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## S.F. No. 1608 – Increasing Watershed District General Fund Levy Authority (1st Engrossment) – as proposed to be amended by A-2

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**SF 1608** doubles the maximum general fund levy authority for watershed districts. Under current law, watershed districts may levy a property tax not to exceed the lesser of: (1) 0.048 percent of the estimated market value of the district; or (2) \$250,000. SF 1608 increases this levy authority to the lesser of: (1) 0.096 percent of the estimated market value of the district; or (2) \$500,000. Money in the general fund is used for general administrative expenses and for the construction or implementation and maintenance of projects of common benefit to the watershed district.

**Effective** beginning with assessment year 2024.