

March 3, 2021

Chair Marsh,
Vice-Chairs Helm and Brock Smith,
and Committee Members;

My name is Michael S Berry. I'd like to thank you for the opportunity to submit this written testimony. I oppose the HB 2674-1 Amendment.

Even under normal circumstances, it is a big, big, deal to enact a new slate of taxes like this. To ram this slate of proposed new taxes through the legislature during a time when COVID-19 restrictions inhibit in-person testimony constitutes lousy governance. It circumvents (perhaps intentionally) the intent of legislating within the framework of a representative democracy with an effort to obtain input from the public (and with good-faith effort to consider such input).

This bill is a good example of legislation by "gut & stuff". The 1-page bill, as introduced, seems harmless enough. But the -1 Amendment (which is 48 pages long), imposes a bunch of new and possibly onerous, "back-breaking", taxes. Appalling.

Please-

- a) either slow down this bill and consider all input, using it to craft a good product, or
- b) kill this bill in committee.

Thank you.

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