MINUTES

HOUSE REVENUE & TAXATION COMMITTEE

DATE:	Thursday, March 06, 2025
TIME:	9:00 A.M.
PLACE:	Room EW42
MEMBERS:	Chairman Cannon, Vice Chairman Weber, Representatives Shepherd, Cheatum, Cornilles, Ehlers, Monks, Raymond, Andrus, Bruce, Hill, Raybould, Shirts, Gannon, Berch
ABSENT/ EXCUSED:	None
GUESTS:	The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Cannon called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST: **Chairman Cannon** asked unanimous consent to place **H 354** at the top of the agenda. There being no objection, the agenda was reordered.

H 354: **Rep. Manwaring** presented **H 354,** which shifts the burden of proof for property tax appeals back to the county if the assessed property tax is not between 90% and 110% of the previous year's assessed tax, and standardizes proration for the homeowner's exemption in case of partial year eligibility.

In response to questions from the committee, **Rep. Manwaring** explained the bill will not require the counties to do any additional work on a daily basis, it would merely change the calculation rate.

Sara Westbrook, of the Idaho Association of Counties, and **Max Pond**, Government Affairs Director for the Idaho Association of Realtors, testified **in support** of **H 354.**

The committee heard testimony from **Brad Smith,** Chief Deputy Assessor at the Ada County Assessor's Office, **in opposition** to **H 354.**

MOTION: **Rep. Shepherd** made a motion to send **H 354** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Manwaring** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 355: **Rep. Wisniewski** presented **H 355,** which allows for property tax deferrals for senior citizens on a fixed in come in the form of a lien to the state. Upon sale of the property or death of the occupant, the lien would be due to be paid back.

Annette Dygert, Owyhee County Treasurer, testified **in opposition** to **H 355.**

In response to questions from the committee, **Rep. Wisniewski** explained there is some ambiguity in the language, but he believes the term "any tax due" includes past taxes. He argued any payment to property taxes when there is a delinquency applies to the oldest taxes, which would remove the property from being delinquent for three years, and adding clarifying verbiage would not substantively change that. He noted the distinction between the number of those who have applied for the program (10) and those who are eligible for it (potentially larger). He noted he is open to an amendment, though with different language than that proposed by **Ms. Dygert.**

MOTION: **Rep. Raybould** made a motion to send **H 355** to General Orders. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Wisniewski** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 32531: **Rep. Raybould** presented **RS 32531,** which would be a joint resolution calling for a constitutional amendment to grant localities the option to levy a local sales and use tax. Any proposed levy would need a detailed description of what products or services would be taxed, there would need to be a specific project to be funded by levying the tax, and all such taxes would expire after four years. Such a constitutional amendment would phase out any existing local sales and use taxes. She noted the intention of introducing both RSs is to be a starting point for discussion over the interim.

In response to questions from the committee, **Rep. Raybould** explained the limitation on what could be taxed are what the voters would be willing to approve, though a sales and use tax levied could only be a maximum of 2%. She also noted the law as currently written would allow established districts to reach their current expiration dates, and the legislation would affect the establishment of new districts thereafter.

MOTION: **Vice Chairman Weber** made a motion to introduce **RS 32531. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 32532: **Rep. Raybould** presented **RS 32532,** which is proposed legislation that would only go into effect if the constitutional amendment in **RS 32531** passed. It deals with specifics regarding new local sales and use taxes under the terms of the potential constitutional amendment.

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to introduce **RS 32532. Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:57 AM.

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Representative Cannon
Chair

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Cameron Douglas
Secretary