

SB 32 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Carrier: Sen. Boquist

Action Date: 02/13/17
Action: Do pass.
Vote: 3-0-2-0
Yeas: 3 - Boquist, Hass, Riley
Exc: 2 - Baertschiger Jr, Taylor
Fiscal: No fiscal impact
Revenue: Has minimal revenue impact
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Provides for imposition of either penalty for failure to pay estate tax when due or penalty for initial failure to file estate tax return when due.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Penalty structure for other types of taxes

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

For other tax programs such as personal income tax, withholding tax, and corporate tax the five percent penalty applies only once. There is a five percent failure-to-file penalty or a five percent failure-to-pay penalty, but not both. The ability of the inheritance program to assert two penalties is inconsistent with other tax programs.