

Draft focus questions for discussion of PILT Rates

Review the synopsis document summarizing comments to date on rate structures. Also, review the findings of the DOR survey of county assessors.

- What are your thoughts on the pros and cons of value-based vs. flat rate compensation?
- Do you recommend continuation of at least *some* payments on the basis of appraised values?
 - If so, are there practices you would put in place to ensure “checks and balances” and quality control in the system of appraisals?

Review the table entitled, “PILT RATES: RECOMMENDED RATE STRUCTURE CHANGES?”

- *Simplification question.* Review the lower rows on this table (land types with small proportions of total acreage and payment). Are there any “quick wins” here? Are there some rates that could be easily combined?
- *Elimination question.* Are there any types of payments (or rates) that should be eliminated rather than combined?
- *Inflation adjustments.* If flat rate compensation continues, should the legislature re-consider the 2010 elimination of the inflation adjustment for flat rate payments?

Review the table showing the percent of DNR-Administered Natural Resources Land by county.

- *Fair distribution question.* Are there any adjustments you would make to promote a fairer distribution of the payments?
 - Specifically, should counties with large quantities of DNR-administered land receive additional compensation?
 - Should a county have a minimum threshold percentage of DNR land in order to be eligible for PILT payments?