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1            AN ACT Relating to port district property taxation; amending RCW  
2 84.55.092; and creating a new section.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 84.55.092 and 1998 c 16 s 3 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, the  
7 regular property tax levy for each taxing district other than the state  
8 may be set at the amount which would be allowed otherwise under this  
9 chapter if the regular property tax levy for the district for taxes due  
10 in prior years beginning with 1986 had been set at the full amount  
11 allowed under this chapter including any levy authorized under RCW  
12 52.16.160 that would have been imposed but for the limitation in RCW  
13 52.18.065, applicable upon imposition of the benefit charge under  
14 chapter 52.18 RCW.

15            (2) A port district with an assessed value of over one hundred  
16 billion dollars may not set its property tax levy in an amount that  
17 exceeds one hundred five percent of the prior year's levy.

18            (3) The purpose of this section is to remove the incentive for a  
19 taxing district to maintain its tax levy at the maximum level permitted

1 under this chapter, and to protect the future levy capacity of a taxing  
2 district that reduces its tax levy below the level that it otherwise  
3 could impose under this chapter, by removing the adverse consequences  
4 to future levy capacities resulting from such levy reductions.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act applies to taxes levied for  
6 collection in 2008 and thereafter.

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