

SB 2369

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Senate Finance and Tax Committee

Hon. Jordan Kannianen, Chairman

Good morning Mr. Chairman and committee. I am Brad Bekkedahl, Senator District 1, and honored to be here to introduce SB 2369. This bill was requested by a constituent in District 1 to grant property tax relief to parents that are home schooling their children. Specifically, the bill would exempt home school parents from paying the school district tax portion of their annual property tax statement as they are taking the cost burden of schooling their children at home. As you can imagine, there are costs associated with home schooling children and this bill proposes a property tax savings to offset the costs incurred by these home school families. You will note in the bill that any school property tax levied to pay voter approved bond issues is exempt from this relief and will still be levied to home school property owners. All other taxing jurisdictions will still have their taxes levied and collected on the home school properties.

Mr. Chairman, thank you for the opportunity to present this bill for your committee review. I apologize for leaving the hearing at this time but I am also scheduled to introduce another bill in the Judiciary committee at 9am today and have to get to that committee room. I have with me this morning the constituent and his family that would also like to present testimony and answer any questions. Thank you for your consideration of his testimony as well.