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Tax on Services Vote Postponed

This week, the Finance and Taxation Committee of the Tax and Budget Reform Commission was scheduled to meet to vote on the proposed constitutional amendment (CP0002) that would result in a sales tax on services, however, the vote was postponed.

Economists for the TBRC noted that if passed, CP0002 could have an impact of the loss of over 53,000 jobs in Florida. This analysis was very different from previous private analysis which said CP0002 was "good for Florida's economy." The sponsor of the proposal, past Senator and current Commissioner John McKay said that to say he was, "...troubled and dumb-founded is an understatement...I don't believe you could have these two extremes." McKay also went on to say that if a second review of data indicates the potential loss of 53,000 jobs, he would "withdraw the whole thing."

Bud Gardner, President/Chief Operating Officer of TLC Engineering for Architecture, provided testimony as the 1987 author of the original and ill-fated sales tax on services. He provided the Commission with a primer on the dangerous waters they are crossing into. His testimony was extremely well received.

The next vote on CP0002 will be February 25. If you would like more information about the sales tax on services issue, [CLICK HERE](#).