



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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In 2024, Greene County spent nearly \$60,000 on the J.D. Power Values for Personal Property for the 2025 assessment year. J.D. Power is the successor to the NADA Value Guide. By replacing the requirement to exclusively use the J.D. Power/NADA guide with a guide selected and purchased by the State Tax Commission, counties across Missouri could eliminate this expense. This approach would also ensure consistency in vehicle valuations, as all Assessors would rely on the same data set. The current cost of the guide for Greene County equates to the expense of employing an additional staff member to assist with Real Property or Personal Property assessments. Currently, counties must fund the purchase of the guide from their own Assessment Funds, with limited state support that is based solely on parcel counts and does not account for personal property accounts. For Greene County, this change would result in significant cost savings, enabling the county to address staffing shortages or allocate resources toward much-needed equipment. The bill also proposes adding the following provision: "The assessor shall not assess a motor vehicle for an amount greater than such motor vehicle was assessed in the previous year, provided that such motor vehicle was properly assessed in the previous year." While this addresses concerns about sudden increases in vehicle values—such as those experienced during COVID due to supply chain issues and limited availability of vehicles—it raises potential equity concerns. Historically, vehicle values depreciate over time; however, certain vehicles may increase in value due to market trends, rarity, or other factors. Freezing values for specific vehicles could lead to inequitable treatment among property owners. I support the proposed changes regarding the selection and funding of the valuation guide. Allowing the State Tax Commission to determine, purchase, and provide the guide at no cost to counties or their Assessment Funds would ensure uniformity and alleviate financial burdens on local governments. While there may be a potential reduction in tax revenue due to freezing vehicle values, it is important to recognize that the Assessor's role is not to generate tax revenue but to accurately and fairly assess property values. This change prioritizes consistency, fairness, and financial efficiency across all counties.



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I am Dan Hutton with the State Tax Commission, and the commission is in support of HB 816. Since JD Power bought the National Automobile Dealers Association price guide, they have inflated the cost of using the guide to an untenable level. In '23, the guide cost approximately \$60,000 statewide. Last year, JD Power charged counties approximately \$460,000 for the guide. In an effort to reduce the cost, the Office of Administration tried to negotiate a contract on behalf of the counties. It is my understanding that JD Power was going to double the cost to approximately \$1 million this year. This bill would introduce competition into the process. Our hope is that this will drive the costs down for counties while maintaining reasonable trade-in values for taxpayers.



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