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Gov. Heineman Says Local Spending Can Reduce Tax Burden

(AP) - Gov. Dave Heineman says the best way to provide property tax relief is for local governments to control their spending.

Heineman restated that property and income taxes are too high during a press call Wednesday morning.

He says last year 25 counties raised property taxes more than 10 percent. Heineman supports lowering the valuation of farm- and ranchland from 75 percent to 65 percent.

Some argue that state mandates have forced counties to raise property taxes.

Heineman says it's about prioritizing where the money is going to be spent. He offered to address specific mandates if counties had a problem.

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