

HEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office:	Agenda date	Assigned to:
Originator: Keith Willnauer	KW	10/10	RECEIVED OCT 10 1995 WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL	10/17/95	Council
Division Head:					
Dept. Head: Keith Willnauer	KW	10/10			
Prosecutor:	KAF	10/10/95			
Purchasing/Budget:					
Executive:					

SUBJECT: Resolution endorsing legislation for property tax relief.

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution attached.

SUMMARY STATEMENT: Please complete sections of box as appropriate & explain the item below.

Related County contract #: N/A	Should Clerk schedule a hearing? NO / <input type="checkbox"/> / YES / <input type="checkbox"/> / Requested date:
Amount budgeted for this item/project: \$ N/A	Is it (or will it be) within budget? YES / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> / NO / <input type="checkbox"/> / (Please explain below)
Budget line item number(s): N/A	

This resolution endorses legislative property tax relief consistent with resolutions and positions endorsed by the Washington State Association of County Assessors and the Washington Association of County Officials.

ORIGINATOR'S RECOMMENDED ACTION: Submit for Council approval.

COMMITTEE ACTION TAKEN:

COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN:

10/17/95: Approved 7-0

Related File Numbers:

Ordinance or Resolution Number (this item only): Res. #95-

SPONSORED BY: Nelson

PROPOSED BY: Willnauer

INTRODUCTION DATE: 10/17/95

RESOLUTION NO. 95-070

ENDORING LEGISLATION FOR PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

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WHEREAS, the real estate market has been experiencing several years of inflation;
and

WHEREAS, real estate inflation directly impacts the property tax burden on individual taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, expanded taxing district formations and levy capabilities have been added by the legislature; and

WHEREAS, the property tax burden on long-time property owners has forced many to live in fear of losing their family home because property taxes continue to increase; and

WHEREAS, the limitations in place now do not adequately protect the homeowner;
and

WHEREAS, other states with similar property tax systems and laws have significantly reduced or eliminated a state property tax levy; and

WHEREAS, the 1995 Washington State Legislature passed SHB 1957, HB 1022, and ESSB 5000, all of which were designed to reduce the state property tax levy; and

WHEREAS, Governor Lowry signed ESSB 5000 which makes a one time reduction in the state property tax levy of approximately 4.7 percent; and

WHEREAS, Governor Lowry, due to declining revenue forecasts and other reasons, decided to veto SHB 1957 and HB 1022; and

WHEREAS, Governor Lowry's veto message indicated that he plans to create a task force of interested parties to study both short and long term solutions to the reduction of the property tax in Washington State; and


WHEREAS, the Washington State House of Representatives has created the Property Tax Work Group to receive comments on property tax problems.

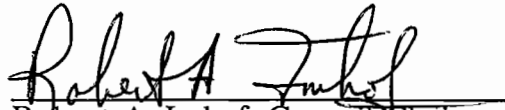
1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Whatcom County Council does
2 affirm to endorse legislation that will systematically reduce, and ultimately eliminate, the
3 State's portion of the property tax levy.

4 APPROVED this 17 day of October, 1995.

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6 ATTEST:


WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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8 Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council


Robert A. Imhof, Council Chair

9 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Approved () Denied

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11 Karen H. Tak
Civil Deputy Prosecutor