

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18

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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING A STUDY OF URBAN RENEWAL DISTRICTS AND TARGETED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS THAT USE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING.

WHEREAS, the 2015-2016 Revenue and Transportation Interim Committee studied tax increment financing; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Audit Division is undertaking a legislative audit of districts that use tax increment financing and the audit is expected to be completed by the end of 2017; and

WHEREAS, the legislative audit will provide information to inform additional study of tax increment financing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

That the Legislative Council be requested to designate an appropriate interim committee, pursuant to section 5-5-217, MCA, to:

(1) review the legislative audit of districts that use tax increment financing with specific attention to findings related to administrative costs, the life of districts that bond and districts that do not bond, and oversight and audits of the districts;

(2) study the percentages of tax increment revenues that are spent on administrative overhead and the variance between communities;

(3) consider developing guidelines for the ratio of public-private investment to be used in districts that use tax increment financing;

(4) consider whether to establish a maximum allowable incremental taxable value in districts that use tax increment financing and a maximum percentage of the tax base of the local government that can be placed into urban renewal districts or targeted economic development districts;

(5) consider whether to revise the definition of "blight" or the allowable reasons for creating of an urban renewal district;



