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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5443**

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**By** Senate Committee on Government Operations (originally sponsored by Senators Drew, Fairley, Quigley, McAuliffe, Hargrove, Haugen, Owen, Rasmussen, Loveland, Smith, Gaspard and Franklin)

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1 AN ACT Relating to public hearings for collection of authorized  
2 taxes; and adding a new section to chapter 84.55 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 84.55 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 A taxing district, other than the state, that collects regular  
7 levies shall hold a public hearing not earlier than July 1 and not  
8 later than September 30 on revenue sources for the district's following  
9 year's current expense budget. The hearing must include consideration  
10 of possible increases in property tax revenues. The county legislative  
11 authority, or the taxing district's governing body if the district is  
12 a city, town, or other type of district, shall hold the hearing. For  
13 purposes of this section, "current expense budget" means that budget  
14 which is primarily funded by taxes and charges and reflects the  
15 provision of ongoing services. It does not mean the capital,  
16 enterprise, or special assessment budgets of cities, towns, counties,  
17 or special purpose districts.

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