

**PROPERTY TAX
Land Bank Property Tax
Abatement**

March 12, 2024

	Yes	No
DOR Administrative Costs/Savings		X

Department of Revenue
Analysis of S.F. 4115 (Rest) as proposed to be amended by SCS4115A-1

	Fund Impact			
	F.Y. 2024	F.Y. 2025	F.Y. 2026	F.Y. 2027
	(000's)			
Property Tax Refund Interaction	\$0	\$0	(\$10)	(\$10)

Effective the day following final enactment.

EXPLANATION OF THE BILL

The proposal defines a “land bank organization” as a non-profit organization that, at least in part, acquires, holds, or manages vacant, blighted, foreclosed, or tax-forfeited property for future development, redevelopment, or disposal.

Under current law, an abatement of property taxes may be granted for the purpose of local economic development if the abatement meets one of eight criteria that clearly define the public benefit. Under the proposal, the public benefit criteria would be expanded to include:

- (ix) provide for the development of affordable housing to households at or below 80 percent of area median income; or
- (x) allow the property to be held by a land bank organization for future development.

Under the proposal, abatements granted on the basis of either (ix) or (x) above would be limited to a period of no more than five years. In addition, an abatement must be repaid with interest if the land for which the abatement was granted is used for a purpose other than the purpose given by the land bank organization prior to redevelopment.

REVENUE ANALYSIS DETAIL

- It is assumed that the only organization with eligible property is Land Bank Twin Cities.
- Under current law, all political subdivisions are required to add back to their current year levies the total estimated amount of all current year economic development abatements.
- Under the proposal, property taxes would shift from the parcels eligible for an abatement onto all other properties in those local jurisdictions, including homesteads.
- Because the levies set in one calendar year are collected as property taxes in the following calendar year, the property tax shift would occur in the year following the abatement.
- Based on data provided by Land Bank Twin Cities, approximately \$0.5 million in property taxes are due in 2024 on property potentially eligible for an abatement under the proposal.
- It is assumed that approximately half of Land Bank Twin Cities parcels would receive an abatement for taxes payable in 2024.

- Under this assumption, \$0.25 million in property taxes would shift onto other properties beginning with taxes payable in 2025, resulting in a cost to the general fund of \$10,000 beginning in FY 2026 due to increased homeowner property tax refunds.
- Tax year impact is allocated to the following fiscal year.

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

<i>Transparency, Understandability, Simplicity & Accountability</i>	Neutral
<i>Efficiency & Compliance</i>	Neutral
<i>Equity (Vertical & Horizontal)</i>	Neutral
<i>Stability & 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
<https://www.revenue.state.mn.us/revenue-analyses>

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