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TAX REFORM AND RELIEF ADVISORY COMMITTEE - TENTATIVE INTERIM SCHEDULE

MAJOR TOPICS

Meeting 1 - September 23, 2025

The Tax Reform and Relief Advisory Committee's first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 23, 2025, and includes the following major topics:

- **Economic development tax incentives study and reports** - Background memorandums, fiscal information from the Tax Department, and a renaissance zone report from the Department of Commerce.
- **Federal legislation impact** - Potential fiscal impact of federal legislation on state individual and corporate income tax revenue collections.
- **Property tax reform and relief study and reports** - Limitations on property tax data available to the Tax Department and suggestions for how the department can collect more comprehensive data, a review of the tax year 2024 credit cycle and overview of the tax year 2025 credit cycle for the primary residence credit, and the process for applying the primary residence credit when properties are sold in a real estate transaction.

Meeting 2 - December 2025

The committee may schedule a meeting in December 2025, potentially coordinated with the Budget Section meeting, with the following major topics:

- **Stripper well exemption study** - A background memorandum, information on tax policies in other states from the Tax Department, and information on oil and gas development activities from the Department of Mineral Resources and other industry representatives.
- **Economic development tax incentives study** - Comments from various stakeholders regarding the impacts of the incentives.
- **Property tax reform and relief study** - Content of property tax statements, feasibility of uniform property tax software and reporting, and suggestions for potential improvements to property tax statements.

Meeting 3 - Early May 2026

Based on the availability of tax year 2025 property tax data and the timing of tax year 2026 primary residential property classification application deadlines, the committee may schedule a meeting in early May 2026 with the following major topics:

- **Economic development tax incentives study and reports** - Comments from various stakeholders regarding the impacts of the incentives.
- **Property tax reform and relief study and reports** - Statewide property tax increase annual report, status of the implementation of the primary residential property classification, and an analysis of tax exempt real property.

Meeting 4 - June 2026

The committee may schedule a meeting in June 2026, potentially coordinated with the Budget Section meeting, with the following major topics:

- **Stripper well exemption study** - Potential fiscal impact to future oil and gas tax collections.
- **Economic development tax incentives study** - Annual report on a sales tax exemption for raw materials in biologic manufacturing and comments from various stakeholders regarding the impacts of the incentives.
- **Property tax reform and relief study** - Tax Commissioner's report analyzing the impact of the property tax levy limitation on taxing districts and comments from various stakeholders regarding suggestions to improve the levy limitation.

Meeting 5 - September 2026

The committee may schedule a meeting in September 2026, potentially coordinated with the Budget Section meeting, with the following major topics:

- **Stripper well exemption study** - Additional information and any final committee recommendations.
- **Economic development tax incentives study** - A renaissance zone report from the Department of Commerce, additional information, and any final committee recommendations.
- **Property tax reform and relief study** - Additional information and any final committee recommendations.

NOTE: The major topics and potential meeting dates for the tentative interim schedule listed above are preliminary and subject to change. If needed and upon approval from the Chairman of the Legislative Management, the committee may consider a sixth meeting, potentially in early August 2026.

COMMITTEE MOTION

The following is a motion for consideration by the Tax Reform and Relief Advisory Committee related to the committee's assigned duties and responsibilities for the 2025-26 interim:

It was moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the committee encourage the Tax Department to coordinate with the North Dakota Association of Counties and taxing districts to gather and analyze property tax and levy limit information pursuant to Section 27 of House Bill No. 1176 (2025) to be provided to the committee periodically, including:

- **Valuation information related to tax exempt real property based on actual true and full value or uniform estimates if the actual true and full value is not available for the property types identified by the committee;**
- **Information on the content of property tax statements and administrative costs associated with updates to the statements; and**
- **Information on the impact of the property tax levy limitation based on an analysis of information from local taxing districts and any suggestions for improvements.**