

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TAXATION..

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Phill Kline at 9:00 a.m. on March 20, 1998 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Rep. Douglas Johnston
Rep. Clark Shultz

Committee staff present: Chris Courtwright, Legislative Research Department
Tom Severn, Legislative Research Department
Don Hayward, Revisor of Statutes
Shirley Sicilian, Department of Revenue
Ann McMorris, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: none

Others attending: See attached list

Chair opened for discussion, amendments and motions on bills previously heard.

HCR 5050 - Constitutional amendment prohibiting tax increases without two-thirds vote.

Moved by Representative Powell, seconded by Representative Tanner, amend HCR 5050 to allow that the Governor can declare an emergency and it takes majority vote from the House and Senate to revert to current law. Motion carried.

Moved by Representative Cook, seconded by Representative Gregory, amend HCR 5050 on page 1, line 27, by striking "increase" and inserting ": (a) Increase"; in line 28, by striking the second comma and inserting "; (b) impose a new tax after November 3, 1998; or (c) increase the rate of any tax described by clause (b)."; in line 36, after the second comma, by inserting "or the imposition or the increase of the rate of a new tax imposed after November 3, 1998. Motion carried.

Moved by Representative Larkin, seconded by Representative Ruff, amend HCR 5050 by including statutory fee increase subject to circuit breaker. Motion carried.

Moved by Representative Larkin amend HCR 5050 to include constitutional prohibition on unfunded mandates. Chair ruled the amendment was non-germane.

Moved by Representative Powell, seconded by Representative Cook, pass HCR 5050 favorably as amended. Motion carried.

HB 2995 - Property tax classification of criminal detention centers

Moved by Representative Ruff, seconded by Representative Kline, pass HB 2995 favorably and place on consent calendar. Motion carried.

HB 3016 - Sales tax treatment of prepaid telephone cards

Moved by Representative Powell, seconded by Representative cook, pass HB 3016 favorably and place on consent calendar. Motion carried.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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SB 421 - Taxation of motor vehicle fuels, incidence of tax on distributor

Moved by Representative Shriver, seconded by Representative Powell, pass SB 421 favorably and place on consent calendar. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 23, 1998.

Adjournment.

