

Senate Finance-and-Taxation Committee

I recommend a DO PASS for HB 1176

I will say it is something better than the last-minute appeasement of a \$500 credit spilling over from last legislative session. This is not as big of a deal as the Representative from District 30 makes both last sessions bill and this proposed to be. HB 1176 is an increase but to call it significant reform without freezing taxes levied against valuations on a house, is a wordsmith at best. When a tax credit is available people do take advantage, but it is not true that it is considered a positive answer to the real relief that citizen's are starving for.

Now amending HB 1168 back up to the 60 mill buy down and passing HB 1176 would be more in line with what the thousands of citizens I have talked to are looking for and frankly expecting. In one of the wealthiest states per capita in the country, citizens, regardless of what the state says they have provided, have only seen their taxes go up. When I moved here my home state of Montana had property taxes double that of North Dakota and since living here we have become double over them, have extraction revenue, and sales tax. Real citizens wonder why? Why do we pay more for the intrusion of government and limited return on investment for services we get?

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