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## PROPERTY TAX Truth in Taxation Hearings

	Yes	No
DOR Administrative Cost/Savings		x

Department of Revenue  
Analysis of H.F. 1570 (Marquart) as introduced

The bill would modify the truth in taxation local budget process by requiring local jurisdictions to publish a preliminary proposed budget on their website prior to September 1 and before adopting a proposed levy. Local jurisdictions would also be required to hold at least one public budget hearing after August 31. The requirements would apply to cities with a population over 2,500, counties, school districts and the Metropolitan Council.

The truth in taxation requirement changes would be effective for proposed budgets beginning with taxes payable in 2014.

There is no assumed impact to the state general fund due to the proposed local budget hearing requirements.

### PROPERTY TAX BENCHMARKS (Minn. Stat. § 270C.991)

<i>Transparency, Understandability, Simplicity &amp; Accountability</i>	Increase	General budget information would become more accessible earlier in the local budget process.
<i>Efficiency &amp; Compliance</i>	Neutral	
<i>Equity (Vertical &amp; Horizontal)</i>	Neutral	
<i>Stability &amp; Predictability</i>	Neutral	
<i>Competitiveness for Businesses</i>	Neutral	
<i>Responsiveness to Economic Conditions</i>	Neutral	

The bill is scored on a three point scale (decrease, neutral, increase) for each principle in comparison to current law.

Source: Minnesota Department of Revenue  
Property Tax Division - Research Unit  
[www.revenue.state.mn.us/research\\_stats/  
pages/revenue-analyses.aspx](http://www.revenue.state.mn.us/research_stats/pages/revenue-analyses.aspx)

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