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SB 112 - Testimony before House Ways & Means Committee

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I. Introduction: Thank you to the Ways and Means Committee and Sponsors.

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II. Legislature passed the original groundbreaking county land banking legislation (SB 353) in 2009. Today it is the Gold Standard nationally: There are now 64 county land banks to date as a result of this legislation.

III. Post 2008, Land Banks did a tremendous amount of work cleaning up blighted, vacant and abandoned properties putting them back into productive use. The goal of county land banks is to stabilize neighborhoods, promote housing and community development, and serving as a source of affordable housing for underserved populations.

IV. The SB 112 amendments fall into 2 broad categories: 1.) mostly minor clean up and clarification, or elimination of surplus language; and 2.) cost savings and transactional support to county land banks that are revenue neutral.