

MINUTES  
**HOUSE REVENUE & TAXATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, January 20, 2026

**TIME:** 9:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Cannon, Vice Chairman Weber, Representatives Shepherd, Cheatum, Cornilles, Ehlers, Monks, Raymond, Hill, Raybould, Shirts, Barbieri, Rasor, 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.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Cheatum** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 14, 2026.  
**Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 32920:** **Rep. Monks** presented **RS 32920**, he explained the STARs program, which allows developers to build transportation infrastructure at their own expense and then recover those costs through a portion of the new sales tax revenue generated by the project. This approach reduces the financial burden on the state and local governments, speeds up large retail developments, and effectively functions as an interest-free loan to the state. The proposed legislation updates the program's outdated financial thresholds to account for inflation and rising infrastructure costs, ensuring the program remains effective for modern, large-scale projects.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Raybould** made a motion to introduce **RS 32920**.

**Rep. Monks** answered questions from the committee regarding whether payments to developers are clearly limited and whether the public-private partnership would create additional costs for the road districts or ITD and whether these costs would be covered by the STAR program. He stated the proposed legislation raises the financial limits but does not change the rules and he explained the infrastructure expenses would arise eventually and coverage for engineering work still needs to be verified.

Committee members also raised questions regarding the program's financial impact, particularly the potential reduction in future tax revenues and how this aligns with growth "paying for itself" and generating additional revenue.

**Rep. Berch** spoke in support of the motion, while expressing concern about a potential reduction in government revenues in light of the fiscal challenges expected next year, and emphasized the need for further review of the bill with regard to its long-term financial effectiveness.

**VOTE ON  
MOTION:**

**Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 AM.

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Representative Cannon  
Chair

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Iryna Moskvina  
Secretary