

Sandy Smith

From: Mark Johnson
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2015 1:53 PM
To: Sandy Smith
Cc: Heather Koop
Subject: LSOHC - House Env Finance Committee amendments posted

Sandy:

Please have this posted on the Council bulletin board per our discussion. The council has already received it.

Mark

From: Mark Johnson
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2015 8:07 PM
Subject: Fwd: LSOHC - House Env Finance Committee amendments posted

Dear Council members:

As you will see from the email below, HF 1707 the bill to take PILT out of the Environmental Trust Fund (ENTRF) will be heard in the House Environment Committee tomorrow. Also, the A1 amendment inserts the Outdoor Heritage Fund provisions of HF1706 into HF1707. So, the PILT discussion will be in full stride in the House Environment committee starting at 8:15 tomorrow morning.

Staff will attend the meeting.

My question to you is, "what are your thoughts on the PILT issue?"

There are several sub-points within the discussion that will be of interest to us including:

1. Is PILT a constitutional use of OHF?
2. Why 30x when taking 17x the annual tax is closer to reality to provide the necessary return to cover the pilt obligation ? (David's spreadsheet is a good indicator of this)
3. Why should the OHF be liable for the full PILT amount if only as little as 20% of the full acquisition funding is deieved from OHF? Wouldn't prorating of the PILT liability be more appropriate?
4. Does "acquired in part" elude to the purchase of conservation easements? If so, it would seem that PILT liability would again come into play under the bill language. The bill language is ***"For the purposes of this subdivision, "acquired in part" means that at least 20 percent of the state payment for the acquisition of the parcel was from money from the outdoor heritage fund."*** It appears this means "fee acquisition," and if that is the intent then "fee" probably should be inserted to clarify."

Your thoughts will be helpful in this. My apology for the late notice. If you wish to attend and testify, it may be best to email Amy Zipko directly at amy.zipko@house.mn . Please copy me as well so I can follow up with Amy early tomorrow a.m. to confirm.

I will be in the office early. Feel free to call if you prefer to talk about your thoughts.

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Subject: House Env Finance Committee amendments posted

Amendments have been posted for HF1707.

If you want to testify on this bill please give me a call or send an e-mail so I can get you on the agenda.

House Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Finance Committee
Wednesday, March 18, 2015
8:15 AM

Room: 5 State Office Building
Chair: Rep. Denny McNamara

Agenda:

other bills may be added

Bills:
[HF1707](#) - (Drazkowski): Environment and natural resources trust fund payment account established, trust fund payments to counties provided, and money appropriated.

Attachments:

(3/17/2015) [H1707A1.pdf](#)

(3/17/2015) [H1707A2.pdf](#)

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