TO: Education Interim Committee  
FROM: Pad McCracken, Committee Staff  
RE: Additional changes to LC 307X  
DATE: August 31, 2018

Paul Taylor at OPI has identified another issue related to the financial calculations for the new permissive levy created in SB 307.

In the calculation for state major maintenance aid, which is an equalizing formula akin to guaranteed tax base (GTB), SB 307 used the phrase “taxable valuation most recently certified by the department of revenue under 15-10-202.” This refers to the taxable values provided to taxing authorities in August upon which mills for the current year are set. For GTB calculations for the ensuing year, OPI uses taxable values provided by the Department of Revenue in December pursuant to 20-9-369, MCA. SB 307 should have referred to these taxable values in the state aid calculation.

Fixing this will entail striking “certified by the department of revenue under 15-10-202” in two places in 20-9-525, MCA, and substituting “determined by the department of revenue under 20-9-369.”

If the committee agrees with these additional changes, a motion to amend the previously adopted committee bill draft LC 307X as described in this memo would suffice.