2015 PROPERTY TAX - Active (Passed) House & Senate Bills as of the end of the 3rd Special Session

Bill	Sponsor	Description	Programs
HB 1317	Zeiger +	Passed 2015 - Regular Session // Provides for recovery of lien recording and release fees incurred in collection of sewer utility charges by counties; provides authority for county to adopt, by resolution, alternative collection procedures applicable to cities & towns under RCW's 35.67.210, 35.67.215, 35.67.290.	Collection
SHB 1337	Takko +	Passed 2015 - Regular Session // Industrial Development District levies made by a port district may cover a period up to 20 years with 6 levies per period. Limitations include a $0.45 rate per levy and aggregate levy amount over the 1st and 2nd period. Only the 1st levy of the 3rd period is not subject to RCW 84.55.010.	Levies
SHB 1940	Stokesbary +	Passed 2015 - Regular Session // Partial veto - removed expiration date, so no 1/1/23 expiration // The intent of the bill is to allow control flood zone districts to continue their current $5.90 and Constitutional 1% limit status through January 1, 2023. Countywide flood districts within the Chehalis Flood Basin can also protect their levy between 1/1/18 & 1/1/23.	Levies
HB 2195	Lytton +	Passed 2015 - 3rd Special Session // House NTIB Bill // Increases the Washington state heritage center surcharge included in recording fees from $2 to $3. Total fees for recording deferral liens/releases will increase from $32 to $33.	Collection
ESHB 2263	Springer +	Passed 2015 - 3rd Special Session // Counties or cities may levy a regular property tax or sales & use tax for cultural access programs. The p-tax is limited to the county's or city's retail sales & use tax multiplied by one-tenth of a percent. The levy may be made for a 7-year period & additional levy periods may be made.	Levies
SSB 5186	Benton	Passed 2015 - 3rd Special Session // Senate NTIB Bill // Allowing certain health care coverage deductions from the calculation of disposable income for the purpose of qualifying for senior property tax programs. Revised for 1st Substitute: Concerning property tax exemptions for service-connected disabled veterans and senior citizens. Striker (final bill) removes language of underlying bill and provides that all combined disposable income thresholds are increased by $5,000. Adds tax preference statement and effective date.	Senior Exemption
SSB 5275	Schoesler +	Passed 2015 Regular Session // Department's technical corrections bill // AN ACT Relating to tax code improvements that do not affect state revenue collections; amending RCW 84.41.030, 84.41.041, 84.48.034, 84.36.041, 84.38.030, 84.39.010, 84.64.060, 84.64.070, and other exise tax RCWs.	Admin.
SSB 5276	Kohl-Welles +	Passed 2015 Regular Session // Provides ability for county legislative authority to authorize a refund on a claim filed more than 3 years after the payment due date if the claim is for taxes paid as a result of a manifest error in the description of the property.	Refunds
SSB 5322	Hatfield +	Passed 2015 Regular Session // Conservation Districts -- Changes the amount of assessment and rates/charges per parcel, acre, or parcel & per acre based on county population.	Benefit Assessments
ESB 5761	Pearson +	Passed 2015 1st Special Session // Provides a 10 year exemption for newly constructed industrial/manufacturing improvements, built in an area of the city that is zoned for industrial/manufacturing purposes and targeted by the city for this program. Exemption is granted by the city and implemented by the assessor; does not apply to the state levy; does not apply to county levy unless county specifically opts in.	Exemption
SB 5768	Cleveland+	Passed 2015 Regular Session // Grants clear authority for treasurers to conduct public auctions via the internet for real property foreclosure, distraint and sale of personal property, and sale of county owned real and personal property.	Collection
2ESSB 5987	King+	Passed 2015 - 3rd Special Session // Property Tax portion: Allows a RTA, that includes territory in King County, to levy a regular property tax up to $0.25 per $1,000 AV. The levy is not subject to the $5.90 limit and is protected at the same level as senior taxing districts for the Const. 1% limit.	Levies
SB 6057	Hill	Passed 2015 - 3rd Special Session // Title Only Bill incorporates several 2015 bills NTIB - including: --- 5017 - Defining honey bee products and services as an agricultural product. --- 5382 - Continuing tax preferences for aluminum smelters. --- 5708 - Concerning the taxation of certain rented property owned by nonprofit fair associations.	Exemption