



WRITTEN TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

HB 361

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Chari Eklund, Vice Chair Terhar, Ranking Member Williams and members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, thank you for the opportunity to write in support of HB 361, which would increase the time within which boards of revision must decide property tax complaints to 180 business days.

This bill grants local governments the timeframe it needs to effectively and efficiently process decisions on property tax complaints. Many local governments, particularly those with higher populations, find the current timeframe too constraining. Some local governments are dealing with a backlog of tax complaints, unable to deal with them within the currently-allotted timeframe and causing delays.

It is important that we ensure local governments can process these complaints fairly and accurately. Increasing the timeframe to 180 days gives those governing bodies adequate time to properly assess and decide complaints, rather than rushing through them in an attempt to avoid pileups or delays.

We appreciate Rep. Greenspan recognizing the need to give local governments the time they need to do their jobs well, and we strongly urge the passage of HB 361. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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