Property Tax Discussion for Special Session

Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 4:30pm

Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81245682735

Attendees:

Representatives: Herod, deGruy Kennedy, Joseph, Sirota, Garcia, Epps, Young, Marshall,

Froelich, Parenti, Bird Senators: Roberts, Hansen

Staff: Rebecca Kisner, Karlin Gray, Nellie Moran, Kristen Berg

Meeting Minutes:

4:35pm

- Rep deGruy Kennedy framed the conversation around the need to balance property tax relief for homeowners with the needs of renters and lower-income Coloradans.
 - Wants to consider all the policy areas outlined in the Governor's call as part of a package to ensure we're offering a balanced approach with targeted relief.
 - Stakeholding with local governments about the appropriate level of backfill.

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- Discussion looking for input and feedback on value exemptions vs. rate reductions, single family vs multifamily, and how much of the surplus to devote to this priority.
 - Value exemptions can better target funding to those who need it most.
 - It may be more useful to target relief to renters through EITC and rental assistance, rather than through property relief for multifamily property owners.
 - Don't have the option to implement new subclasses to distinguish primary residence from second homes in this short timeframe.
- Reminder this is a short-term stopgap for the current tax year. Hope to continue working on a longer-term fix with more tools at our disposal during regular session.
- Members asked clarifying questions about when bill drafts would be circulated, the timeline for co-sponsors to sign on, and who might sponsor the bill.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55pm.