

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2348**

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COUNTY HOSPITALS—FUNDING

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Yeas 59 Nays 36

LAURIE JINKINS

**Speaker of the House of  
Representatives**

Passed by the Senate February 29,  
2024  
Yeas 31 Nays 18

DENNY HECK

**President of the Senate**

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JAY INSLEE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2348** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BERNARD DEAN

**Chief Clerk**

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April 1, 2024

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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**By** House Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Street, Chopp, Taylor, Fitzgibbon, Berry, Orwall, Davis, Alvarado, Farivar, Macri, Ryu, Riccelli, and Ormsby)

READ FIRST TIME 02/05/24.

1            AN ACT Relating to county hospital funding; amending RCW  
2 36.62.010, 36.62.090, 84.52.043, 84.52.043, 84.52.010, and 84.52.010;  
3 providing an effective date; and providing an expiration date.

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

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.62.010 and 1984 c 26 s 1 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7            The legislative authority of any county may establish, provide,  
8 and maintain hospitals for the care and treatment of the indigent,  
9 sick, injured, or infirm, and for this purpose the county legislative  
10 authority may:

11            (1) Purchase or lease real property or use lands already owned by  
12 the county;

13            (2) Erect all necessary buildings, make all necessary  
14 improvements and repairs and alter any existing building for the use  
15 of said hospitals;

16            (3) Use county moneys, levy taxes, and issue bonds as authorized  
17 by law, to raise a sufficient amount of money to ~~((cover))~~ pay,  
18 finance, or refinance the cost of procuring the site, constructing  
19 and operating hospitals, and for the maintenance and capital expenses  
20 thereof and all other necessary and proper expenses; and

1 (4) Accept and hold in trust for the county any grant of land,  
2 gift or bequest of money, or any donation for the benefit of the  
3 purposes of this chapter, and apply the same in accordance with the  
4 terms of the gift.

5 **Sec. 2.** RCW 36.62.090 and 1984 c 26 s 6 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 (1) If the hospital is established, the county legislative  
8 authority, at the time of levying general taxes, may levy an  
9 additional regular property tax, not to exceed ((fifty)) 20 cents per  
10 thousand dollars of assessed value in any one year, for the  
11 operation, maintenance, and capital expenses of the hospital, and any  
12 outpatient clinics operated by the hospital, and for the payment of  
13 principal and interest on bonds issued for such purposes. The  
14 limitations in RCW 84.52.043 do not apply to the tax levy authorized  
15 in this section and the limitation in RCW 84.55.010 does not apply to  
16 the first year that the tax levy is imposed under this section.

17 (2) Only a county with a population exceeding 2,000,000 may  
18 impose the additional regular property tax authorized under this  
19 section.

20 **Sec. 3.** RCW 84.52.043 and 2023 c 28 s 5 are each amended to read  
21 as follows:

22 Within and subject to the limitations imposed by RCW 84.52.050 as  
23 amended, the regular ad valorem tax levies upon real and personal  
24 property by the taxing districts hereafter named are as follows:

25 (1) Levies of the senior taxing districts are as follows: (a) The  
26 levies by the state may not exceed the applicable aggregate rate  
27 limit specified in RCW 84.52.065 (2) or (4) adjusted to the state  
28 equalized value in accordance with the indicated ratio fixed by the  
29 state department of revenue to be used exclusively for the support of  
30 the common schools; (b) the levy by any county may not exceed \$1.80  
31 per \$1,000 of assessed value; (c) the levy by any road district may  
32 not exceed \$2.25 per \$1,000 of assessed value; and (d) the levy by  
33 any city or town may not exceed \$3.375 per \$1,000 of assessed value.  
34 However, any county is hereby authorized to increase its levy from  
35 \$1.80 to a rate not to exceed \$2.475 per \$1,000 of assessed value for  
36 general county purposes if the total levies for both the county and  
37 any road district within the county do not exceed \$4.05 per \$1,000 of

1 assessed value, and no other taxing district has its levy reduced as  
2 a result of the increased county levy.

3 (2) The aggregate levies of junior taxing districts and senior  
4 taxing districts, other than the state, may not exceed \$5.90 per  
5 \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The term "junior taxing districts"  
6 includes all taxing districts other than the state, counties, road  
7 districts, cities, towns, port districts, and public utility  
8 districts. The limitations provided in this subsection do not apply  
9 to: (a) Levies at the rates provided by existing law by or for any  
10 port or public utility district; (b) excess property tax levies  
11 authorized in Article VII, section 2 of the state Constitution; (c)  
12 levies for acquiring conservation futures as authorized under RCW  
13 84.34.230; (d) levies for emergency medical care or emergency medical  
14 services imposed under RCW 84.52.069; (e) levies to finance  
15 affordable housing imposed under RCW 84.52.105; (f) the portions of  
16 levies by metropolitan park districts that are protected under RCW  
17 84.52.120; (g) levies imposed by ferry districts under RCW 36.54.130;  
18 (h) levies for criminal justice purposes under RCW 84.52.135; (i) the  
19 portions of levies by fire protection districts and regional fire  
20 protection service authorities that are protected under RCW  
21 84.52.125; (j) levies by counties for transit-related purposes under  
22 RCW 84.52.140; (k) the portion of the levy by flood control zone  
23 districts that are protected under RCW 84.52.816; (l) levies imposed  
24 by a regional transit authority under RCW 81.104.175; (m) levies  
25 imposed by any park and recreation district described under RCW  
26 84.52.010(3)(a)(viii); ~~((and))~~ (n) the portion of any levy resulting  
27 from the correction of a levy error under RCW 84.52.085(3); and (o)  
28 levies for county hospital purposes under RCW 36.62.090.

29 **Sec. 4.** RCW 84.52.043 and 2023 c 28 s 6 are each amended to read  
30 as follows:

31 Within and subject to the limitations imposed by RCW 84.52.050 as  
32 amended, the regular ad valorem tax levies upon real and personal  
33 property by the taxing districts hereafter named are as follows:

34 (1) Levies of the senior taxing districts are as follows: (a) The  
35 levies by the state may not exceed the applicable aggregate rate  
36 limit specified in RCW 84.52.065 (2) or (4) adjusted to the state  
37 equalized value in accordance with the indicated ratio fixed by the  
38 state department of revenue to be used exclusively for the support of  
39 the common schools; (b) the levy by any county may not exceed \$1.80

1 per \$1,000 of assessed value; (c) the levy by any road district may  
2 not exceed \$2.25 per \$1,000 of assessed value; and (d) the levy by  
3 any city or town may not exceed \$3.375 per \$1,000 of assessed value.  
4 However any county is hereby authorized to increase its levy from  
5 \$1.80 to a rate not to exceed \$2.475 per \$1,000 of assessed value for  
6 general county purposes if the total levies for both the county and  
7 any road district within the county do not exceed \$4.05 per \$1,000 of  
8 assessed value, and no other taxing district has its levy reduced as  
9 a result of the increased county levy.

10 (2) The aggregate levies of junior taxing districts and senior  
11 taxing districts, other than the state, may not exceed \$5.90 per  
12 \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The term "junior taxing districts"  
13 includes all taxing districts other than the state, counties, road  
14 districts, cities, towns, port districts, and public utility  
15 districts. The limitations provided in this subsection do not apply  
16 to: (a) Levies at the rates provided by existing law by or for any  
17 port or public utility district; (b) excess property tax levies  
18 authorized in Article VII, section 2 of the state Constitution; (c)  
19 levies for acquiring conservation futures as authorized under RCW  
20 84.34.230; (d) levies for emergency medical care or emergency medical  
21 services imposed under RCW 84.52.069; (e) levies to finance  
22 affordable housing imposed under RCW 84.52.105; (f) the portions of  
23 levies by metropolitan park districts that are protected under RCW  
24 84.52.120; (g) levies imposed by ferry districts under RCW 36.54.130;  
25 (h) levies for criminal justice purposes under RCW 84.52.135; (i) the  
26 portions of levies by fire protection districts and regional fire  
27 protection service authorities that are protected under RCW  
28 84.52.125; (j) levies by counties for transit-related purposes under  
29 RCW 84.52.140; (k) the portion of the levy by flood control zone  
30 districts that are protected under RCW 84.52.816; (l) levies imposed  
31 by a regional transit authority under RCW 81.104.175; (~~and~~) (m) the  
32 portion of any levy resulting from the correction of a levy error  
33 under RCW 84.52.085(3); and (n) levies for county hospital purposes  
34 under RCW 36.62.090.

35 **Sec. 5.** RCW 84.52.010 and 2023 c 28 s 3 are each amended to read  
36 as follows:

37 (1) Except as is permitted under RCW 84.55.050, all taxes must be  
38 levied or voted in specific amounts.

1 (2) The rate percent of all taxes for state and county purposes,  
2 and purposes of taxing districts coextensive with the county, must be  
3 determined, calculated and fixed by the county assessors of the  
4 respective counties, within the limitations provided by law, upon the  
5 assessed valuation of the property of the county, as shown by the  
6 completed tax rolls of the county, and the rate percent of all taxes  
7 levied for purposes of taxing districts within any county must be  
8 determined, calculated, and fixed by the county assessors of the  
9 respective counties, within the limitations provided by law, upon the  
10 assessed valuation of the property of the taxing districts  
11 respectively.

12 (3) When a county assessor finds that the aggregate rate of tax  
13 levy on any property, that is subject to the limitations set forth in  
14 RCW 84.52.043 or 84.52.050, exceeds the limitations provided in  
15 either of these sections, the assessor must recompute and establish a  
16 consolidated levy in the following manner:

17 (a) The full certified rates of tax levy for state, county,  
18 county road district, regional transit authority, and city or town  
19 purposes must be extended on the tax rolls in amounts not exceeding  
20 the limitations established by law; however, any state levy takes  
21 precedence over all other levies and may not be reduced for any  
22 purpose other than that required by RCW 84.55.010. If, as a result of  
23 the levies imposed under RCW 36.54.130, 36.69.145 by a park and  
24 recreation district described under (a)(viii) of this subsection (3),  
25 84.34.230, 84.52.069, 84.52.105, 36.62.090, the portion of the levy  
26 by a metropolitan park district that was protected under RCW  
27 84.52.120, 84.52.125, 84.52.135, and 84.52.140, the portion of the  
28 levy by a flood control zone district that was protected under RCW  
29 84.52.816, and any portion of a levy resulting from the correction of  
30 a levy error under RCW 84.52.085(3), the combined rate of regular  
31 property tax levies that are subject to the one percent limitation  
32 exceeds one percent of the true and fair value of any property, then  
33 these levies must be reduced as follows:

34 (i) The portion of any levy resulting from the correction of a  
35 levy error under RCW 84.52.085(3) must be reduced until the combined  
36 rate no longer exceeds one percent of the true and fair value of any  
37 property or must be eliminated;

38 (ii) If the combined rate of regular property tax levies that are  
39 subject to the one percent limitation still exceeds one percent of  
40 the true and fair value of any property, the portion of the levy by a

1 flood control zone district that was protected under RCW 84.52.816  
2 must be reduced until the combined rate no longer exceeds one percent  
3 of the true and fair value of any property or must be eliminated;

4 (iii) If the combined rate of regular property tax levies that  
5 are subject to the one percent limitation still exceeds one percent  
6 of the true and fair value of any property, the levy imposed by a  
7 county under RCW 84.52.140 must be reduced until the combined rate no  
8 longer exceeds one percent of the true and fair value of any property  
9 or must be eliminated;

10 (iv) If the combined rate of regular property tax levies that are  
11 subject to the one percent limitation still exceeds one percent of  
12 the true and fair value of any property, the portion of the levy by a  
13 fire protection district or regional fire protection service  
14 authority that is protected under RCW 84.52.125 must be reduced until  
15 the combined rate no longer exceeds one percent of the true and fair  
16 value of any property or must be eliminated;

17 (v) If the combined rate of regular property tax levies that are  
18 subject to the one percent limitation still exceeds one percent of  
19 the true and fair value of any property, the levy imposed by a county  
20 under RCW 84.52.135 must be reduced until the combined rate no longer  
21 exceeds one percent of the true and fair value of any property or  
22 must be eliminated;

23 (vi) If the combined rate of regular property tax levies that are  
24 subject to the one percent limitation still exceeds one percent of  
25 the true and fair value of any property, the levy imposed by a ferry  
26 district under RCW 36.54.130 must be reduced until the combined rate  
27 no longer exceeds one percent of the true and fair value of any  
28 property or must be eliminated;

29 (vii) If the combined rate of regular property tax levies that  
30 are subject to the one percent limitation still exceeds one percent  
31 of the true and fair value of any property, the portion of the levy  
32 by a metropolitan park district that is protected under RCW 84.52.120  
33 must be reduced until the combined rate no longer exceeds one percent  
34 of the true and fair value of any property or must be eliminated;

35 (viii) If the combined rate of regular property tax levies that  
36 are subject to the one percent limitation still exceeds one percent  
37 of the true and fair value of any property, then the levies imposed  
38 under RCW 36.69.145 must be reduced until the combined rate no longer  
39 exceeds one percent of the true and fair value of any property or  
40 must be eliminated. This subsection (3)(a)(viii) only applies to a

1 park and recreation district located on an island and within a county  
2 with a population exceeding 2,000,000;

3 (ix) If the combined rate of regular property tax levies that are  
4 subject to the one percent limitation still exceeds one percent of  
5 the true and fair value of any property, then the levies imposed  
6 under RCW 84.34.230, 84.52.105, 36.62.090, and any portion of the  
7 levy imposed under RCW 84.52.069 that is in excess of 30 cents per  
8 \$1,000 of assessed value, must be reduced on a pro rata basis until  
9 the combined rate no longer exceeds one percent of the true and fair  
10 value of any property or must be eliminated; and

11 (x) If the combined rate of regular property tax levies that are  
12 subject to the one percent limitation still exceeds one percent of  
13 the true and fair value of any property, then the 30 cents per \$1,000  
14 of assessed value of tax levy imposed under RCW 84.52.069 must be  
15 reduced until the combined rate no longer exceeds one percent of the  
16 true and fair value of any property or eliminated.

17 (b) The certified rates of tax levy subject to these limitations  
18 by all junior taxing districts imposing taxes on such property must  
19 be reduced or eliminated as follows to bring the consolidated levy of  
20 taxes on such property within the provisions of these limitations:

21 (i) First, the certified property tax levy authorized under RCW  
22 84.52.821 must be reduced on a pro rata basis or eliminated;

23 (ii) Second, if the consolidated tax levy rate still exceeds  
24 these limitations, the certified property tax levy rates of those  
25 junior taxing districts authorized under RCW 36.68.525, 36.69.145  
26 except a park and recreation district described under (a)(viii) of  
27 this subsection, 35.95A.100, and 67.38.130 must be reduced on a pro  
28 rata basis or eliminated;

29 (iii) Third, if the consolidated tax levy rate still exceeds  
30 these limitations, the certified property tax levy rates of flood  
31 control zone districts other than the portion of a levy protected  
32 under RCW 84.52.816 must be reduced on a pro rata basis or  
33 eliminated;

34 (iv) Fourth, if the consolidated tax levy rate still exceeds  
35 these limitations, the certified property tax levy rates of all other  
36 junior taxing districts, other than fire protection districts,  
37 regional fire protection service authorities, library districts, the  
38 first 50 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation levies for  
39 metropolitan park districts, and the first 50 cents per \$1,000 of



1 assessed valuation levies for public hospital districts, must be  
2 reduced on a pro rata basis or eliminated;

3 (v) Fifth, if the consolidated tax levy rate still exceeds these  
4 limitations, the first 50 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation  
5 levies for metropolitan park districts created on or after January 1,  
6 2002, must be reduced on a pro rata basis or eliminated;

7 (vi) Sixth, if the consolidated tax levy rate still exceeds these  
8 limitations, the certified property tax levy rates authorized to fire  
9 protection districts under RCW 52.16.140 and 52.16.160 and regional  
10 fire protection service authorities under RCW 52.26.140(1) (b) and  
11 (c) must be reduced on a pro rata basis or eliminated; and

12 (vii) Seventh, if the consolidated tax levy rate still exceeds  
13 these limitations, the certified property tax levy rates authorized  
14 for fire protection districts under RCW 52.16.130, regional fire  
15 protection service authorities under RCW 52.26.140(1)(a), library  
16 districts, metropolitan park districts created before January 1,  
17 2002, under their first 50 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation  
18 levy, and public hospital districts under their first 50 cents per  
19 \$1,000 of assessed valuation levy, must be reduced on a pro rata  
20 basis or eliminated.

21 **Sec. 6.** RCW 84.52.010 and 2023 c 28 s 4 are each amended to read  
22 as follows:

23 (1) Except as is permitted under RCW 84.55.050, all taxes must be  
24 levied or voted in specific amounts.

25 (2) The rate percent of all taxes for state and county purposes,  
26 and purposes of taxing districts coextensive with the county, must be  
27 determined, calculated and fixed by the county assessors of the  
28 respective counties, within the limitations provided by law, upon the  
29 assessed valuation of the property of the county, as shown by the  
30 completed tax rolls of the county, and the rate percent of all taxes  
31 levied for purposes of taxing districts within any county must be  
32 determined, calculated and fixed by the county assessors of the  
33 respective counties, within the limitations provided by law, upon the  
34 assessed valuation of the property of the taxing districts  
35 respectively.

36 (3) When a county assessor finds that the aggregate rate of tax  
37 levy on any property, that is subject to the limitations set forth in  
38 RCW 84.52.043 or 84.52.050, exceeds the limitations provided in

1 either of these sections, the assessor must recompute and establish a  
2 consolidated levy in the following manner:

3 (a) The full certified rates of tax levy for state, county,  
4 county road district, regional transit authority, and city or town  
5 purposes must be extended on the tax rolls in amounts not exceeding  
6 the limitations established by law; however any state levy takes  
7 precedence over all other levies and may not be reduced for any  
8 purpose other than that required by RCW 84.55.010. If, as a result of  
9 the levies imposed under RCW 36.54.130, 84.34.230, 84.52.069,  
10 84.52.105, 36.62.090, the portion of the levy by a metropolitan park  
11 district that was protected under RCW 84.52.120, 84.52.125,  
12 84.52.135, and 84.52.140, the portion of the levy by a flood control  
13 zone district that was protected under RCW 84.52.816, and the portion  
14 of any levy resulting from the correction of a levy error under RCW  
15 84.52.085(3), the combined rate of regular property tax levies that  
16 are subject to the one percent limitation exceeds one percent of the  
17 true and fair value of any property, then these levies must be  
18 reduced as follows:

19 (i) The portion of any levy resulting from the correction of a  
20 levy error under RCW 84.52.085(3) must be reduced until the combined  
21 rate no longer exceeds one percent of the true and fair value of any  
22 property or must be eliminated;

23 (ii) If the combined rate of regular property tax levies that are  
24 subject to the one percent limitation still exceeds one percent of  
25 the true and fair value of any property, the portion of the levy by a  
26 flood control zone district that was protected under RCW 84.52.816  
27 must be reduced until the combined rate no longer exceeds one percent  
28 of the true and fair value of any property or must be eliminated;

29 (iii) If the combined rate of regular property tax levies that  
30 are subject to the one percent limitation still exceeds one percent  
31 of the true and fair value of any property, the levy imposed by a  
32 county under RCW 84.52.140 must be reduced until the combined rate no  
33 longer exceeds one percent of the true and fair value of any property  
34 or must be eliminated;

35 (iv) If the combined rate of regular property tax levies that are  
36 subject to the one percent limitation still exceeds one percent of  
37 the true and fair value of any property, the portion of the levy by a  
38 fire protection district or regional fire protection service  
39 authority that is protected under RCW 84.52.125 must be reduced until

1 the combined rate no longer exceeds one percent of the true and fair  
2 value of any property or must be eliminated;

3 (v) If the combined rate of regular property tax levies that are  
4 subject to the one percent limitation still exceeds one percent of  
5 the true and fair value of any property, the levy imposed by a county  
6 under RCW 84.52.135 must be reduced until the combined rate no longer  
7 exceeds one percent of the true and fair value of any property or  
8 must be eliminated;

9 (vi) If the combined rate of regular property tax levies that are  
10 subject to the one percent limitation still exceeds one percent of  
11 the true and fair value of any property, the levy imposed by a ferry  
12 district under RCW 36.54.130 must be reduced until the combined rate  
13 no longer exceeds one percent of the true and fair value of any  
14 property or must be eliminated;

15 (vii) If the combined rate of regular property tax levies that  
16 are subject to the one percent limitation still exceeds one percent  
17 of the true and fair value of any property, the portion of the levy  
18 by a metropolitan park district that is protected under RCW 84.52.120  
19 must be reduced until the combined rate no longer exceeds one percent  
20 of the true and fair value of any property or must be eliminated;

21 (viii) If the combined rate of regular property tax levies that  
22 are subject to the one percent limitation still exceeds one percent  
23 of the true and fair value of any property, then the levies imposed  
24 under RCW 84.34.230, 84.52.105, 36.62.090, and any portion of the  
25 levy imposed under RCW 84.52.069 that is in excess of 30 cents per  
26 \$1,000 of assessed value, must be reduced on a pro rata basis until  
27 the combined rate no longer exceeds one percent of the true and fair  
28 value of any property or must be eliminated; and

29 (ix) If the combined rate of regular property tax levies that are  
30 subject to the one percent limitation still exceeds one percent of  
31 the true and fair value of any property, then the 30 cents per \$1,000  
32 of assessed value of tax levy imposed under RCW 84.52.069 must be  
33 reduced until the combined rate no longer exceeds one percent of the  
34 true and fair value of any property or eliminated.

35 (b) The certified rates of tax levy subject to these limitations  
36 by all junior taxing districts imposing taxes on such property must  
37 be reduced or eliminated as follows to bring the consolidated levy of  
38 taxes on such property within the provisions of these limitations:

39 (i) First, the certified property tax levy authorized under RCW  
40 84.52.821 must be reduced on a pro rata basis or eliminated;

1 (ii) Second, if the consolidated tax levy rate still exceeds  
2 these limitations, the certified property tax levy rates of those  
3 junior taxing districts authorized under RCW 36.68.525, 36.69.145,  
4 35.95A.100, and 67.38.130 must be reduced on a pro rata basis or  
5 eliminated;

6 (iii) Third, if the consolidated tax levy rate still exceeds  
7 these limitations, the certified property tax levy rates of flood  
8 control zone districts other than the portion of a levy protected  
9 under RCW 84.52.816 must be reduced on a pro rata basis or  
10 eliminated;

11 (iv) Fourth, if the consolidated tax levy rate still exceeds  
12 these limitations, the certified property tax levy rates of all other  
13 junior taxing districts, other than fire protection districts,  
14 regional fire protection service authorities, library districts, the  
15 first 50 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation levies for  
16 metropolitan park districts, and the first 50 cents per \$1,000 of  
17 assessed valuation levies for public hospital districts, must be  
18 reduced on a pro rata basis or eliminated;

19 (v) Fifth, if the consolidated tax levy rate still exceeds these  
20 limitations, the first 50 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation  
21 levies for metropolitan park districts created on or after January 1,  
22 2002, must be reduced on a pro rata basis or eliminated;

23 (vi) Sixth, if the consolidated tax levy rate still exceeds these  
24 limitations, the certified property tax levy rates authorized to fire  
25 protection districts under RCW 52.16.140 and 52.16.160 and regional  
26 fire protection service authorities under RCW 52.26.140(1) (b) and  
27 (c) must be reduced on a pro rata basis or eliminated; and

28 (vii) Seventh, if the consolidated tax levy rate still exceeds  
29 these limitations, the certified property tax levy rates authorized  
30 for fire protection districts under RCW 52.16.130, regional fire  
31 protection service authorities under RCW 52.26.140(1)(a), library  
32 districts, metropolitan park districts created before January 1,  
33 2002, under their first 50 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation  
34 levy, and public hospital districts under their first 50 cents per  
35 \$1,000 of assessed valuation levy, must be reduced on a pro rata  
36 basis or eliminated.

37 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Sections 3 and 5 of this act expire  
38 January 1, 2027.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 8.**    Sections 4 and 6 of this act take effect  
2    January 1, 2027.

Passed by the House March 5, 2024.

Passed by the Senate February 29, 2024.

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