

Subject State required to pay costs of property tax judgement against state-assessed property, and money appropriated

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Overview

Under current law, if a court determines that the commissioner of revenue's assessed market value of a property should be reduced, all taxing jurisdictions are responsible for paying a pro rata share of the resulting refund. This bill will allow the taxpayer to collect a refund directly from the commissioner rather than from local taxing jurisdictions.

This bill also appropriates an amount sufficient to pay the refunds from the state general fund.

In May 2018, the tax court determined the market value of Enbridge's oil pipeline to be lower than the commissioner of revenue's initial valuation, requiring refunds of property taxes paid to be issued to Enbridge by local taxing jurisdictions. The case was appealed to the Minnesota Supreme Court, where a decision is currently pending. *Energy, Limited Partnership v. Commissioner of Revenue* (May 15, 2018).