
HOUSE BILL 1581

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By Representatives Walsh and Dufault

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1 AN ACT Relating to modifying the allowable language used to refer
2 to the state property tax levy on property tax statements or notices;
3 adding a new section to chapter 84.56 RCW; and creating a new
4 section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that many Washington
7 property taxpayers are confused about precisely how those funds are
8 spent by state and local governments. This confusion is caused, in
9 many cases, by confusing language included on property tax
10 statements, bills, and other related documents. So, the legislature
11 intends to ease the confusion by requiring simplicity and clarity in
12 property tax documents.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 84.56
14 RCW to read as follows:

15 Any tax statement or notice of taxes due, required to be provided
16 to a taxpayer under this chapter, may not contain language that in
17 any way refers to the state property tax levied under RCW 84.52.065

1 or 84.52.067 using the phrase "school tax" or any substantially
2 similar phrase.

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