

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SB 125

JUNE 14, 1999 - 2:00 P.M. - HEARING ROOM A - STATE CAPITOL BUILDING

Members Present: Senator Tom Hartung, Chair

Senator Ginny Burdick

Senator Thomas Wilde

Representative Ken Strobeck

Representative Anitra Rasmussen

Representative Bill Witt

Staff: Paul Warner, Legislative Revenue Officer

Lizbeth Martin-Mahar, Economist, Legislative Revenue Office

Joan Green, Committee Assistant

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003 Chair Hartung Meeting called to order at 2:16 p.m.

WORK SESSION ON SB 125 B-ENG.

008 Lizbeth Martin-Mahar Described differences and similarities between the Senate and House versions of the measure. (Exhibit 1)

Discussed the three major policy issues. (Exhibit 2)

057	Sen. Burdick	Requested that the second policy issue be clarified.
059	Martin-Mahar	<p>If the number of years for the property tax roll correction should that be retroactive? In the A-Eng. version of the measure the county needs to review accounts and from January 1, 1998 to the effective date of the act all real property corrections made on the role will require a refund to taxpayers that paid more than three years by the counties.</p> <p>Continued with review of policy issues and points of agreement, (Exhibit 2).</p>
072	Sen. Burdick	Which error is corrected in the B-Eng. version's new section; was the interest rate different?
075	Martin-Mahar	The statute read that the delinquent interest would be used on refunds, but that is at 16% as opposed to 12%.
078	Sen. Wilde	Four percent is designated for mapping?
079	Martin-Mahar	Concurred.
085	Rep. Strobeck	MOTION: THE SENATE CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENTS DATED APRIL 16 AND THAT THE BILL BE REPASSED.
087	Rep. Strobeck	<p>Spoke to reason for motion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The principal adopted in the B-Eng. version is consistent with several other measures that involve similar circumstances. • The principal of continuing to be responsible for payment of lawfully assessed taxes is important, but the interest should be forgiven because of governmental errors. • Additional taxes that went on the role should be deferred and not charged interest.
112	Sen. Burdick	What was the House rationale in real property reverting back to 5 years from the 3 years?
116	Rep. Strobeck	Five years is current law and it was a consistency issue between real and personal property.

- 123 Sen. Burdick Spoke in opposition to motion for the stated reasons:
- Spoke to good policy reasons for differentiating between real property and personal property.
 - More lenience should be provided with personal property.
 - Multnomah County testified on the Senate side to two errors in their process, as it relates to the individual taxpayer and did not oppose the amendment.
 - Strength of both versions is the interest is forgiven when the error is governmental.
- 150 Rep. Rasmussen Spoke in support of the A-Eng. version of the measure, especially as it relates to the Multnomah County taxpayer.
- 163 Rep. Witt Spoke in support of the motion for the stated reasons:
- Basic principal that liability exists even though a bill is not tendered.
 - Spoke to Multnomah County taxpayer that has a hardship of a lump sum payment due to the County's mistakes.
 - The hardship can be addressed by elimination of the interest and penalties and allowing deferment of those taxes until the property is sold.
- 207 VOTE
- ROLL CALL VOTE: MOTION FAILS 2-4-0
- MEMBERS VOTING AYE: Rep. Strobeck, Rep. Witt
- MEMBERS VOTING NAY: Rep. Rasmussen, Sen. Burdick, Sen. Wilde, Chair Hartung
- MOTION FAILED
- 215 Chair Hartung Meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

Submitted by, Reviewed by,

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Exhibit Summary:

1. SB 125, Martin-Mahar, Chart of differences between House and Senate versions, 1 page
2. SB 125, Martin-Mahar, Summarization of policy issues, 1 page