

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 04/06/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 02/26, 04/06

Vote:

Yeas: 8 - Barnhart, Bentz, Davis, Johnson, Lininger, Read, Smith Warner, Vega Pederson

Nays: 1 - Whitsett

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Exempts permanent improvements located on federal land held in trust for federally recognized Indian tribe or tribe member from state and local property taxes, fees, charges and assessments. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Stormwater fees
- The Legislative Counsel opinion on whether these properties are taxable

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Similar to state and local governments, tribal governments do not pay taxes. Local property tax does not apply on reservation or trust lands. Trust lands are lands held by the United States for the use or benefit of American Indian tribes. Portions of the trust lands are located in or near reservations and the tribes possess the authority to purchase land and to petition the federal government to hold it in trust.