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TO: Honorable Jim Keffer, Chair, House Committee on Ways & Means

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB18 by Williams (Relating to the adoption of ad valorem tax rates by taxing units and to related tax bills.), **As Engrossed**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require the governing body of a taxing unit other than a school district to hold two public hearings for any proposed property tax increase above the lower of the rollback tax rate or the effective tax rate. Current law requires these governing bodies to hold a public hearing for any proposed property tax increase above the lower of the rollback tax rate or 103 percent of the effective tax rate.

Since the bill would not apply to school districts, no fiscal impact to the State is anticipated.

Local Government Impact

Since the bill would lower the trigger for additional requirements to adopt a tax rate increase, it may provide an incentive for the applicable taxing units to set future tax rates at a lower amount than the taxing units might approve under current law.

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