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Subject: Memo-A Common Set of Evaluation Criteria for Components of a Revenue Neutral Tax Reform Package

The commission is now studying a greatly expanded set of tax reform ideas. The hope is to complete a set of recommendations in September for consideration by the Legislature.

The attached memo takes no position on the composition of the tax reform package but does offer a set of suggestions for how the proposals can be evaluated by staff and discussed by the commission toward the goal of timely and transparent information for the commission, for interested outside observers and for the Legislature.

If the commission is to meet the goal of consensus and the goal of having the Legislature discuss the commission's recommendations in a timely fashion, it is even more important that the heavy lifting of the evaluation process be completed by the staff in a manner that is timely, complete and transparent.