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PROPERTY TAX Kandiyohi County Economic Development Authority

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Department of Revenue
Analysis of H.F. 41 (Juhnke) 1st Engrossment

| | Yes | No |
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| Separate Official Fiscal Note Requested | | |
| Fiscal Impact | | |
| DOR Administrative Costs/Savings | | |

| | Revenue Gain or (Loss) | | | |
|--------------|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | F.Y. 2004 | F.Y. 2005 | F.Y. 2006 | F.Y. 2007 |
| | (000's) | | | |
| General Fund | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

Effective the day after final enactment.

EXPLANATION OF THE BILL

Current Law: Cities have authority to establish economic development authorities to develop and improve the lands in an economic development district to make it suitable and available for economic development uses. Special taxing districts are granted specified authority to levy taxes, but “special taxing districts” are defined to exclude counties, school districts, cities and towns.

Proposed Law: Kandiyohi County and the City of Willmar would be granted joint authority to exercise the powers of an economic development authority and to levy property taxes as a special taxing district. The current levy limit for a city economic development authority is 0.01813% of taxable market value, and this limit would be applied to the entire county as specified for the proposed special taxing authority.

REVENUE ANALYSIS DETAIL

- Granting Kandiyohi County joint powers with the City of Willmar to levy property taxes for use in an economic development authority means that the levy would be spread on all taxpayers in the county, rather than be limited to taxpayers in the City of Willmar.
- Extension of the city levy limit for an economic development authority to include the remainder of Kandiyohi County would potentially limit the levy authorized.
- Although tax burdens for the proposed district would be redistributed among all county taxpayers under this proposal, there would be no impact on the state budget.

Number of Taxpayers Affected: All taxpayers in Kandiyohi County would be affected.

Source: Minnesota Department of Revenue
Tax Research Division
<http://www.taxes.state.mn.us/polic.html#analyses>