POSITION PAPER 6

Subject: **Levy Rates**
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Purpose Statement

This position paper addresses the Department of Revenue's ruling regarding factors applied when the tax levy is set.

Recommendation

The recommendation is that the Washington State Association of Fire Chiefs supports the position that the Department of Revenue adheres to the clear statutory language stating that the Washington State Department of Revenue adopts rules that have the least impact on all junior taxing entities.

We further recommend that the Washington State Department of Revenue not change its method of establishing levy rates for junior taxing districts until a more detailed analysis of fiscal impact to all taxing entities is completed. The current model, used as a basis for change, is severely flawed because of the use of a very limited amount of tax code areas, all but one of which are in the same hospital district. The model used does not show a true representation of the fiscal impacts of various taxing districts, including hospitals and fire districts statewide.