
2026 Tax Bills

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Affordability

Affordability was the biggest focus of the legislative session.

This was addressed by:

- Lowering the income tax
- Improving transparency in the property tax process
- Putting guardrails around the imposition of transportation utility fees

HB236 Truth in Taxation Amendments

Provides greater transparency in the truth-in-taxation process by requiring a tax entity to:

- Hold an additional public meeting to introduce a possible property tax increase between May 1st and June 13th
- Present a property tax impact schedule at the public budget meeting
- Provide the public with the following information:
 - Statement of intent to consider a tax increase
 - Dollar amount, purpose, and percentage increase
 - Additional hearing schedule if tax increase moves forward

HB236 Budget requirements

- An interim budget must be completed and adopted by June 30th
- It must include the proposed increase and impact schedule.
- Money from the proposed increase must be held in a restricted account with interim budget until tax increase is approved



HB 425 Local Government Fees

Amendments

Puts guardrails around the process for local governments impose transportation utility fees while ensuring fair fee distribution.

Process requirements:

- A study based on traffic counts, trip generation, and vehicle types
- Proper public notices and hearing
- A dedicated account for collected funds
- An annual review and re-imposition every 10 years.
- An opportunity to appeal fees



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