Proposed Statutory Change to Exemption for Intangible Personal Property Submitted by Montana Budget and Policy Center

15-6-218. Intangible personal property exemption. (1) Intangible personal property is exempt from taxation.

(2) For the purposes of this section, "intangible personal property" means personal property that is one of the listed below: not tangible personal property and that:

(a) has no intrinsic value but is the representative or evidence of value, including but not limited to certificates of stock, bonds, promissory notes, licenses, copyrights, patents, trademarks, contracts, software, trademarks, trade names, customer relationship, or and franchises; and or

(b) such property can be separable from the other assets in the unit and capable of being held under separate title or ownership. lacks physical existence, including but not limited to goodwill.

(3) To the extent that the unit value of centrally assessed property includes intangible personal property, that value must be removed from the unit value.

(4) Intangible personal property is not the same as intangible value, which is not exempt from property taxation in Montana.