LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE Louisiana Legislative 👔 **Fiscal Note** Fiscal Office Fiscal Note On: HB 383 909 HLS 25RS Fiscal Bill Text Version: ENGROSSED Notes Opp. Chamb. Action: w/ SEN COMM AMD Proposed Amd.: Sub. Bill For.: Date: June 2, 2025 4:10 PM Author: BRASS Dept./Agy.: Department of Revenue Analyst: Deborah Vivien Subject: Postpones Termination of Inventory Tax Credit for C-Corps

TAX CREDITS

EG1 -\$130,000,000 SD RV See Note

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Postpones the termination of a tax credit for C-corporations for local inventory taxes paid but reduces the amount of the credit for those taxpayers

<u>Current law</u> authorizes a state income tax credit for 100% of local ad valorem taxes paid on inventory (including natural gas storage) up to \$750,000 annually with partial refundability for those filing against personal income tax (PIT). Inventory tax credits taken against corporate income tax by C-Corps are eliminated on July 1, 2026. The inventory tax credit is not refundable for C-Corps but can be carried forward if not expired before 1/1/25 for an additional 5 years (base is 10 years).

<u>Proposed law</u> retains current law and extends the deadline for the elimination of C-Corp inventory tax credits by 1 year to July 1, 2027, during which 50% of the inventory tax credit will be available to C-Corps. <u>Proposed law</u> retains the nonrefundability deadline for C-Corp inventory tax credits of January 1, 2025, and access to an additional 5-year carryforward period for credits expiring before January 1, 2025.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	(\$56,000,000)	(\$130,000,000)	(\$14,000,000)	\$0	(\$200,000,000)
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0				\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

LDR may incur expenses of \$25,200 related to administrative requirements. LFO believes that the department can absorb this amount within its current budget but may require additional resources if the aggregate impact of all bills enacted during this session is substantive. There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

The bill effectively re-insitutues half of the C-corp inventory tax credit in FY 27 (\$200 M) with full elimination in FY 28, equivalent with current law.

The bill will reduce statutory dedication revenue (or SGF revenue for year in which corporate income tax (CIT) collections fall below \$600M annually) as any additional CIT collections will accrue to the Revenue Stabilization Trust Fund. The timing of these impacts may be mitigated by income tax liabilities as the credits will no longer be refundable as well as carryforwards that may extend an additional 5 years.

According to LDR data, the inventory tax credits taken against corporate income tax on 2022 returns was valued at roughly \$200 M annually, and assuming a similar amount was taken against corporate franchise tax that will now be taken against corporate income tax, provides the basis for the approximate \$400 M base magnitude of the impact in the note. LFO assumes a corporate filing pattern of 28% in year 1, 65% in year 2 and 7% in year 3 based on historical filings, which provides an impact across fiscal years, as shown in the table above.

