

HB 2795 Neutral Testimony - in person
Taxing entities missing budget deadline to be revenue-neutral
House Taxation Committee
Dave Trabert, CEO
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Chairman Smith and Members of the Committee,

We are pleased to present neutral testimony for HB 2795. We are neutral because we support some aspects of the bill, but we oppose others.

We support the requirement for revenue-neutral notices being on a form provided by the Director of Accounts and Reports, having received multiple taxpayers that some forms use small fonts that are hard to read. Taxpayers also say they want to see an increase in total taxes rather than only for individual items.

Another provision would permit taxing subdivisions to hold public revenue-neutral hearings on the same date and at the same location as other taxing subdivisions within a county. We have no issue with holding hearings on the same date, but we oppose holding them at the same time as that could prohibit a taxpayer from speaking at or attending all of the hearings.

Finally, we oppose exempting the 20 mills of state-mandated school property tax from the revenue-neutral requirements. Taxpayers want to see the entire tax increase they would have to pay, even if one of the increases is mandated.

Thank you for your consideration.