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NO ON HB 2079- Please amend this bill.

Our State Government should not waste time studying property taxes and income taxes but rather study where our property taxes and income taxes are being spent.

Taxpayers want to know where our property tax are going:

- Why are our property tax dollars being lost by the hundreds of millions to urban renewal projects which diverts funds meant for schools and critical local government services and uses it for projects that benefit private businesses?
- Why are tens of millions of property tax dollars being spent buying vacant land (for unused public purposes) which only makes the affordable housing crisis worse while taking property off the tax rolls (causing tax revenue to decline).
- Why are property taxes being spent on building \$134 million dollar bridges that do not allow cars?

Taxpayers want to know where our income tax dollars are going:

- How much of our income tax dollars are lost to paying off the \$28 billion government pension debt (PERS)?
- How much of our income tax dollars are being spent on hand-outs to private companies like spending tens of millions for Hollywood film companies and building mega-restaurants?
- How much of our income tax dollars were wasted with the \$1 billion dollar ODOT fiasco, the \$200 million CRC bridge that was never built, or the \$200 million health care website that never enrolled a single person?
- How much of our income tax dollars were wasted on preventable computer crashes by Employment Dept., Housing Department, Health Department and DMV?

I ask our lawmakers at the hearing today to amend HB 2079 and HB 2087 to instead study how our property tax and income tax dollars are wasted.