ESSB 5313 - H AMD **943**

By Representative Hoff

WITHDRAWN 04/28/2019

1 On page 5, after line 23, insert the following:

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- 3 "(9) (a) Beginning January 1, 2020, a person is exempt from any
- 4 legal obligation to pay real property taxes due and payable under this
- 5 <u>section in excess of the amount under this section in the year</u>
- 6 following the year in which a claim is filed, and thereafter, if the
- 7 person is:
- 8 (i) sixty-one or older on December 31st of the year in which the
- 9 exemption claim under this section is filed; and
- 10 (ii) indigent.
- (b) For purposes of this section, "indigent" means a person who
- 12 is:
- (i) Receiving one of the following types of public assistance:
- 14 (A) Temporary assistance for needy families, aged, blind, or
- 15 disabled assistance benefits, medical care services under RCW
- 16 74.09.035;
- 17 (B) Pregnant women assistance benefits;
- 18 (C) Poverty-related veterans' benefits;
- 19 (D) Food stamps or food stamp benefits transferred electronically;
- 20 (E) Refugee resettlement benefits;
- 21 (F) Medicaid; or
- 22 (G) Supplemental security income; or
- (ii) Involuntarily committed to a public mental health facility;
- 24 or
- 25 (iii) Receiving an annual income, after taxes, of one hundred
- 26 twenty-five percent or <u>less of the current federally established</u>
- 27 poverty level."

 $\underline{\text{EFFECT:}}$ Exempts indigent senior citizens from the increased levy rate, as provided in this bill.

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