



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request



Requested Meeting Date: 04-12-2022

Title of Item: Bakk-Ecklund PILT Bills Support Resolution

<input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	Action Requested: <input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft) <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing*
Submitted by: Brittany Searle	Department: Administration	
Presenter (Name and Title):		Estimated Time Needed:
Summary of Issue: Sf 2793 (Bakk) and HF 3073 (Ecklund) have been introduced to help rectify huge inequities in PILT Payments by substantially increasing PILT payments to Norther MN counties including a 50% increase to Aitkin County. Adopt Resolution to support 2022 Legislature to pass the respective Bakk-Ecklund PILT bills.		
Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:		
Recommended Action/Motion: Adopt Resolution to support 2022 Legislature to pass the respective Bakk-Ecklund PILT bills.		
Financial Impact: Is there a cost associated with this request? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$ Is this budgeted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>Please Explain:</i>		

Legally binding agreements must have County Attorney approval prior to submission.

By Commissioner: xx

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WHEREAS, the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Program passed into Minnesota law in 1979 with the statutory purpose “to address the disproportionate impact of state land ownership on local units of government with a large proportion of state land;” and

WHEREAS, 95% of all PILT acreage is located in the northern-half of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, since 1995, nearly all PILT payment increases have gone to southern Minnesota and metro area counties; and

WHEREAS, in 1979 when PILT payments began, the biggest disparity between the highest PILT compensated county to the lowest compensated county was 8:1 or, *8 times higher*, yet today that disparity has grown to a whopping 170:1 or, *170 times higher*, and

WHEREAS, the principal cause PILT payments are so inequitable across MN, is because in 1995, the Acquired Acres category of PILT Payments switched from a flat rate to instead, a land value basis, yet all other major PILT Payment categories remained at a flat rate; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Counties Land Use Coordinating Board (NCLUCB) recently completed a Comprehensive Study re: State PILT and Payments to Counties which verifies all of the above-mentioned inequities; and

WHEREAS, SF 2793 (Bakk) & HF 3073 (Ecklund) have been introduced to help rectify these huge inequities in PILT Payments by substantially increasing PILT payments to Northern MN counties, including a 50% increase in Aitkin County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Aitkin County hereby urges the 2022 Legislature to pass the respective Bakk-Ecklund PILT Bills through the necessary committees and include them in their final Omnibus Tax Bill.