

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Grimm, Doran, Fleming, Nichols, Weaver, Zalewski

Sent To: _____ Committee _____ Date January 11, 2022

Resolution No.

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A BIPARTISAN COMMITTEE TO EXPLORE TAXPAYER PROTECTION OPTIONS THAT WILL PREVENT UNPRECEDENTED SALARY INCREASES WITHOUT PROPER PUBLIC NOTIFICATION AND REVIEW

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon this legislative body to ensure that all necessary rules and regulations related to fiscal matters are presented in a process that is open and transparent to the public; and

WHEREAS, On November 30, 2021 the Rensselaer County 2022 Tentative Budget was voted on and approved by this legislative body after subsequent review and legally required public hearings; and

WHEREAS, On December 21, 2021 the Legislative Majority presented a resolution amending the Adopted 2022 budget to include unprecedented pay raises to the County Executive and his appointed staff, as well as selected County employees; and

WHEREAS, These pay raises were presented hours before the legislative meeting without rationalization or justification; and

WHEREAS, There was no public notification and no opportunity for healthy debate or discussion; and

WHEREAS, These pay raises range from 3% to nearly 18% which created a public outcry, protest, and a call for legislative action to ensure fiscal responsibility and taxpayer protection; and therefore it be

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Legislature establish a bipartisan committee to explore taxpayer protection options that will prevent unprecedented salary increases without proper public notification and review.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

AYES:

NAYES:

ABSTAIN:

January 11, 2022