

SB 48 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Action Date: 05/14/19

Action: Do pass and requesting referral to Tax Expenditures.

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Bentz, Boquist, Hass, Riley, Taylor

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

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Meeting Dates: 5/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Extends historic property tax exemption to 2023. Takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2019 regular session of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Utilization of the program.
- Investment requirements while in the program.
- Historic considerations.
- The impact of a three year or two year extension.

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Individuals and businesses may apply to have their property designated as historic and historic property can be specially assessed at a frozen value for 10 years. The specially assessed value is the assessed value at the time of application for special assessment. The assessed value cannot exceed the assessed value at the time of application; increased value from improvements or inflation is exempt for 10 years. Applications for special assessment must be reviewed by the State Historic Preservation Officer. Individuals must commit to spending 10% of the property value on repairs and rehabilitation. Recently commercial projects accounted for about half of all program applications.