



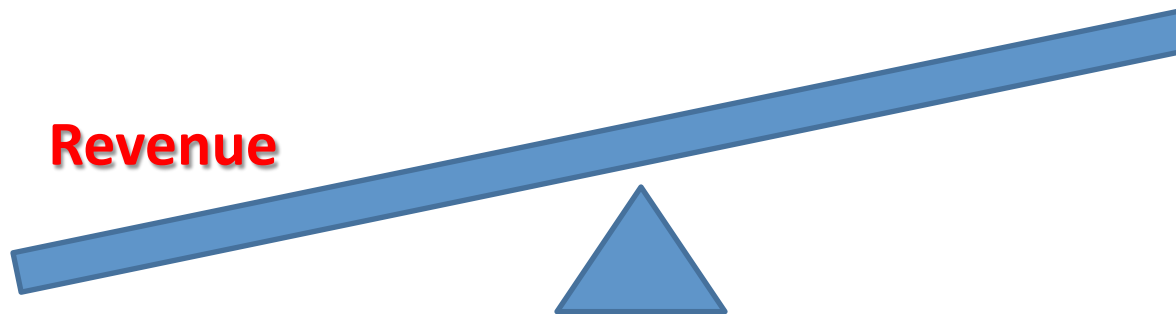
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## **Study Proposal Caucus**

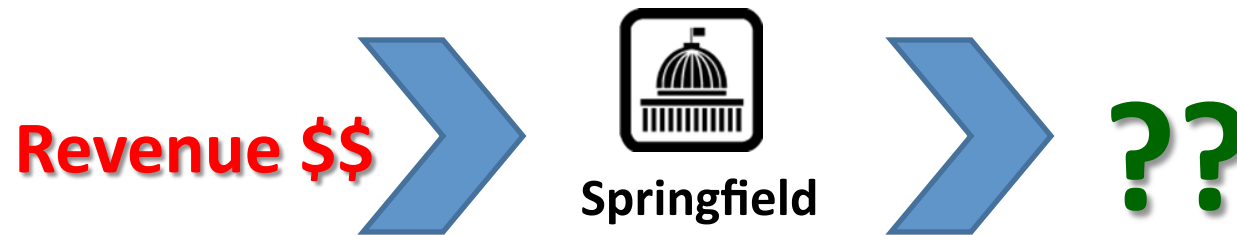
**Do We Need An Expenditure Study?  
The Other Half of A Fiscal Policy**

# What We Have Today

- LWVIL Government Position: State Fiscal Policies
  - “Support for a diversified revenue system which principally relies on a combination of broad-based taxed and user fees, is equitable, progressive, stable, responsive and simple.”
- Half a Fiscal Policy



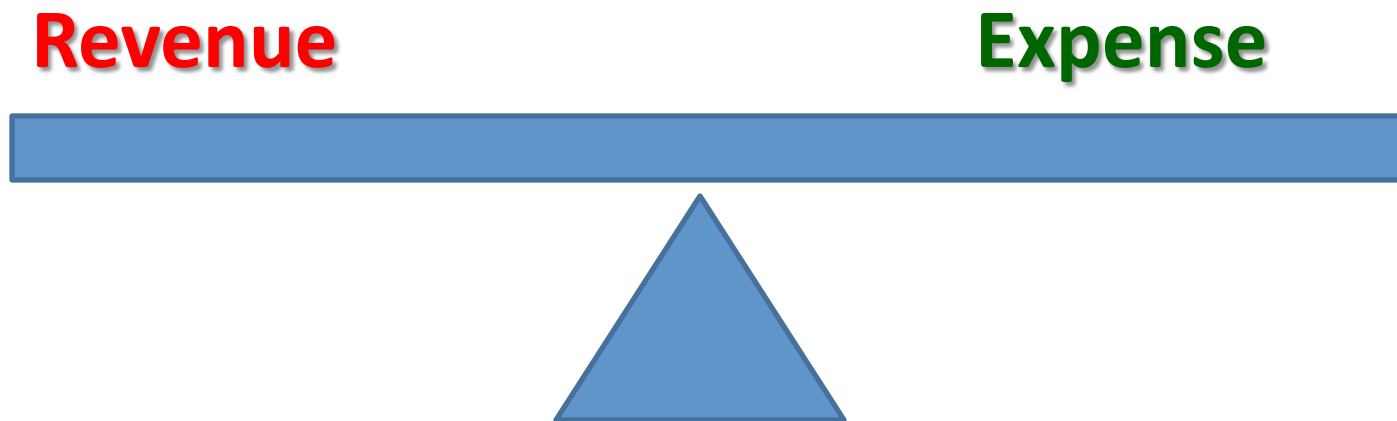
# What Happens When The Revenue Comes In?



- How are expenditures prioritized?
- Can we advocate against politically motivated expenditures?
- Should there be balanced budgeting (i.e. a revenue source for new expenditures)
- When is it okay to pay tomorrow?
- Are expenditures adequate to stay a competitive state?

# Good Fiscal Policy Is Balanced Fiscal Policy

- Shouldn't we have something that allows us to advocate for the wise management of the revenues raised?



# What Other States Support

- Budgeting:
  - An open budget process with public input
  - Using performance-based budgeting to emphasize outcomes over inputs
  - Tax expenditure budget
  - Long-term financial management
  - Funded vs. unfunded State mandates:

# What Other States Have Done

- Prioritization:
  - Broad goals, in order of priority,
  - Highest Spending Priorities
  - Criteria for Limiting Spending by priority
    - Maintenance of infrastructure takes precedence over expenditures to increase it.
    - Services should be provided first to the most needy citizens.
    - Adjust eligibility guidelines for public services to increase individual responsibility.

# What Other States Have Done

- Efficiencies:
  - Emphasizing prevention of problems over treatment; encouraging inter-governmental cooperation
  - Giving government employees more flexibility and incentives in doing their jobs
  - Holding officials responsible for results
  - Encouraging competition to enhance efficiency (private-private, public-private and public-public)

# What About Adequacy of Expenditures?

- Does IL really spend too much?
- Is our educational system and infrastructure keeping us competitive?
- How do we compare in the services we provide citizens?
- Are we getting our money's worth?

# What An Expenditure Study Would Entail?

## ➤ Scope of the Study

- Budgeting
- Prioritization
- Efficiencies
- Adequacy

## ➤ Resources

- Committee chair and preliminary committee members have been identified
- Preliminary list of expert resources has been compiled
- Summary of other State positions regarding expenditures and budgeting has been compiled

## ➤ Money

- WLWV budgeted \$700
- Reduce expenses use electronic communications rather than printing

# Is It Time For An Expenditure Study?

➤ Yes, we should move forward with a study.

- Who will speak for the study proposal?
- Who will work on the state study?
- Who can contribute financially?

➤ No

- What are the objections or problems that concern you?