CHAPTER 251

[House Bill No. 1374]

TAXABLE IMPROVEMENTS ON LEASED PUBLIC PROPERTY—TAXED AT FULL TRUE AND FAIR VALUE

AN ACT Relating to nonlessee interests in improvements on leased public property; and amending RCW 82.29 A.160.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Sec. 1. Section 18, chapter 61, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 82.29A.160 are each amended to read as follows:

Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, RCW 84.36.451 and 84.40.175, improvements owned or being acquired by contract purchase or otherwise by any lessee or sublessee which are not defined as contract rent shall be taxable to such lessee or sublessee under Title 84 RCW at their full true and fair value without any deduction for interests held by the lessor or others.

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CHAPTER 252

[Substitute House Bill No. 1218]
STREET CONSTRUCTION OR IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS——COUNTY, CITY,
OR TOWN MAY PARTICIPATE AND BE REIMBURSED

AN ACT Relating to transportation; and adding a new section to chapter 35.72 RCW.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 35.72 RCW to read as follows:

As an alternative to financing projects under this chapter solely by owners of real estate, a county, city, or town may join in the financing of improvement projects and may be reimbursed in the same manner as the owners of real estate who participate in the projects, if the county, city, or town has specified the conditions of its participation in an ordinance. A county, city, or town may be reimbursed only for the costs of improvements that benefit that portion of the public who will use the developments within the assessment reimbursement area established pursuant to RCW

35.72.040(1). No county, city, or town costs for improvements that benefit the general public may be reimbursed.

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CHAPTER 253

[House Bill No. 1386]
ANNEXATION OF CITY OR TOWN BY A CITY OR TOWN

AN ACT Relating to the annexation of all or part of a city or town by another city or town; and amending RCW 35.10.217.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Sec. 1. Section 4, chapter 89, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as amended by section 15, chapter 281, Laws of 1985 and RCW 35.10.217 are each amended to read as follows:

The following methods are available for the annexation of all or a part of a city or town to another city or town:

- (1) A petition for an election to vote upon the annexation ((of all or a part of a city to another city signed by qualified voters of the city proposed to be annexed equal in number to at least one-fifth of the votes cast at the last municipal general election held therein may be filed with)), which proposed annexation is approved by the legislative body of the city ((to be annexed. Such legislative body, in turn, shall, by resolution, advise)) or town from which the territory will be taken, may be submitted to the legislative body of the city or town to which annexation is proposed ((of the receipt of such petition and request the latter legislative body to indicate by resolution whether it will accept the proposed annexation, and if so, on what terms, If such resolution of the annexing city states that its legislative body is favorably disposed toward such annexation, the legislative body of the city to be annexed shall submit to the voters in such territory proposed to be annexed; the question of whether such territory shall be annexed and such other propositions as are deemed appropriate)). An annexation under this subsection shall otherwise conform with the requirements for and procedures of a petition and election method of annexing unincorporated territory under chapter 35.13 RCW, except for the requirement for the approval of the annexation by the city or town from which the territory would be taken.
- (2) The legislative body of a city or town may on its own initiative by resolution indicate its desire to be annexed to a city or town either in whole or in part, or the legislative body of a city or town proposing to annex all or