

SHB 1631 - H AMD 230

By Representative Schindler

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 84.34.230 and 1995 c 318 s 8 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 For the purpose of acquiring conservation futures (~~(as well as)~~)
6 and other rights and interests in real property pursuant to RCW
7 84.34.210 and 84.34.220, and for maintaining and operating any property
8 acquired, a county may levy an amount not to exceed six and one-quarter
9 cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation against the assessed
10 valuation of all taxable property within the county. The limitations
11 in RCW 84.52.043 shall not apply to the tax levy authorized in this
12 section. Any rights or interests in real property acquired under this
13 section must be located within the assessing county.

14 **Sec. 2.** RCW 84.34.240 and 1971 ex.s. c 243 s 5 are each amended to
15 read as follows:

16 (1) Any board of county commissioners may establish by resolution
17 a special fund which may be termed a conservation futures fund to which
18 it may credit all taxes levied pursuant to RCW 84.34.230. Amounts
19 placed in this fund (~~(may)~~) shall be used (~~(solely)~~) for the purpose of
20 acquiring rights and interests in real property pursuant to the terms
21 of RCW 84.34.210 and 84.34.220, and for the maintenance and operation
22 of any property acquired. The amount of revenue used for maintenance
23 and operations of parks and recreational facilities may not exceed
24 twenty-five percent of the total amount collected from the tax levied
25 under RCW 84.34.230 in the preceding calendar year. Revenues from this
26 tax may not be used to supplant existing maintenance and operation
27 funding. Any rights or interests in real property acquired under this
28 section must be located within the assessing county.

1 (2) In counties greater than one hundred thousand in population,
2 the board of county commissioners or county legislative authority shall
3 develop a process to help ensure distribution of the tax levied under
4 RCW 84.34.230, over time, throughout the county.

5 (3) Nothing in this section shall be construed as limiting in any
6 manner methods and funds otherwise available to a county for financing
7 the acquisition of such rights and interests in real property."

EFFECT: (1) Eliminates the property tax increase authorized under section 1 of the substitute bill; (2) Authorizes the use of up to twenty-five percent of the revenues derived from the conservation futures tax levy to be used for the maintenance and operation of acquired properties.

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