REVENUE IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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NOTICE OF INDETERMINATE **REVENUE IMPACT**

Impact Explanation: The measure, as amended, would enable county assessors to issue a deferred billing credit to taxpayers on property tax that is disputed during an appeal. The deferred billing credit makes it possible for the county governments, local governments, and taxing districts to avoid paying 12% interest on amounts of tax refunded to a taxpayer upon a successful appeal. The measure allows the assessor to have discretion to choose the amount that is issued for the credit, with the limitation that the credit may only be 80 percent of the tax associated with the real market value or specially assessed value disputed in an appeal. This measure would have no revenue impact if the deferred billing credits are not issued, or the credits are issued on an unsuccessful appeal. However, in the case that a deferred billing credit is issued on an appeal that is successful, the measure has the potential to eliminate the 12% interest paid to the taxpayer upon any refund of taxes. The amount of savings depends on circumstances, the outcome of the appeal, and the amount issued as a credit. It could range from no impact to an indeterminate positive revenue impact. The scale of the impact would also depend on how often the assessors choose to issue the deferred billing credit.