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Brief Description: Limiting tax increases.

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Provides that any tax increase imposed by the state shall require voter approval.

Declares that, for the purposes of this section, "tax" includes, but is not necessarily limited to, sales and use taxes, property taxes, business and occupation taxes, excise taxes, fuel taxes, impact fees, license fees, permit fees, and any monetary charge by government.

Declares that, for the purposes of this section, "tax" does not include: (1) Higher education tuition; and

(2) civil and criminal fines and other charges collected in cases of restitution or violation of law or contract.

Declares that this act is intended to add to, and not replace, the requirements for tax increases set forth in Initiative 601, the Taxpayer Protection Act, RCW 43.135.035.