



March 20, 2017

**Local Business Tax Bills Up in House and Senate this Week
Oppose HB 487 and SB 330**

[HB 487 \(Renner\)](#) will be considered by the **[House Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee](#)** on Tuesday, March 21 at 12:30 p.m.

[SB 330 \(Steube\)](#) will be considered by the **[Senate Community Affairs Committee](#)** on Wednesday, March 22 at 1:30 p.m.

Please contact Members of these House and Senate Committees and Urge them to Oppose HB 487 and SB 330.

HB 487 and **SB 330** would limit the amount of the local business tax to \$25 for any taxpayer. The bills would also prohibit cities and counties from levying the local business tax if the tax was not adopted by January 1, 2017.

Message to Representatives:

Local revenues, like the Local Business Tax, are essential to providing municipal services, such as public safety, constructing and maintaining transportation infrastructure, and providing for public parks and open spaces.

A diversified revenue base is necessary for the fiscal stability of local governments and improves their ability to serve citizens and businesses.

These revenues are used to assist in funding municipal services to citizens and businesses such as zoning, permitting, code enforcement, and police and fire services.

Many cities have pledged these revenues for debt to fund projects, that benefit businesses and citizens (discuss how the local business tax is used in your city).

Reducing this source of general revenue would require municipalities to increase taxes, fees and millage, or cut services to make up for the financial loss.

House Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee – Oppose HB 487 – Up Tuesday

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Thank you for your advocacy efforts!