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HOUSE BILL 1751

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1            AN ACT Relating to property tax levies; amending RCW 84.52.043 and  
2 84.52.065; and creating a new section.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 84.52.043 and 1995 c 99 s 3 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            Within and subject to the limitations imposed by RCW 84.52.050 as  
7 amended, the regular ad valorem tax levies upon real and personal  
8 property by the taxing districts hereafter named shall be as follows:

9            (1) Levies of the senior taxing districts shall be as follows: (a)  
10 The levy by the state shall not exceed three dollars (~~and sixty~~  
11 ~~cents~~) per thousand dollars of assessed value adjusted to the state  
12 equalized value in accordance with the indicated ratio fixed by the  
13 state department of revenue to be used exclusively for the support of  
14 the common schools; (b) the levy by any county shall not exceed one  
15 dollar and eighty cents per thousand dollars of assessed value; (c) the  
16 levy by any road district shall not exceed two dollars and twenty-five  
17 cents per thousand dollars of assessed value; and (d) the levy by any  
18 city or town shall not exceed three dollars and thirty-seven and one-  
19 half cents per thousand dollars of assessed value. However any county

1 is hereby authorized to increase its levy from one dollar and eighty  
2 cents to a rate not to exceed two dollars and forty-seven and one-half  
3 cents per thousand dollars of assessed value for general county  
4 purposes if the total levies for both the county and any road district  
5 within the county do not exceed four dollars and five cents per  
6 thousand dollars of assessed value, and no other taxing district has  
7 its levy reduced as a result of the increased county levy.

8 (2) The aggregate levies of junior taxing districts and senior  
9 taxing districts, other than the state, shall not exceed ~~((five))~~ six  
10 dollars and ~~((ninety))~~ fifty cents per thousand dollars of assessed  
11 valuation. The term "junior taxing districts" includes all taxing  
12 districts other than the state, counties, road districts, cities,  
13 towns, port districts, and public utility districts. The limitations  
14 provided in this subsection shall not apply to: (a) Levies at the  
15 rates provided by existing law by or for any port or public utility  
16 district; (b) excess property tax levies authorized in Article VII,  
17 section 2 of the state Constitution; (c) levies for acquiring  
18 conservation futures as authorized under RCW 84.34.230; (d) levies for  
19 emergency medical care or emergency medical services imposed under RCW  
20 84.52.069; (e) levies to finance affordable housing for very low-income  
21 housing imposed under RCW 84.52.105; and (f) the portions of levies by  
22 metropolitan park districts that are protected under RCW 84.52.120.

23 **Sec. 2.** RCW 84.52.065 and 1991 sp.s. c 31 s 16 are each amended to  
24 read as follows:

25 Subject to the limitations in RCW 84.55.010, in each year the state  
26 shall levy for collection in the following year for the support of  
27 common schools of the state a tax of three dollars ~~((and sixty cents))~~  
28 per thousand dollars of assessed value upon the assessed valuation of  
29 all taxable property within the state adjusted to the state equalized  
30 value in accordance with the indicated ratio fixed by the state  
31 department of revenue.

32 As used in this section, "the support of common schools" includes  
33 the payment of the principal and interest on bonds issued for capital  
34 construction projects for the common schools.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    This act applies to taxes levied for  
2 collection in 2002 and thereafter.

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