

## Memo

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To: Energy Transition Advisory Committee (ETAC)

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#### RE: ETAC Meeting, December 4, 2024

Updates from the Minnesota Department of Revenue:

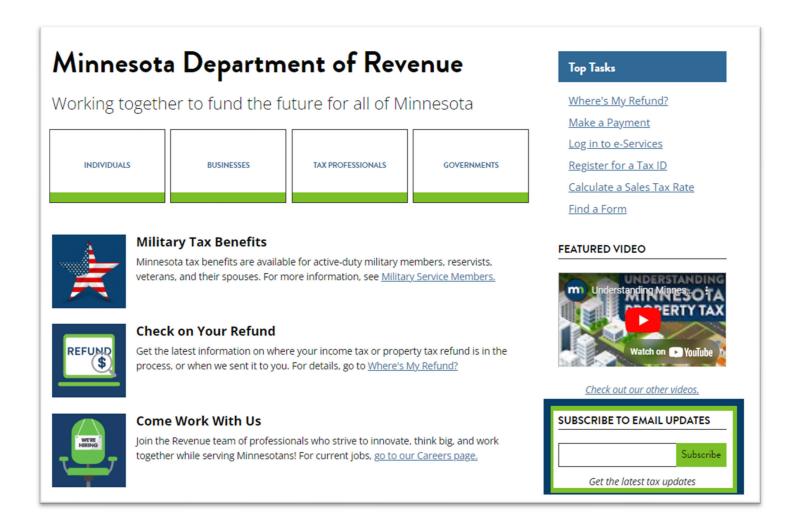
• Office of Public Engagement

- New: Understanding Property Taxes in Minnesota Video
- Idea for a Gross Operating Revenues Tax
- Other Resources, including Interactive Property Tax Data

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# Gross Operating Revenues Tax Idea – for utility, pipeline, and railroad operating property

Currently, the department does not have intentions of proposing legislation on this idea.

https://www.revenue.state.mn.us/idea-gross-operating-revenues-tax

Please submit any comments or questions to sa.property@state.mn.us or holly.soderbeck@state.mn.us.

Owners of utility, pipeline, and railroad operating property pay property taxes similar to other property owners within the state. Most property in the state is assessed (valued) by the local jurisdictions (county or city governments). Utility, pipeline, and railroad operating property is valued by the department of revenue. The valuation methodology is laid out in <a href="Minnesota Rules 8100">Minnesota Rules 8100</a> for railroad operating property.

We launched our idea in February 2024 and held listening sessions in May/June 2024 and November 2024. We are hitting "pause" on this idea during the 2025 legislative session and will pick back up after that.

#### **Other Resources**

- Programs/Refunds/Credits:
  - o Child Tax Credit webpage and video
  - o Property Tax Refund, <a href="https://www.revenue.state.mn.us/property-tax-refund">https://www.revenue.state.mn.us/property-tax-refund</a>
  - o Senior Citizens, <a href="https://www.revenue.state.mn.us/senior-citizens">https://www.revenue.state.mn.us/senior-citizens</a>
  - o Find Free Tax Preparation Help, <a href="https://www.revenue.state.mn.us/free-tax-preparation-help">https://www.revenue.state.mn.us/free-tax-preparation-help</a>
  - o Where's My Refund?
- Interactive Property Tax Data:
  - Try out our <u>Interactive Property Tax Data tool</u>. Based on customer feedback, we designed this tool that lets you create and download custom reports based on factors, such as year and location.
  - Want to see how much wind and solar energy production tax was generated in Minnesota?
    There is an <u>interactive map for solar</u> and an <u>interactive map for wind</u>.