forty percent of the total number of voters voting
24 in such taxing district at the last preceding general election when the
25 number of registered voters voting on the proposition does not exceed
26 forty percent of the total number of voters voting in such taxing
27 district in the last preceding general election; or by a majority of at
28 least three-fifths of the registered voters thereof voting on the
29 proposition when the number of registered voters voting on the
30 proposition exceeds forty percent of the total number of voters voting
31 in such taxing district in the last preceding general election. Ballot
32 propositions imposing a levy for six consecutive years shall conform
33 with RCW 29.30.111: PROVIDED, That a proposition to impose a levy of
34 six consecutive years shall not be considered at the same election as
35 a proposition to impose a permanent levy.

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

6 (4) If a county levies a tax under this section, no taxing district
7 within the county may levy a tax under this section. No other taxing
8 district may levy a tax under this section if another taxing district
9 has levied a tax under this section within its boundaries: PROVIDED,
10 That if a county levies less than fifty cents per thousand dollars of
11 the assessed value of property, then any other taxing district may levy
12 a tax under this section equal to the difference between the rate of
13 the levy by the county and fifty cents: PROVIDED FURTHER, That if a
14 taxing district within a county levies this tax, and the voters of the
15 county subsequently approve a levying of this tax, then the amount of
16 the taxing district levy within the county shall be reduced, when the
17 combined levies exceed fifty cents. Whenever a tax is levied county-
18 wide, the service shall, insofar as is feasible, be provided throughout
19 the county: PROVIDED FURTHER, That no county-wide levy proposal may be
20 placed on the ballot without the approval of the legislative authority
21 of each city exceeding fifty thousand population within the county:
22 AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That this section and RCW 36.32.480 shall not
23 prohibit any city or town from levying an annual excess levy to fund
24 emergency medical services: AND PROVIDED, FURTHER, That if a county
25 proposes to impose tax levies under this section, no other ballot
26 proposition authorizing tax levies under this section by another taxing
27 district in the county may be placed before the voters at the same
28 election at which the county ballot proposition is placed: AND
29 PROVIDED FURTHER, That any taxing district imposing an emergency
30 medical service levy for six consecutive years that is authorized
31 subsequent to a county imposing an emergency medical service levy for
32 six consecutive years, shall expire concurrently with the county
33 emergency medical service levy.

34 (5) The limitations in RCW 84.52.043 shall not apply to the tax
35 levy authorized in this section.

36 (6) If a ballot proposition approved under subsection (2) of this
37 section did not impose the maximum allowable levy amount authorized for
38 the taxing district provided under this section, any future increase up
39 to the maximum allowable levy amount must be specifically authorized by

1 the voters in accordance with subsection (2) of this section at a
2 general or special election.

3 (7) The limitation in RCW 84.55.010 shall not apply to the first
4 levy imposed pursuant to this section following the approval of such
5 levy by the voters pursuant to subsection (2) of this section."

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9 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "services;" strike the
10 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 84.52.069; and creating
11 a new section."

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