



Citizen Commission for Performance Measurement of Tax Preferences

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Citizen Commission for Performance Measurement of Tax Preferences

Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2018

John A. Cherberg Building

Senate Hearing Room 3

Olympia, WA

Members Present:

Grant Forsyth

Ron Bueing

Diane Lourdes Dick

Justin Marlowe

Andi Nofziger-Meadows

Staff:

Keenan Konopaski

Eric Thomas

Rachel Murata

Dana Lynn

Emily Martin

Marilyn Richter

Pete van Moorsel

Stacia Hollar, AGO

Eric Whitaker

Liz Thomas

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chair Forsyth called the meeting to order at 10:01 am.

The Chair welcomed everyone in attendance.

1. Committee Business

a. Approval of September 6, 2018 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the September 6, 2018 meeting minutes.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

(See TVW recording at [00:09](#))

b. Approval of proposed 2019 hearing schedule

The proposed schedule was discussed by Commissioners. Two dates were changed. The group approved the schedule by consensus.

(See TVW recording at [00:32](#))

c. 2019 tax preference review schedule discussion

Chair Forsyth asked that Commissioners look at the 10 year schedule so it can be discussed at the May 2019 meeting.

(See TVW recording at [02:33](#))

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2. Discussion/adoption of Commissioner comments on 2018 Tax Preference Reviews

Green Group

Preferences in the green group are preferences where the recommendations of commissioners did not vary significantly.

MOTION: A motion was made to endorse the Legislative Auditor's recommendations to:

- Continue and clarify (structural purpose) **Aircraft for Air Ambulances (Aircraft Excise Tax, Property Tax)** and **Custom Farming and Hauling Farm Products (B&O Tax, Public Utility Tax)** without comment.
- Allow to expire and consider other strategies for **Multifamily Housing in Mason County (Property Tax)** without comment.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

(See TVW recording at [07:40](#))

Yellow Group

Preferences in the yellow group are preferences where the recommendations of commissioners varied slightly.

MOTION: A motion was made to endorse the Legislative Auditor's recommendation to:

- Allow to expire and consider other strategies for **Corporate Headquarters Investment Projects (Sales and Use Tax)** with comment.
- Review sufficiency of outcomes and add metrics for **Investment Projects in High Unemployment Counties and Community Empowerment Zones (Sales and Use Tax)** with comment.
- Continue and clarify (structural purpose) **Nonprofit or Library Fundraising (Use Tax)** with comment.
- Continue **Government-Funded Behavioral Health Services (B&O Tax)** with comment.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

(See TVW recording at [09:44](#))

3. Public comment

Chair Forsyth asked if anyone from the public would like to testify. No one wished to do so.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 am.