

I am writing in support of HB2769. I have experience in my city of a taxing entity that sets a mill rate. It is set up where some residents are paying taxes and have representation. However other board members residents do not pay into that taxing entity but have representation.

This causes those who do not pay into the taxing entity the ability to decide a tax rate for other areas and residents.

This has caused issues with those who set on the taxing entity and have to answer for taxes the residents pay but they have no ability to make decisions. They can be 'outvoted' by others who set on that taxing entity, but their residents don't pay in. Giving an accurate and frustrating impression to paying residents who see the results of their taxes going up but do not understand that those representing them do not truly have the ability to place votes representing them.

Bottom line, it creates an us against them mentality; our residents are paying for something yours are not, but you can keep raising taxes and we have no ability to truly represent our tax payers.

It also creates issues between those who are on the board voting representing their residents who do not understand there are those on the board who do not pay in and vote to raise taxes, with no consequences to their tax paying residents.

Please move this bill forward which will allow a fair and equitable taxing structure for any entity in this same position.

Kind regards,
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