

**HB 2949 B STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Hass

**Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue**

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**Action Date:** 06/10/19

**Action:** Do pass with amendments. (Printed B-Eng.)

**Vote:** 4-0-1-0

**Yeas:** 4 - Bentz, Boquist, Hass, Riley

**Exc:** 1 - Taylor

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** Revenue impact issued

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**Meeting Dates:** 5/28, 6/10

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

For counties with population of more than 570,000, authorizes governing body of county to set maximum personal property exemption above current statutory levels of \$34,000 (escalated for inflation from \$25,000). Requires that the governing body must notify the county assessor on or before Jan 1 of the assessment year. Conforms to new CPI calculation methodology. Applies to property tax years on or after Jan 1 2019.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Impacts on low income residents of manufactured homes.
- Affected counties and varying thresholds.
- Permissive authority of local government.
- Affordable housing communities.
- Impact of local government from homelessness.

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

Conforms referring language with technical fix.

**BACKGROUND:**

Manufactured structures in some counties are exempt from property taxes, if the value of the property is below certain amounts. In counties with population of more than 570,000 the manufactured structures of a taxpayer are not subject to property taxes if the total assessed value of all manufactured structures taxable as personal property is worth less than \$34,000. The maximum allowed value is \$17,250 for properties in counties with population more than 340,000 and less than 570,000. This exemption does not apply to any properties in counties with fewer than 340,000 people.