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To: Chairman Michael Marcotte
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RE: Comments on Tax Increment Financing (TIF)

A few thoughts from Tanya Morehouse, my Chief Auditor.

All but the Burlington Waterfront are extension of one year which makes sense given the pandemic and that there may have been an impact on the municipalities' borrowing ability and also an impact on the timing of current projects in this construction season.

Since this isn't increasing the amount municipalities can borrow or the time that tax increment can be retained, the impact is pretty limited.

My only comment on the legislation is to suggest that it be put into statute rather than session law. It is very cumbersome to track changes to programs that are made in session law. Other nuances specific to particular TIF districts have been added to statute, rather than left dangling in session law.

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