

Fiscal Estimate - 2017 Session

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Current law allows the Department of Revenue (DOR) to use third-party audits, paid on a contingent fee basis, to audit another person's documents or records in order to administer the unclaimed property program. Current law does not provide DOR with internal audit staff to identify unreported property. When DOR cannot locate an owner for unclaimed property, the unclaimed property is transferred to the School Fund.

Under the bill, DOR would be prohibited from contracting with or using information attained through a third-party audit in identifying unreported property, with the exception of information received from the Federal Government.

In FY 2017, 116 audits identified approximately \$5.3 million in unreported property, or 12 percent of \$43.7 million in reported property. In FY 2016, 119 audits identified \$9.4 million, or 16 percent of the reported property. DOR transferred \$34.1 million in FY 2017 to the School Fund and expects to transfer \$13.9 million in FY 2018.

The bill will reduce the amount of unclaimed property identified, resulting in a smaller transfer to the School Fund, and decrease the fees paid to third-party auditors.

Under the bill, the School Fund transfer would have decreased by \$2.9 million in FY 2017 and will decrease by \$1.7 million in FY 2018 based on current expectations. The audit contingency fees would have decreased by \$1.1 million in FY 2016 and \$642,000 in FY 2017 based on previous third-party audits.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications