## Draft for Discussion – Prepared by Commissioner Longbrake 5/16/14

## Questions for Stakeholders to Address at the September 2014 Meeting:

Commissioners ask that stakeholders include answers to the following four questions when presenting testimony either in support or in opposition to a tax preference:

- 1. Is there evidence that the tax preference achieved its purpose, as noted in the 2014 tax preferences reports? If so, please provide such evidence.
- 2. Are there other positive results of this tax preference not stated in the purpose?
- 3. Is there any economic activity stimulated by this tax preference that exceeds the loss of revenue to the state for this tax preference?
- 4. Are there negative results of this tax preference? For example, were other industries, workers, or the environment harmed by the economic activities stimulated by this tax preference?

## **Possible Additional Questions for Stakeholders:**

- 1. Should the Commission recommend termination of the following preferences because of non-usage?
  - a. Aluminum Master Alloy Producers (B&O Tax)
  - b. Bad Debts (Fuel Tax)
  - c. Inmate Employment Programs (Leasehold Excise Tax)
  - d. Second Narrows Bridge (Leasehold Excise Tax)
- 2. Should the Commission consider recommending termination of the following preferences?
  - a. Baseball Stadiums (Leasehold Excise Tax)
  - b. Film and Video Production Equipment (Sales and Use Tax)
  - c. Football Stadium and Exhibition Center Parking (Sales Tax)
  - d. Football Stadiums (Leasehold Excise Tax)
  - e. Microbrewers (Beer Tax)
  - f. Nonresident Keeping Aircraft In-State (Aircraft Excise Tax)
  - g. Second Narrows Bridge (B&O Tax)
  - h. Truck Auxiliary Power-Batteries and Infrastructure (Sales and Use Tax)
  - i. Truck Auxiliary Power-Enabling Parked Operation (Sales and Use Tax)
  - j. Tuna, Mackerel, and Jack Fish (Enhanced Food Fish Tax)
  - k. Vessel Use By Manufacturers or Dealers (Use Tax)
  - l. Wax and Ceramic materials to Create Molds (Sales and Use Tax)

- 3. Should the Commission recommend extending the scheduled termination date of the following preferences?
  - a. Biodiesel and Alcohol Fuel Production Facilities (Leasehold Excise Tax) scheduled to expire December 31, 2015
  - Biodiesel and Alcohol Fuel Production Facilities (Property Tax) scheduled to expire December 31, 2015
  - c. Wood Biomass Fuel Production Facilities (Leasehold Excise Tax) scheduled to expire December 31, 2015
  - d. Wood Biomass Fuel Production Facilities (Property Tax) scheduled to expire December 31, 2015

## 4. Should a preference be continued that benefits only a single organization or a limited number of organizations?

- a. Discount Program Memberships (B&O Tax)
- b. Fish Cleaning (B&O Tax)