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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6475**

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**State of Washington**

**65th Legislature**

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**By** Senate Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Hobbs, Palumbo, King, Wagoner, McCoy, and Liias)

READ FIRST TIME 01/30/18.

1 AN ACT Relating to regional transit authority property taxes  
2 imposed on less than a whole parcel; amending RCW 81.104.175; and  
3 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 is necessary for the immediate  
19 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of  
20 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes  
21 effect immediately.

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