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I am writing in opposition to HB 1552 because it has no provision for emergencies and other unforeseen circumstances. Emergencies such as floods, fires, tornadoes, attack by enemy forces, etc. require increased expenses by government agencies. Sometimes the funding for such expenses is not available by means other than taxation. Also, sometimes long term solutions are needed for new problems such as new flood control systems. These also may require increased taxation. We can't predict the future and should not hamper the ability of local governments to respond to unexpected events.