

# TASK FORCE ON TAX PREFERENCE REFORM

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### Members Present:

James McIntire, State Treasurer, *Chair*  
Representative Troy Kelley, Chair of JLARC  
Marty Brown, Director, OFM  
Representative Ross Hunter  
Representative Ed Orcutt  
Senator Joseph Zarelli, *Vice Chair*  
Amber Carter, Association of Washington Business  
Paul Guppy, Washington Policy Center  
Bill Longbrake, Governor's Council of Economic Advisors

### Members Absent:

Senator Phil Rockefeller

### Staff:

Ruta Fanning, Legislative Auditor  
Keenan Konopaski, Audit Coordinator  
Cindy Evans, Assistant Attorney General  
Peter Heineccius, Research Analyst  
Dana Lynn, Research Analyst  
Mary Welsh, Senior Research Analyst

### Welcome

Chair McIntire opened the meeting at 9:10 a.m. and welcomed those present.

### Approval of Minutes

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the July 22 Task Force meeting. The nomination was seconded and approved by the Task Force.

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## Approval of Meeting Schedule

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the proposed meeting schedule. The nomination was seconded and approved by the Task Force.

The meeting schedule is as follows:

Meeting Date	Time	Location
August 18, 2010	9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Senate Hearing Room 3 John A. Cherberg Building Olympia
August 31, 2010	9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Senate Hearing Room 3 John A. Cherberg Building Olympia
September 20, 2010	9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Senate Hearing Room 3 John A. Cherberg Building Olympia
October 27, 2010	9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Senate Hearing Room 3 John A. Cherberg Building Olympia
November 15, 2010	9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Senate Hearing Room 3 John A. Cherberg Building Olympia

## Observations on Tax Preference Review Process

Keenan Konopaski and Mary Welsh presented an overview of tax preference performance reviews, including issues and concerns related to the review process. Paul Guppy and Bill Longbrake, who both serve on the Tax Preferences Commission, commented on the tax preference review process.

## Presentation by the House Office of Program Research (OPR), Office of Financial Management (OFM), and the Department of Revenue (DOR)

Charlie Gavigan (OPR) and Jim Schmidt (OFM) gave a general overview of fiscal notes in the legislative process.

Don Gutmann (DOR) presented information on the fiscal note process as it relates to the Department of Revenue.

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## Review of Upcoming Meetings

Ruta Fanning reviewed the agenda items for the upcoming Task Force meetings. Proposed Task Force recommendations may be forwarded to staff prior to the September 20 meeting or provided in writing at the meeting. Staff will draft a preliminary report for review at the October 27 meeting. The final report will be adopted at the November 15 meeting and forwarded to the Governor and Legislature.

## **Public Comment**

No members of the public signed up to comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

  
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VICE CHAIR

  
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