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Testimony for HB 2569

Proponent – Written

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HB2569 — Concerning income taxation; doubling the standard deduction for tax year 2018 and all tax years thereafter.

To the respected member of the House Tax committee:

HB 2569 would increase the standard deduction for single individual taxpayers from \$3,000 to \$6,000, married filing status from \$7,500 to \$15,000, and head of household from \$5,500 to \$11,000. The bill would apply to tax year 2018 and each future tax year. The bill also removes outdated standard deduction language from previous tax years.

The Department of Revenue estimates that HB 2569 would decrease State General Fund revenues by \$208.8 million in FY 2019. The fiscal effect to state revenues during subsequent years would be as follows:

2019	\$208 Million
2020	\$212 Million
2021	\$216 Million
2022	\$219 Million
2023	\$223 Million

The Federal Government's 2018 tax plan doubled the standard deduction for all Americans. The only way you itemize on the state return is if you itemize on the federal return. Therefore, If you can't itemize on the Federal return, you will be saddled with the low state deduction. This results in a backdoor tax increase on itemizers. There is the thought that we allow taxpayers to choose to itemize, but from my understanding, the State of Kansas is not able to track itemizations at this time.

Thank You,

Tim C. Hodge
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Newton, Ks.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim C. Hodge", written over the printed name and title.