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A reduction in funding from personal property and/or real property taxes would have significant consequences on critical supports for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), limiting access to critical supports for those who rely on them. Senate Bill 40 organizations such as the Ste. Genevieve County SB40 Board assess local needs and nurture a strong network of high-quality services that are essential to over 100 people with IDD and their families. We supply financial help to our local Shelter Workshop, Community Group homes as well as local individuals who may need help due to their IDD. WE collect over \$600,000.00 and expense out the same. This past year was extremely hard with the State of Missouri not appropriating money for the DMH waivers. Due to that, those request were brought to the local SB-40 Boards in the state. If the property tax was reduced we would not be able function as we currently do. These services, supported by personal property taxes, include employment opportunities, inclusive community programs, and vital resources for families. Beyond supporting individuals with IDD, these programs enrich lives and strengthen the overall fabric of our community, fostering a more equitable and inclusive society. The broader implications for individuals, families, and the community must be carefully considered before any changes to the funding mechanisms are implemented. If reductions in personal property and/or real property taxes are pursued, it is imperative to establish a sustainable and equitable mechanism to replace this funding. Doing so will ensure that Senate Bill 40 organizations can continue fulfilling their critical mission of supporting individuals with IDD and their families, while preserving the broader community benefits these services provide.



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The League of Women Voters of Missouri is opposed to putting restrictions on the ability of local governmental entities to assess real property or increase property taxes in the constitution.



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A reduction in funding from personal property and/or real property taxes would have significant consequences on critical supports for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), limiting access to critical supports for those who rely on them. Senate Bill 40 organizations such as Perry County Board for the Developmentally Disabled and Pemiscot County SB40 assess local needs and nurture a strong network of high-quality services that are essential to over 315 people with IDD and their families. These services, supported by personal property taxes, include employment opportunities, inclusive community programs, and vital resources for families. Beyond supporting individuals with IDD, these programs enrich lives and strengthen the overall fabric of our community, fostering a more equitable and inclusive society. The broader implications for individuals, families, and the community must be carefully considered before any changes to the funding mechanisms are implemented. If reductions in personal property and/or real property taxes are pursued, it is imperative to establish a sustainable and equitable mechanism to replace this funding. Doing so will ensure that Senate Bill 40 organizations can continue fulfilling their critical mission of supporting individuals with IDD and their families, while preserving the broader community benefits these services provide. Until a noted mechanism is in place we are opposed the HJR 4.



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WITNESS NAME: ISABEL WARNER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Hello Chairman McGirl and members of the committee, my name is Dr. Isabel Warner and I'm a researcher with MOST Policy Initiative. We're a team of PhDs who provide non-partisan research services to the legislature. Everything I'm going to say can be found in in the two science notes – Property Taxes and Home Values, and Property Tax Assessment Limits. This type of assessment cap has been implemented in California under Proposition 13 in 1978. Since then, research has shown that this specific cap shifts the burden of property taxes to younger homeowners, decreases homeownership among younger generations, and prevents older homeowners from downsizing. These caps also decrease education funding relative to inflation and can increase education funding disparities between affluent and impoverished neighborhoods. There are other ways to cap or limit property tax increases. Levy and rate caps like the ones imposed by Article Ten of the Missouri Constitution can limit the amount of revenue raised or the tax rate imposed by local entities. Some states have carveouts for specific populations, like the elderly, disabled, or low-income individuals. Others have phase-in components, so that tax rate increases aren't as steep in a given fiscal year. More frequent assessments have also been shown to reduce unexpected increases and decrease the burden on newer and lower-value homeowners.



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