

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TAXATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Gene Suellentrop at 3:30pm on Tuesday, February 17, 2015, 582-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

- Representative Kasha Kelley – Excused
- Representative Marvin Kleebe – Excused
- Representative Tom Sawyer – Excused
- Representative Louis Ruiz, appointed substitute member to the committee

Committee staff present:

- Reed Holwegner, Legislative Research Department
- Phyllis Fast, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant
- Chris Courtwright, Legislative Research Department
- Scott Wells, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

- Mike Taylor, United Government, Wyandotte County and Kansas City
- Larry Baer, League of Kansas Municipalities
- Nathan Eberline, Kansas Association of Counties
- Whitney Damron, for the City of Topeka

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

### **Bill introductions**

Representative Kelly requested a bill be introduced concerning property tax prepayment and averaging. Representative Johnson made a motion to introduce the bill. Representative Hedke seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **Hearing on: HB2167 — Increasing interest rate on delinquent real property taxes.**

Chairman Suellentrop opened a hearing on **HB2167**.

Scott Wells briefed the Committee on **HB2167** by explaining the proposed penalty increase. He stood for questions.

Mike Taylor presented testimony in support of **HB2167** by explaining "the need to increase the interest rate on delinquent property tax payments". He stood for questions. ([Attachment 1](#))

Larry Baer presented testimony in support of **HB2167** by explaining how the bill "serves to encourage the timely payment of taxes". He stood for questions. ([Attachment 2](#))

Nathan Eberline presented testimony in support of **HB2167** by explaining that the increased penalty "will encourage prompt payment of taxes". He stood for questions. ([Attachment 3](#))

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Whitney Damron presented testimony in support of **HB2167** by stating the City of Topeka's wish to increase the interest rate. He stood for questions. ([Attachment 4](#))

No testimony neutral for or in opposition to **HB2167** was presented.

When all questions from the Committee were answered, Chairman Suellentrop closed the hearing on **HB2167**.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:47 pm.