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By Representatives Wallace, Newhouse, Haigh, Dunn, Takko, Grant, Blake, Quall, Linville, Conway, Orcutt and Kretz

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1 AN ACT Relating to monetary assessments by drainage, diking, flood
2 control, and mosquito control districts; amending RCW 17.28.255; and
3 adding a new section to chapter 85.38 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 85.38 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) Every special district must use the assessed value applicable
8 to forest land, farm and agricultural land, or open space land, under
9 chapter 84.33 or 84.34 RCW, when the land has been designated as such
10 and the assessed value is used as a component in determining the
11 district assessment.

12 (2) If a district uses a fractional amount of assessed value as a
13 component in determining the district assessment, then a fractional
14 amount of the value applicable to forest land, farm and agricultural
15 land, or open space land, under chapter 84.33 or 84.34 RCW, shall be
16 used.

17 **Sec. 2.** RCW 17.28.255 and 1959 c 64 s 7 are each amended to read
18 as follows:

1 The board of trustees shall annually determine the amount of money
2 necessary to carry on the operations of the district and shall classify
3 the property therein in proportion to the benefits to be derived from
4 the operations of the district and in accordance with such
5 classification shall apportion and assess the several lots, blocks,
6 tracts, and parcels of land or other property within the district,
7 which assessment shall be collected with the general taxes of the
8 county or counties. A mosquito control district must use the assessed
9 value applicable to forest land, farm and agricultural land, or open
10 space land, under chapter 84.33 or 84.34 RCW, when the land has been
11 designated as such and the assessed value is used as a component in
12 determining the district assessment. If a district uses a fractional
13 amount of assessed value as a component in determining the district
14 assessment, then a fractional amount of the value applicable to forest
15 land, farm and agricultural land, or open space land, under chapter
16 84.33 or 84.34 RCW, shall be used.

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