



PO BOX 201706
Helena, MT 59620-1706
(406) 444-3064
FAX (406) 444-3036

Education Interim Committee
65th Montana Legislature

SENATE MEMBERS

EDIE MCCLAFFERTY - Chair
TOM FACEY
DANIEL SALOMON
RUSSEL TEMPEL

HOUSE MEMBERS

FRED ANDERSON – Vice Chair
JACOB BACHMEIER
MOFFIE FUNK
DONALD JONES

COMMITTEE STAFF

PAD MCCRACKEN, Lead Staff
LAURA SANKEY, Staff Attorney
JENNI CARR, Secretary

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.