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HB1161-Washington County - Mobile Home Tax -- Authorization

HB1161 changes the manner in which mobile homes are taxed in Washington County. Currently, owners of the mobile homes located within a mobile home park pay a 15% tax on the value of lot rents paid to the lot owners. This bill eliminates the gross receipts tax and substitutes it with a tax based on the assessed value of the mobile home – similar to the manner in which all other real estate is assessed a property tax.

The bill is being introduced upon request by the Washington County Board of County Commissioners, and a letter of support from them will be provided. This request is as a result of discussions between the Board of County Commissioners and residents of the various mobile home parks in the County. It is estimated to have a revenue decrease to the County of approximately \$283,000.

I have had discussion with SDAT regarding the bill and the fiscal note states that they can handle the responsibilities within existing budgeted resources.

I ask for a favorable report. Thank you.