



# **TABOR Ad Hoc Committee Staff Recommendations**

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# Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR) Background

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- 0.6% Base System tax subject to TABOR growth limits in 2025
  - All non-federal revenues subject to limits
- “Ratchet-down” resets base
- Voter approval required for:
  - New debt
  - Change in tax rates
  - “De-Brucing”

# TABOR Options for Base System

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- Do nothing: manage expenditures/utilize reserves
- Voter approval needed for any of the following options:
  - 1) “De-Bruce” Base System; or
  - 2) Use average collections over more than one year for base – Referendum C; or
  - 3) Diversify revenue base before limits apply

# Staff Recommendation – Base System

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- Investigate refinancing one bond to extend “De-Brucing” from 2024 to 2026
  - Delays revenue limitations
  - Additional time if ballot initiative fails
- Seek voter approval to “De-Bruce”
  - General Election November 5, 2024
    - ▶ Better voter turnout
    - ▶ Lower cost

# Actions Necessary – January 2023

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- Poll voters
- Develop ballot language
- Coordinate with Secretary of State

# Questions?

**Thank you.**

