

Study Committee on County Government Funding and Services

Legislative Ideas

1. Allow counties to impose an administrative/service fee for collecting and distributing property taxes.
2. Allow counties to impose administrative fees on TIF districts.
3. Veteran Service Offices--state funded, regional.
4. Emergency Managers--state funded, regional.
5. Court-appointed attorney costs
 - a. Create an upper limit on public defender costs.
 - b. State funds all attorney costs through existing sales tax. (45 million+-)
6. Revisit appropriations regarding SB70 (2013)
7. Redistribution of the alcohol beverage tax--Counties receive 50% instead of 25%, and state receive 25% instead of 50%.
8. Search and Rescue--state funded.
9. State providing a centralized property tax database.
10. Mental health holds funding support.
11. Elections--Increase funding.
12. Property tax--Allow for a levy adjustment.
13. Counties keep a percentage of sales tax collected during county fairs--SB 138 (2023)
14. Juror expenses--state funded.
15. County Consolidation--Consolidate courthouses within a certain distance.
16. County sales tax
17. State sales tax--Percentage appropriated to counties.
18. Percentage of the state surplus appropriated to counties.
19. Dedicate a portion of the gas tax to county roads.
20. Road District--Not hold the counties liable for road maintenance if the road district fails to maintain roads.
21. Cybersecurity costs--Cover through a state grant program.