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SENATE BILL 5109

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By Senators Jacobsen and Kline

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1 AN ACT Relating to a conservation futures levy; and amending RCW  
2 84.34.230.

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 (1) For the purpose of acquiring conservation futures as well as  
7 other rights and interests in real property pursuant to RCW 84.34.210  
8 and 84.34.220, a county may levy an amount not to exceed (~~six and one-~~  
9 quarter)) twelve and one-half cents per thousand dollars of assessed  
10 valuation against the assessed valuation of all taxable property within  
11 the county. The limitations in RCW 84.52.043 shall not apply to the  
12 tax levy authorized in this section.

13 (2)(a) Of the amount levied by a county under subsection (1) of  
14 this section that is in excess of six and one-quarter cents per  
15 thousand dollars, at least one-half shall be used to acquire  
16 conservation easements on farm and agricultural land or purchase the  
17 development rights to farm and agricultural land. Such acquisition of  
18 a conservation easement or purchase of development right shall be made  
19 in a way to retain the long-term farm and agricultural use of the land.

1       (b) An amount levied by a county under subsection (1) of this  
2 section that is in excess of six and one-quarter cents per thousand  
3 dollars and that is not used under (a) of this subsection, may be used  
4 in accordance with RCW 84.34.210 and 84.34.220.

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