

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Teel Bivins, Chair, Senate Committee on Finance

**FROM:** John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: SB480** by Madla (Relating to excepting certain land from the additional tax imposed on the change of use of land appraised for ad valorem tax purposes as open-space land.), **As Introduced**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend Section 23.55 of the Tax Code to provide that a transfer of property, currently appraised as qualified open-space land, from the state or political subdivision to an individual or business for the purpose of economic development would not trigger a change of use in the property relative to application of the "rollback tax" penalty.

Under current law, the penalty is equal to the difference between the property taxes imposed on the land for each of the preceding five years, preceding the year in which the change of use occurs, and the tax that would have been imposed had the land been taxed on the basis of market value in each of those years, plus interest at an annual rate of seven percent.

Passage of this bill could result in a revenue loss to taxing units in instances where a change of use under current law would trigger application of the rollback penalty; however, due to the restriction on the application of the wavier, it is not anticipated that it would result in a significant fiscal impact on the state or units of local governments.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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