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## Local Government & Housing Committee

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### HJR 4220

**Brief Description:** Amending the Constitution to restrict the number of years excess levies by fire protection districts can be made.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Dunshee and Mulliken.

Brief Summary of Bill
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Allowing fire protection district levies for four year periods.</li></ul>



**Hearing Date:** 1/30/02

**Staff:** Amy Wood (786-7127).

**Background:**

The Washington State Constitution specifies that propositions to levy additional taxes for fire protection district operating purposes must be limited to a period of one year. An amendment to change the state constitution must be approved by a two-thirds majority of both houses of the Legislature, followed by a majority of the people.

**Summary of Bill:**

A constitutional amendment is proposed to increase the one year period for authorizing a fire protection district operating levy. Propositions to levy additional taxes for fire protection district operating purposes may be for a period of up to four years.

The secretary of state is directed to give proper notice of a constitutional amendment to be ratified by the people.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not Requested.