

Taxes Committee

**MINUTES**

Representative Aisha Gomez, Chair of the Taxes Committee, called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM on April 1st, 2025, in Room 120 of the State Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll

Members present:

GOMEZ, Aisha, DFL Chair  
NORRIS, Matt, DFL Chair  
JOY, Jim, GOP Vice Chair  
ANDERSON, Patti  
ELKINS, Steve  
FREIBERG, Mike  
HANSON, Jessica  
HARDER, Bobbie  
HER, Kaohly  
HUOT, John  
JOHNSON, Wayne  
KOZLOWSKI, Liish  
LEE, Liz  
ROBBINS, Kristin  
ROACH, Drew  
SCHWARTZ, Erica  
SMITH, Andy  
STEPHENSON, Zack  
SWEDZINSKI, Chris  
WARWAS, Cal  
WIENER, Mike  
WITTE, Jeff  
YOUAKIM, Cheryl

Excused:

DAVIDS, Greg GOP Chair

Representative Elkins moved the minutes from March 27, 2025 be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 160(Bahner) Tax increment financing; special rules authorized for the City of Maple Grove.

Chair Gomez moved HF 160 before the committee.

Representative Bahner presented HF 160.

Testifiers:

- Mark Steffenson, Mayor, City of Maple Grove

Chair Gomez moved that HF 160 be laid over for possible inclusion in a Tax omnibus bill.

HF 512(Klevorn) Plymouth; special rules authorized.

Chair Gomez moved HF 512 before the committee.

Representative Klevorn presented HF 512.

Testifiers:

- Jeffrey Wosje, Mayor, City of Plymouth

Chair Gomez moved that HF 512 be laid over for possible inclusion in a final Tax omnibus bill.

HF 158(Kotyza-Witthuhn) Tax increment financing; special rules authorized for the city of Eden Prairie.

Chair Gomez moved HF 158 before the committee.

Representative Kotyza-Witthuhn presented HF 158.

Testifiers:

- Dave Lindahl, Economic Development Manager, City of Eden Prairie

Chair Gomez moved that HF 158 be laid over for possible inclusion in a final Tax omnibus bill.

HF 157(Fischer) Tax increment financing; special rules authorized for the city of Maplewood.

Chair Gomez moved HF 157 before the committee.

Representative Fischer presented HF 157.

Testifiers:

- Mark Sable, City Manager, City of Maplewood

Chair Gomez moved that Hf 156 be laid over for possible inclusion in a Tax omnibus bill

HF 1746(Lillie) Oakdale; Special tax increment financing rules authorized.

Chair Gomez moved HF 1746 before the committee.

Representative Lillie presented HF 1746.

Testifiers:

- John Stark, Special Projects Manager, City of Oakdale

Chair Gomez moved that HF 1746 be laid over for possible inclusion in a Tax omnibus bill.

HF 1159(Youakim) Eligible use of increment for tax increment financing districts expanding to include transfers to local housing trust funds, and requirements on use of transferred increment imposed.

Representative Youakim moved HF 1159 before the committee.

Representative Youakim moved the A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Youakim presented HF 1159, as amended.

Testifiers:

- Karen Barton, Community Development Director, City of St. Louis Park (remotely)

Chair Gomez moved that HF 1159, as amended, be laid over of possible inclusion in a Tax omnibus bill.

HF 2585(Hollins) St. Paul; Special tax increment financing rules authorized.

Chair Gomez moved HF 2585 before the committee.

Representative Hollins presented HF 2585.

Testifiers:

- Nicolle Newton, Planning and Economic Development Director, City of St. Paul
- Mikaela Hout, Director, Baker Tilly

Chair Gomez moved that HF 2585 be laid over for possible inclusion in a Tax omnibus bill.

HF 2839 (Jones) Minneapolis; special tax increment financing rules authorized.

Chair Gomez moved HF 2839 before the committee.

Representative Jones presented HF 2839.

Testifiers:

- Katie Cashman, Council Member, Minneapolis City Council

Chair Gomez moved that HF 2839 be laid over for possible inclusion in a Tax omnibus bill.

HF 2574 (Hollins) Tax increment financing; use of increments to convert vacant or underused commercial or industrial buildings to residential purposes authorized, and calculation of increment and finding required for a district converting vacant or underused property modified.

Chair Gomez moved HF 2574 before the committee.

Representative Hollins presented HF 2574.

Testifiers:

- Nicolle Newton, Planning and economic development Director, City of St. Paul
- Angie Skildum, Development Finance Director City of Minneapolis

Chair Gomez moved that HF 2574 be laid over for possible inclusion in a Tax omnibus bill.

HF 338 (Skraba) Tax increment financing; five-and six year rules for certain districts extended, and income restrictions removed for certain housing districts.

Vice Chair Joy moved HF 338 before the committee.

Representative Skraba presented HF 338.

Testifiers:

- Erik Simonson, Coalition Greater Minnesota Cities

Chair Gomez moved that HF 338 be laid over for possible inclusion in a Tax omnibus bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.

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Representative Aisha Gomez, Chair

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Shamat Abraha, Committee Legislative Assistant