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DISTRICT 13
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Chair Bowman, Vice-Chairs Drazan and Pham, and Members of the Committee,

HB 2006 would limit all committees except Joint Ways and Means (JWM) to 15 committee bills, allowing for individual appeals. I'm writing to ask your consideration to treat House Committee on Revenue (HREV) more like JWM, or at least differently from "regular" policy committees.

HREV introduced 28 committee bills for this session. I believe that number seems reasonable, given HREV's responsibilities, and I do not feel it was an abuse of process or extraordinary burden on Legislative Counsel. Many of the bills are routine and pro forma. HREV has responsibilities apart from that of a "regular" policy committee. Also, HREV is a close-out committee that continues working through to the end of session, available to process bills that are the result of negotiations and part of solution packages.

Here's a summary of the committee bills drafted for HREV this session:

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| A. Always necessary, and essential (Forest Products Harvest Tax, federal tax connection, Leg Counsel reviser's bill) | 3 |
| B. Placeholder bills to take care of issues relating to tax types, such as personal and corporate income, property, corporate activity, state finance, et al. | 9 |
| C. Expiring tax expenditures (with sunsets in law), setting them up for considering renewal, i.e. extending the sunset. This number varies a little from year to year. | 9 |
| D. Bills that would be comparable to other policy committee bills, i.e. amending or creating a new policy or program | 7 |

Here are some options for consideration:

1. Status quo, per HB 2006. Limit **15** bills. Result: HREV gets *fewer* policy bills than other committees (15 – 3 that are mandatory, resulting in 12 for all other HREV work).
Note: HREV will no longer tee up expiring tax expenditures for considering renewal, i.e. extending the sunset, and have fewer or no policy bills and generic placeholder bills to solve problems identified during the session by HREV or other committees.
2. Allow HREV enough bills for A and B and C plus the 15 allowed for policy committees: **36** (we were well below that this year)
3. Allow HREV enough bills for A and C, scaled-back B, and 15 allowed for policy committees: **31**
4. Allow HREV enough bills for A, B, and D: $12+15 = 27$. Group C, expiring tax expenditures: Rely on advocates to request bills from members; some might expire by mistake or oversight.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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