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## Don't change the law to make it easier to pass school bonds

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**I am not surprised that our state legislators are choosing to push through SJR 8207, which would change our state Constitution and lower the passage rate for school bonds to 50% plus one, from the current 60% needed. And all under the taxpayer's radar, rather than conduct town meetings to discuss and attempt to find resolution.**

**This "school problem" has been ongoing for the 50 years I've been voting. Are we going to wait another 50 years while the school districts continue to either push these bonds/levies down our throats by covering up the problems like this legislation they've initiated or are we going to demand to be heard? The passage rate was lowered and a few districts still have had problems convincing the taxpayers so now they want to lower it further? All this will do is alienate the taxpayers further.**

**Bills such as this are what cause increasing discontent with our lawmakers and the financial hardships which we are now experiencing. This is one of the reasons for the increase in rents. The amount going to the schools is the largest portion of property taxes and I have let my tenants know when my taxes go up, so will their rents.**

**This system is broken and needs to be fixed now, not hidden (such as this bill) or kicked down the road 50 more years. I have contacted my representatives, please contact yours. Conveniently, the day after we vote on the Bremerton school bonds/levies (February 13) we will receive our 2024 Property Tax Statements.**

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