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Inflation Rate Multiplier
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TO: Assessors and Equalization Directors

FROM: State Tax Commission

RE: Inflation Rate Multiplier for use in the 2019 capped value formula and the "Headlee" Millage Reduction Fraction (MRF) formula

Note: The Calculation of the Inflation Rate Multiplier is set in statute. MCL 211.34d states:
(l) "Inflation rate" means the ratio of the general price level for the state fiscal year ending in the calendar year immediately preceding the current year divided by the general price level for the state fiscal year ending in the calendar year before the year immediately preceding the current year.
(f) "General price level" means the annual average of the 12 monthly values for the United States consumer price index for all urban consumers as defined and officially reported by the United States department of labor, bureau of labor statistics.

Based on this statutory requirement, the calculation for 2019 is as follows:

1. The 12 monthly values for October 2016 through September 2017 are averaged.
2. The 12 monthly values for October 2017 through September 2018 are averaged.
3. The ratio is calculated by dividing the average of column 2 by the average of column 1.

The specific numbers from the US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics are as follows:

Oct-16	241.729	Oct-17	246.663
Nov-16	241.353	Nov-17	246.669
Dec-16	241.432	Dec-17	246.524
Jan-17	242.839	Jan-18	247.867
Feb-17	243.603	Feb-18	248.991
Mar-17	243.801	Mar-18	249.554
Apr-17	244.524	Apr-18	250.546
May-17	244.733	May-18	251.588
Jun-17	244.955	Jun-18	251.989
Jul-17	244.786	Jul-18	252.006
Aug-17	245.519	Aug-18	252.146
Sep-17	<u>246.819</u>	Sep-18	<u>252.439</u>
Average	243.841	Average	249.749
		Ratio	1.024
		% Change	2.4%