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3 By Committee on State & Local Government

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
6 following:

7 "Sec. 1. RCW 39.36.020 and 1994 c 277 s 1 are each amended to read  
8 as follows:

9 (1) Except as otherwise expressly provided by law or in subsections  
10 (2), (3) and (4) of this section, no taxing district shall for any  
11 purpose become indebted in any manner to an amount exceeding  
12 three-eighths of one percent of the value of the taxable property in  
13 such taxing district without the assent of three-fifths of the voters  
14 therein voting at an election to be held for that purpose, nor in cases  
15 requiring such assent shall the total indebtedness incurred at any time  
16 exceed one and one-fourth percent on the value of the taxable property  
17 therein.

18 (2)(a)(i) Public hospital districts are limited to an indebtedness  
19 amount not exceeding three-fourths of one percent of the value of the  
20 taxable property in such public hospital districts without the assent  
21 of three-fifths of the voters therein voting at an election held for  
22 that purpose.

23 (ii) Counties, cities, and towns are limited to an indebtedness  
24 amount not exceeding one and one-half percent of the value of the  
25 taxable property in such counties, cities, or towns without the assent  
26 of three-fifths of the voters therein voting at an election held for  
27 that purpose.

28 (b) In cases requiring such assent counties, cities, towns, and  
29 public hospital districts are limited to a total indebtedness of two  
30 and one-half percent of the value of the taxable property therein.  
31 However, any county that has assumed the rights, powers, functions, and  
32 obligations of a metropolitan municipal corporation under chapter 36.56  
33 RCW may become indebted to a larger amount for its authorized  
34 metropolitan functions, as provided under chapter 35.58 RCW, but not  
35 exceeding an additional three-fourths of one percent of the value of  
36 the taxable property in the county without the assent of three-fifths

1 of the voters therein voting at an election held for that purpose, and  
2 in cases requiring such assent not exceeding an additional two and one-  
3 half percent of the value of the taxable property in the county.

4 (3) School districts are limited to an indebtedness amount not  
5 exceeding three-eighths of one percent of the value of the taxable  
6 property in such district without the assent of three-fifths of the  
7 voters therein voting at an election held for that purpose. In cases  
8 requiring such assent school districts are limited to a total  
9 indebtedness of two and one-half percent of the value of the taxable  
10 property therein.

11 (4) No part of the indebtedness allowed in this chapter shall be  
12 incurred for any purpose other than strictly county, city, town, school  
13 district, township, port district, metropolitan park district, or other  
14 municipal purposes: PROVIDED, That a city or town, with such assent,  
15 may become indebted to a larger amount, but not exceeding two and one-  
16 half percent additional, determined as herein provided, for supplying  
17 such city or town with water, artificial light, and sewers, when the  
18 works for supplying such water, light, and sewers shall be owned and  
19 controlled by the city or town; and a city or town, with such assent,  
20 may become indebted to a larger amount, but not exceeding two and one-  
21 half percent additional for acquiring or developing open space ((and)),  
22 park facilities, and capital facilities associated with economic  
23 development: PROVIDED FURTHER, That any school district may become  
24 indebted to a larger amount but not exceeding two and one-half percent  
25 additional for capital outlays.

26 (5) Such indebtedness may be authorized in any total amount in one  
27 or more propositions and the amount of such authorization may exceed  
28 the amount of indebtedness which could then lawfully be incurred. Such  
29 indebtedness may be incurred in one or more series of bonds from time  
30 to time out of such authorization but at no time shall the total  
31 general indebtedness of any taxing district exceed the above  
32 limitation.

33 The term "value of the taxable property" as used in this section  
34 shall have the meaning set forth in RCW 39.36.015."

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4 On page 1, line 3 of the title, after "development;" strike the  
5 remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 39.36.020."

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