

Representative Mike Lefor

HB 1176 Amendment 3002

Good afternoon, Chair Vigesaa and members of the House Appropriations Committee, my name is Mike Lefor and I serve District 37 - Dickinson in the House.

Today, I bring amendment number 3002 to House Bill 1176 to provide some cleanup language and a few updates for your consideration. First, on page nine, on line seven, it puts in the language, "may not reduce the property tax due on voter-approved levies." This change makes it clear that should voters approve a bond issue or additional levies that the property tax credit would not go toward the payment of those levies.

Further, on page 16, lines 14-16 it further defines the primary residence category with suggested wording my understanding is from the state tax department to make it more clearly defined. It adds the words "parcel of" prior to primary residential property.

The other changes are found on page 34, which makes it clear that if voters in a political subdivision which to override the three percent cap they must do so at a general election, for four taxable years at a time and striking the language on lines 9 through 11, which provided for up to a ten year exclusion.

Chair Vigesaa, and members of the committee, I am requesting the proposed changes due to the feedback I have received from many fellow legislators. With that, I thank you for your time and request this amendment be placed onto HB 1176.

Thank you for your consideration.