

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 Phil Rockefeller
Senator Joseph Zarelli, *Vice Chair*
Amber Carter, Association of Washington Business
Jeff Chapman, Washington Budget & Policy Center
Paul Guppy, Washington Policy Center

Members Absent:

Bill Longbrake, Governor's Council of Economic Advisors

Staff:

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

Welcome

Ruta Fanning opened the meeting at 10:10 a.m. and presided until election of the Chair.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

MOTION: Senator Rockefeller nominated James McIntire to serve as Chair. The nomination was seconded and approved by the Task Force.

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MOTION: Representative Orcutt nominated Senator Zarelli for Vice Chair. The nomination was seconded and approved.

Introductions

Chair McIntire asked that members introduce themselves, and called for any amendments to the agenda. Amber Carter asked that an opportunity for public comment be added at the end of each agenda.

Roles and Requirements of Task Force

Keenan Konopaski presented the roles and requirements of the Task Force set out in the enabling statute (ESSB 6444 § 103(10)).

Cindy Evans, Assistant Attorney General, presented an overview of ethics requirements and open public meetings.

Ruta Fanning presented proposed Task Force Rules of Procedure. Representative Orcutt asked that the Task Force attempt to reach sufficient consensus rather than vote whenever possible.

MOTION: Representative Hunter made a motion to adopt the draft rules of procedure. The motion was seconded and adopted.

Planning for Future Meetings

Discussion

Chair McIntire opened the meeting for members to discuss future meeting topics. The Chair summarized the discussion into the following categories:

- Experience of the Citizen's Tax Preference Commission;
- Fiscal notes on proposed tax preferences;
- Legislative intent;
- Process for development, review, termination and administration of tax preferences; and
- Tax preferences and budget development.

Public Comment

Public comment was provided by omm'A Givens, Washington Public Employees Association; Chris Brown, tax attorney; and Ron Bueing, tax attorney.

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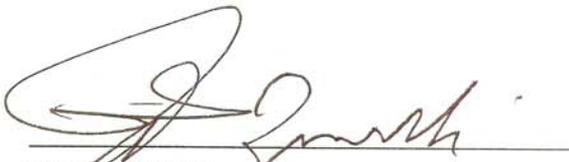
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Schedule of Future Meetings

The Task Force discussed the proposed meeting schedule of monthly meetings through November. Members decided on holding longer meetings, such as four hours long. The Chair asked staff to poll the members on availability and to schedule monthly meetings with possibly two August meetings.

Chair McIntire asked staff to provide time for public comment at the end of each meeting agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.



VICE CHAIR



CHAIR