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MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the House Committee on TaxationFrom: Adam Siebers, Assistant RevisorDate: February 6, 2024Subject: House Bill No. 2584

Summary

House Bill No. 2584 would impose sales and compensating use tax on sales of digital property and subscription services. Additionally, the bill sets out by formula a potential decrease in the rate of sales and compensating use tax.

<u>Section 1</u> – Provides that if tax generated from sales of digital property and subscription services first exceeds 36,700,000 and then for every increase of 60,000,000 thereafter, the rate of sales and compensating use tax would decrease by 0.1% until the state rate is 6%.

<u>Section 2 and 3</u> – imposes sales tax on all sales of digital property and subscription services regardless of whether: (1) the purchaser has the right to permanently use the property; (2) the purchaser's right to access or retain the property is not permanent; or (3) the purchaser's right to use is conditioned upon continued payment.

"Digital property" is defined as including:

[M]edia or products that are encoded in machine-readable formats and includes, but is not limited to, any of the following that are transferred electronically: (1) Digital audio-visual works; (2) digital audio works; (3) digital books; (4) artwork; (5) digital photographs and pictures; (6) periodicals; (7) newspapers; (8) magazines; (9) video, audio and other greeting cards; (10) graphics; (11) templates; (12) patterns; (13) desktop applications; (14) mobile applications; (15) web applications; (16) cloud-based applications; (17) native applications; (18) online games; (19) video games; (20) electronic games; (21) any digital code related to any of the items provided in this subsection; or (22) any streaming services related to any of the items provided in this subsection.