

2 HB 1154 - S AMD - 311  
3 By Senators Haugen and McCaslin

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6 WITHDRAWN  
7 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
8 following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act applies to levies authorized after  
34 the effective date of this section."

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

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