



Citizen Commission for Performance Measurement of Tax Preferences

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Citizen Commission for Performance Measurement of Tax Preferences Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2011

John A. Cherberg Bldg.,
Senate Hearing Rm. 3
Olympia, WA

Members Present:

William A. Longbrake
Paul Guppy
Stephen Miller

Lily Kahng
Sen. Craig Pridemore

Members Absent:

James Bobst

Brian Sonntag

Staff:

Keenan Konopaski
Mary Welsh
Peter Heineccius
Cindy Evans
Lisa Hennessy

John Woolley
Dana Lynn
John Bowden
Suzanne Kelly

WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS

Commission Chair Bill Longbrake welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Chair Longbrake introduced new Commission member, Sen. Craig Pridemore, JLARC Chair.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the May 20, 2011, meeting minutes.

The motion was seconded and carried.

JLARC STAFF REPORTS

Keenan Konopaski introduced new JLARC tax team member, Michelle Shea. Ms. Shea joined the JLARC staff as a summer legal extern from the University of Washington School of Law.

John Woolley provided a recap of legislative actions on prior reviews, through the 2011 Legislative Session.

2011 TAX PREFERENCE REVIEWS PRELIMINARY REPORT

John Woolley, Mary Welsh, and Dana Lynn presented the 2011 Preliminary Tax Preference

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Performance Reviews. The presentation focused on the 11 reviews with staff recommendations involving legislative action, termination, or acceptance of expiration dates.

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED 2012 10-YEAR REVIEW SCHEDULE

Chair Longbrake summarized potential revisions to the staff proposal for the 2012 10-Year Review Schedule. The Commission discussed the potential revisions and additional information Department of Revenue (DOR) had provided on select preferences. DOR staff was present to answer questions from the Commission.

Chair Longbrake requested additional information from DOR in advance of the upcoming September 23rd Commission meeting, regarding revenue realization for items on the proposed 2012 review list. Formal action will be taken to approve the review schedule at the September Commission meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Gano, representing Longview Fibre, provided public testimony regarding Legislative intent in tax preferences.

John Ehrenreich, representing the Washington Forest Protection Association (WFPA), provided public testimony pertaining to the hog fuel tax preference.

Bill Stauffacher, representing Northwest Pulp & Paper Association, provided public testimony pertaining to the hog fuel tax preference.

With no further public comment Chair Longbrake adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.