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HB2396 Opponent Written Only

Chairwoman Tyson and Members of the Assessment and Taxation Committee,

This bill severely limits the ability of cities and counties to raise necessary revenue for infrastructure, emergency services, and community investments.

A single protest petition could undo an entire budget plan, making long-term financial planning difficulty for local governments.

HB2396 shifts decision making power away from the locally elected officials and places it in the hands of the state-mandated formulas and voter petitions, making governance less flexible.

If local governments are unable to raise enough revenue, essential services such as police, fire, and public works may suffer funding shortages.

This bill does not take into account the increasing costs of providing local services, potentially leading to cuts in necessary programs or forcing local governments to find alternative sources.

Thank-you

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