

Greetings Finance and Taxation Committee
Chairman, Senator Kannianen,
Vice Chair, Senator Weber,
members of the committee:

My testimony herein is in opposition to HB 1267.

In view of the considerable amount of time expended on committee work, regarding last session's HB 1199 (Relating to the disposition of proceeds from tax lien foreclosures) and the unanimous vote for its passage in both the House and Senate, it is disconcerting to me that this current bill, HB 1267, is attempting to essentially reverse that effort. HB 1267 clearly, in my opinion, constitutes an unvarnished attack on the right of private property ownership and essentially facilitates theft by government.

I believe that the right of private property ownership is the bedrock of liberty, therefore, whenever matters concerning private property are being discussed or considered in any manner, we must always exercise the most extreme caution in its preservation.

I am asking that this committee please vote a do not pass recommendation on HB 1267. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

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