



## **A guide for how to support House Bill 1672**

The hearing on HB 1672 to move the county conservation futures levy outside the 1% property tax limit is this **Tuesday, January 18 at 1:30 p.m.** in the House Finance Committee. Our coalition has organized a few panels of key groups to testify, but all organizations and individual supporters should (1) sign in “PRO” through the Legislature’s website to support HB 1672; and (2) send an email to the legislators on House Finance and the House members from your district and area. Please send this email to your members and other groups who will want to support this bill.

### **To Sign In To Support HB 1672**

To sign in to support the bill, follow this process: Go to “leg.wa.gov” > then click on “Participating in the Process” > then “Get Your Position Noted for Legislative Record > then “House” > then “Finance” on “1/18/22 1:30” > then “I Would Like My Position Noted for the Legislative Record” > then “PRO” and fill in your contact information and click “Submit Registration.” You DO NOT need to sign up to testify on the bill, just to register your support.

### **To Email Your House Members and House Finance Committee Members**

To email your local legislators and House Finance Committee members, the most effective method is to send an email to their legislative email address, not through the Legislature’s automated email system. To find your local legislators email address, go to leg.wa.gov, > then “Find Member Information/Rosters” > then “House.” Ideally, lawmakers would receive emails this week to encourage them to support the bill.

### **Here is a sample email for you to use, and please modify or personalize to reflect your organization or personal support for HB 1672:**

Dear House Members: I am emailing you to request your support for HB 1672, regarding the County Conservation Futures levy. The public hearing is Tuesday, January 18 in the House Finance Committee. HB 1672 would clarify that the Conservation` Futures Levy is outside the 1% property tax limit. 14 counties have the Conservation Futures Levy, and it is a critical source of funds for counties, cities, parks districts, and non-profits to protect habitat, forests, and farms and to create new parks, trails and other local recreation sites. Passing HB 1672 would not increase tax revenue - but would give county commissions and councils the authority to decide at the local level the appropriate rate for the Conservation Futures levy, subject to the current statutory limit (which would not change). In many parts of Washington State, the cost of these types of projects has doubled while local revenues have been reduced by nearly 50%.

HB 1672 has broad, statewide support from a variety of local governments and environmental, conservation, and outdoor recreation organizations. Attached is a summary

of this issue. More information about this statewide effort is here: <https://conservationfutureswa.org/>

[AND IF YOU CAN – add in some original local information, ie: “In our county, the conservation futures program has supported projects like . . . “

Here are the email for House Finance Committee members to use:

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[ed.orcutt@leg.wa.gov](mailto:ed.orcutt@leg.wa.gov)  
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