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HOUSE BILL 1631

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1            AN ACT Relating to using revenues under the county conservation  
2 futures levy; and amending RCW 84.34.230 and 84.34.240.

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

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

6            Conservation futures are a useful tool for counties to preserve  
7 lands of public interest for future generations. Counties are  
8 encouraged to use some conservation futures as one tool for salmon  
9 restoration purposes.

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

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

3       Conservation futures are a useful tool for counties to preserve  
4 lands of public interest for future generations. Counties are  
5 encouraged to use some conservation futures as one tool for salmon  
6 restoration purposes.

7       (1) Any board of county commissioners may establish by resolution  
8 a special fund which may be termed a conservation futures fund to which  
9 it may credit all taxes levied pursuant to RCW 84.34.230. Amounts  
10 placed in this fund ((may)) shall be used ((solely)) for the purpose of  
11 acquiring rights and interests in real property pursuant to the terms  
12 of RCW 84.34.210 and 84.34.220, and for the maintenance and operation  
13 of any property acquired. The amount of revenue used for maintenance  
14 and operations of parks and recreational facilities may not exceed ten  
15 percent of the total amount collected from the tax levied under RCW  
16 84.34.230 in the preceding calendar year. Revenues from this tax may  
17 not be used to supplant existing maintenance and operation funding.  
18 Any rights or interests in real property acquired under this section  
19 must be located within the assessing county.

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

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

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