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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) For the purpose of acquisition,
8 construction, remodeling, equipping, repairing, maintaining, and
9 operating a public zoo, aquarium, other parks, and open space, the
10 legislative authority of a city with a population of over one hundred
11 fifty thousand that is not in a metropolitan park district may, subject
12 to section 2 of this act, levy an annual regular property tax not
13 exceeding fifty cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation in the
14 city.

15 (2) The levy under this section is in addition to the levy of a
16 city under RCW 84.52.043 and 41.16.060.

17 (3) The limitation in RCW 84.55.010 does not apply to the first
18 levy imposed under this section.

19 (4) Proceeds of the taxes levied under this section may not be
20 applied to the payment of principal of or interest on bonds with
21 maturities greater than ten years.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) A city shall have no authority to levy
23 taxes under section 1 of this act until that power is activated by vote
24 of the city's voters at a regular election or a special election called
25 for that purpose. The ballot proposition whether to activate the
26 city's regular taxing power under this act shall propose an initial
27 regular tax rate or amount and shall also propose a maximum regular tax
28 rate or amount. If the voters approve a regular tax rate or amount,
29 that approval shall serve as the voter approval required by Initiative
30 Measure No. 695 for all increases in general regular taxes under this
31 act up to the maximum approved tax rate or amount.

32 (2) Any city placing on the ballot a proposition to authorize the
33 levy of taxes under this act shall, in the ballot ordinance, agree to
34 continue, for so long as the city levies general taxes under this act,
35 to appropriate annually for park and recreation purposes, from sources

1 other than general taxes levied under this act, at least the same
2 dollar amount the city appropriated for park and recreation purposes in
3 the last annual budget adopted before the effective date of this act.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** In the ordinance placing on the ballot the
5 proposition called for by section 2 of this act, the city legislative
6 authority shall specify the minimum or maximum shares, as percentages
7 or dollar amounts or both, of revenue from taxes under section 1 of
8 this act that shall, annually or cumulatively, be devoted during the
9 first ten years those taxes are collected to each of the following:
10 (1) A public zoo, (2) a public aquarium, and (3) other parks and open
11 space.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** All instances in which voter approval is
13 called for under sections 1 and 2 of this act shall require an
14 affirmative vote of a majority of the voters of the city voting on the
15 proposition at a general election held within the city or at a special
16 election called by the city held in conjunction with a state general or
17 primary election.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** (1) If the legislative authority of a city
19 whose voters have authorized taxes under section 1 of this act
20 contracts with one or more nonprofit corporations or other public
21 organizations for the overall management and operation of a zoo, an
22 aquarium, or both, that contract shall be subject to this section. No
23 such contract for the overall management and operation of zoo or
24 aquarium facilities by a nonprofit corporation or other public
25 organization shall have an initial term or any renewal term longer than
26 thirty years, but may be renewed by the legislative authority of the
27 city upon the expiration of an initial term or any renewal term.

28 (2) Before approving each initial and any renewal contract with a
29 nonprofit corporation or other public organization for the overall
30 management and operation of any facilities, the city legislative
31 authority shall hold a public hearing on the proposed management and
32 operation by the nonprofit corporation or other public organization.
33 At least thirty days prior to the hearing, a public notice setting
34 forth the date, time, and place of the hearing must be published at
35 least once in a local newspaper of general circulation. Notice of the
36 hearing shall also be mailed or otherwise delivered to all who would be

1 entitled to notice of a special meeting of the city legislative
2 authority under RCW 42.30.080. The notice shall identify the
3 facilities involved and the nonprofit corporation or other public
4 organization proposed for management and operation under the contract
5 with the city. The terms and conditions under which the city proposes
6 to contract with the nonprofit corporation or other public organization
7 for management and operation shall be available upon request from and
8 after the date of publication of the hearing notice and at the hearing,
9 but after the public hearing the city legislative authority may amend
10 the proposed terms and conditions at open public meetings.

11 (3) As part of the management and operation contract, the
12 legislative authority of the city may authorize the managing and
13 operating entity to grant to any nonprofit corporation or public or
14 private organization franchises or concessions that further the public
15 use and enjoyment of the zoo or aquarium, as the case may be, and may
16 authorize the managing and operating entity to contract with any public
17 or private organization for any specific services as are routinely so
18 procured by the city.

19 (4) Notwithstanding any provision in the charter of the city so
20 contracting for the overall management and operation of a zoo or an
21 aquarium, or any other provision of law, the nonprofit corporation or
22 other public organization with responsibility for overall management or
23 operation of any such facilities pursuant to a contract under this
24 section may, in carrying out that responsibility under such contract,
25 manage, supervise, and control those employees of the city employed in
26 connection with the zoo or aquarium and may hire, fire, and otherwise
27 discipline those employees. Notwithstanding any provision in the
28 charter of the city so contracting for the overall management and
29 operation of a zoo or an aquarium, or any other provision of law, the
30 civil service system of any such city shall provide for the nonprofit
31 corporation or other public organization to manage, supervise, control,
32 hire, fire, and otherwise discipline those employees of the city
33 employed in connection with the zoo or aquarium.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Nothing in this chapter shall be construed
35 to affect any terms, conditions, or practices contained in a collective
36 bargaining agreement in effect on the effective date of this act.

1 **Sec. 7.** RCW 84.52.010 and 1995 2nd sp.s. c 13 s 4 are each amended
2 to read as follows:

3 Except as is permitted under RCW 84.55.050, all taxes shall be
4 levied or voted in specific amounts.

5 The rate percent of all taxes for state and county purposes, and
6 purposes of taxing districts coextensive with the county, shall be
7 determined, calculated and fixed by the county assessors of the
8 respective counties, within the limitations provided by law, upon the
9 assessed valuation of the property of the county, as shown by the
10 completed tax rolls of the county, and the rate percent of all taxes
11 levied for purposes of taxing districts within any county shall be
12 determined, calculated and fixed by the county assessors of the
13 respective counties, within the limitations provided by law, upon the
14 assessed valuation of the property of the taxing districts
15 respectively.

16 When a county assessor finds that the aggregate rate of tax levy on
17 any property, that is subject to the limitations set forth in RCW
18 84.52.043 or 84.52.050, exceeds the limitations provided in either of
19 these sections, the assessor shall recompute and establish a
20 consolidated levy in the following manner:

21 (1) The full certified rates of tax levy for state, county, county
22 road district, and city or town purposes shall be extended on the tax
23 rolls in amounts not exceeding the limitations established by law;
24 however any state levy shall take precedence over all other levies and
25 shall not be reduced for any purpose other than that required by RCW
26 84.55.010. If, as a result of the levies imposed under RCW 84.52.069,
27 84.34.230, the portion of the levy by a metropolitan park district that
28 was protected under RCW 84.52.120, and 84.52.105, the combined rate of
29 regular property tax levies that are subject to the one percent
30 limitation exceeds one percent of the true and fair value of any
31 property, then these levies shall be reduced as follows: (a) The
32 portion of the levy by a metropolitan park district that is protected
33 under RCW 84.52.120 shall be reduced until the combined rate no longer
34 exceeds one percent of the true and fair value of any property or shall
35 be eliminated; (b) if the combined rate of regular property tax levies
36 that are subject to the one percent limitation still exceeds one
37 percent of the true and fair value of any property, then the levy by a
38 city under section 1 of this act shall be reduced until the combined
39 rate no longer exceeds one percent of the true and fair value of any

1 property or shall be eliminated; (c) if the combined rate of regular
2 property tax levies that are subject to the one percent limitation
3 still exceeds one percent of the true and fair value of any property,
4 then the levies imposed under RCW 84.34.230, 84.52.105, and any portion
5 of the levy imposed under RCW 84.52.069 that is in excess of thirty
6 cents per thousand dollars of assessed value, shall be reduced on a pro
7 rata basis until the combined rate no longer exceeds one percent of the
8 true and fair value of any property or shall be eliminated; and (~~(e)~~)
9 (d) if the combined rate of regular property tax levies that are
10 subject to the one percent limitation still exceeds one percent of the
11 true and fair value of any property, then the thirty cents per thousand
12 dollars of assessed value of tax levy imposed under RCW 84.52.069 shall
13 be reduced until the combined rate no longer exceeds one percent of the
14 true and fair value of any property or eliminated.

15 (2) The certified rates of tax levy subject to these limitations by
16 cities levying under section 1 of this act and by all junior taxing
17 districts imposing taxes on such property shall be reduced or
18 eliminated as follows to bring the consolidated levy of taxes on such
19 property within the provisions of these limitations:

20 (a) First, the levy of a city under section 1 of this act shall be
21 reduced or eliminated;

22 (b) Second, if the consolidated tax levy rate still exceeds these
23 limitations, the certified property tax levy rates of those junior
24 taxing districts authorized under RCW 36.68.525, 36.69.145, and
25 67.38.130 shall be reduced on a pro rata basis or eliminated;

26 (~~(b) Second~~) (c) Third, if the consolidated tax levy rate still
27 exceeds these limitations, the certified property tax levy rates of
28 flood control zone districts shall be reduced on a pro rata basis or
29 eliminated;

30 (~~(c) Third~~) (d) Fourth, if the consolidated tax levy rate still
31 exceeds these limitations, the certified property tax levy rates of all
32 other junior taxing districts, other than fire protection districts,
33 library districts, the first fifty cent per thousand dollars of
34 assessed valuation levies for metropolitan park districts, and the
35 first fifty cent per thousand dollars of assessed valuation levies for
36 public hospital districts, shall be reduced on a pro rata basis or
37 eliminated;

38 (~~(d) Fourth~~) (e) Fifth, if the consolidated tax levy rate still
39 exceeds these limitations, the certified property tax levy rates

1 authorized to fire protection districts under RCW 52.16.140 and
2 52.16.160 shall be reduced on a pro rata basis or eliminated; and
3 ((~~(e) Fifth~~)) (f) Sixth, if the consolidated tax levy rate still
4 exceeds these limitations, the certified property tax levy rates
5 authorized for fire protection districts under RCW 52.16.130, library
6 districts, metropolitan park districts under their first fifty cent per
7 thousand dollars of assessed valuation levy, and public hospital
8 districts under their first fifty cent per thousand dollars of assessed
9 valuation levy, shall be reduced on a pro rata basis or eliminated.

10 In determining whether the aggregate rate of tax levy on any
11 property, that is subject to the limitations set forth in RCW
12 84.52.050, exceeds the limitations provided in that section, the
13 assessor shall use the hypothetical state levy, as apportioned to the
14 county under RCW 84.48.080, that was computed under RCW 84.48.080
15 without regard to the reduction under RCW 84.55.012.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** Sections 1 through 6 of this act constitute
17 a new chapter in Title 35 RCW."

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21 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "recreation;" strike the
22 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 84.52.010; and adding
23 a new chapter to Title 35 RCW."

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