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AGENDA

Thursday, March 21, 2024

Room 137, State Capitol

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- 10:30 1. Call to order -- Roll Call -- Sen. Becky Beard, Presiding Officer**
- 10:35 2. Administrative Matters**
- a. Interim committee bill drafts – Megan Moore, Committee staff
 - b. Committee questions
- 10:40 3. Property Tax Modernization Study: Property Valuation**
- a. Legal framework for property valuation – Jaret Coles, Staff attorney
 - b. Revaluation cycles in Montana and U.S. – Megan Moore
 - c. Public comment*
 - d. Committee discussion
- 11:15 4. Property Tax Modernization Study: Data Tools**
- a. Effective tax rate tool, other new tools – Julia Pattin and Kurt Swimley, LFD
 - b. Public comment*
 - c. Committee discussion
- 12:00 Lunch**
- 1:00 5. Property Tax Modernization Study: 15-10-420 Calculation**
- a. Introduction of topic – Megan Moore
 - b. Inflation calculation in 15-10-420 – Dylan Cole, DOR
 - c. Consideration of including localized growth factor – Megan Moore
 - d. Public comment*
 - e. Committee discussion
- 1:30 6. Property Tax Modernization Study: 15-10-420 Recommendations Follow-up**
- a. Inclusion of state equalization mills in revenue estimate – Megan Moore
 - b. Consideration of combining equalization mills – Megan Moore
 - c. Consideration of other changes to 15-10-420 – Megan Moore
 - d. Public comment*
 - e. Committee discussion

- 2:00 7. Property Tax Modernization Study: Real Property Exemption Audit Follow-up**
- a. Exempt property review process updated proposal (*PD 23*) – Megan Moore
 - b. Beneficial use tax recapture proposal (*PD 22*) – Megan Moore
 - c. Public comment*
 - d. Committee work session
- 2:30 8. Property Tax Modernization Study: Voted Levies**
- a. Voted levies in Montana and other states – Megan Moore
 - b. Public comment*
 - c. Committee discussion
- 3:00 9. Property Tax Modernization Study: Tax Increment Financing (TIF)**
- a. TIF reporting requirements – Megan Moore
 - b. Receiving input from affected taxing jurisdictions
 - i. Overview of state laws – Megan Moore
 - ii. Stakeholder perspectives
 - Kristen Rosa, TIFID Administrator, Butte-Silver Bow
 - Greg Chilcott, Ravalli County Commissioner
 - Michael Waterman, Bozeman Public Schools
 - c. Use of tax increment to benefit nonprofits
 - i. Costs that may be paid with tax increment -- Megan Moore
 - ii. 1988 Attorney General’s opinion -- Jaret Coles
 - iii. Karen Byrnes, Community Development Director, Butte-Silver Bow
 - d. District duration in Montana and other states – Megan Moore
 - e. Public comment*
 - f. Committee discussion
- 4:25 10. Property Tax Modernization Study: Identifying Problems**
- a. Introduction – Megan Moore
 - b. Public comment* directed at identifying problems
 - c. Committee discussion to identify problems
- 4:45 11. Property Tax Modernization Study: Governor’s Property Tax Task Force update**
- a. Megan Moore and Sen. Greg Hertz
 - b. Public comment*
- 4:55 12. Public comment*** on any other topic within the committee’s jurisdiction
- 5:00 13. Recess** until March 22

AGENDA
Friday, March 22, 2024
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- 8:00 1. Call to Order – Roll Call** -- Sen. Becky Beard, Presiding Officer
- 8:05 2. Agency Monitoring: Montana Tax Appeal Board**
- a. Appeals update – Dave McAlpin, Chair
 - b. Public comment*
- 8:20 3. Revenue Estimating and Monitoring**
- a. Revenue update – Sam Schaefer, LFD
 - b. Public comment*
- 8:45 4. Tax Credit Review: Qualified Endowment Tax Credit**
- a. Overview of credit – Megan Moore, Committee staff
 - b. Required report on qualified endowment credit – Aaron McNay, DOR
 - c. Public comment*
 - d. Committee work session
- 9:30 5. Agency Monitoring: Department of Revenue**
- a. Land Classification Study Working Group update – Scott Mendenhall
 - b. Property appeals update – Paula Gilbert
 - c. Major case update – Dave Stewart
 - d. Required report: Tax credits claimed by student scholarship organizations – Tony Zammit and Aaron McNay
 - e. Analysis of property tax rebates – Dylan Cole
 - f. Public comment*
- 10:30 6. Collection of Additional School Equalization Mills**
- a. Terri Kunz, Jefferson County Treasurer
 - b. Jaret Coles, Staff attorney
 - c. Public comment*
- 10:45 7. Agency Monitoring: Administrative Rule Review**
- a. Administrative rule report -- Jaret Coles
 - b. Public comment*
- 11:00 8. Public comment*** on any other topic within the committee’s jurisdiction

11:10 9. Revenue Interim Committee Work Session

- a. May 9-10 meeting overview
- b. Identification of options for property tax study
- c. 15-10-420
- d. Voted levies
- e. Tax increment financing
- f. Additional instructions to staff

11:30 10. Adjourn

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