
HOUSE BILL 1958

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By Representatives Harmsworth, Young, Rodne, and Stanford

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1 AN ACT Relating to regional transit authority property taxes
2 imposed on less than a whole parcel; amending RCW 81.104.175;
3 creating a new section; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 81.104.175 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 44 s 321 are each
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (1) A regional transit authority that includes a county with a
8 population of more than one million five hundred thousand may impose
9 a regular property tax levy in an amount not to exceed twenty-five
10 cents per thousand dollars of the assessed value of property in the
11 regional transit authority district in accordance with the terms of
12 this section.

13 (2) Any tax imposed under this section must be used for the
14 purpose of providing high capacity transportation service, as set
15 forth in a proposition that is approved by a majority of the
16 registered voters that vote on the proposition.

17 (3) Property taxes imposed under this section may be imposed for
18 the period of time required to pay the cost to plan, design,
19 construct, operate, and maintain the transit facilities set forth in
20 the approved proposition. Property taxes pledged to repay bonds may
21 be imposed at the pledged amount until the bonds are retired. After

1 the bonds are retired, property taxes authorized under this section
2 must be:

3 (a) Reduced to the level required to operate and maintain the
4 regional transit authority's transit facilities; or

5 (b) Terminated, unless the taxes have been extended by public
6 vote.

7 (4) The limitations in RCW 84.52.043 do not apply to the tax
8 authorized in this section.

9 (5) The limitation in RCW 84.55.010 does not apply to the first
10 levy imposed under this section.

11 (6) If a regional transit authority imposes the tax authorized
12 under subsection (1) of this section, the authority may not receive
13 any state grant funds provided in an omnibus transportation
14 appropriations act except transit coordination grants created in
15 chapter 11, Laws of 2015 3rd sp. sess.

16 (7) Property taxes imposed under this section may not be imposed
17 on less than a whole parcel.

18 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act applies retroactively to November
19 1, 2016, as well as prospectively.

20 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This act is necessary for the immediate
21 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of
22 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
23 effect immediately.

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