

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB 329** HLS 22RS 96

Bill Text Version: **ENROLLED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.: Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: Revenue

Subject: Appropriates judgments from Board of Tax Appeals

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Provides for the payment of certain judgments issued by the Board of Tax Appeals for approved claims

<u>Current law</u> authorizes Board of Tax Appeals (BTA) judgments for legacy claims against the state of \$20,000 or less to be paid by the Department of Revenue (LDR) to taxpayers without interest or appropriation, totaling up to \$2M annually. Board of Tax Appeals judgments up to \$250,000 require approval of the Litigation Subcommittee of the JLCB before payment without interest or appropriation. <u>Proposed law</u> retains current law regarding claims under \$20,000 and requires judgments of the Board of Tax Appeals between \$20,001 and \$250,000 to be appropriated by the full legislature.

<u>Current law</u> authorizes claims under \$1M to be taken as a non-refundable offset of future tax liabilities for up to 5 years. <u>Proposed law</u> retains current law.

Effective upon signature

| EXPENDITURES | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 2024-25 | 2025-26 | 2026-27 | 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 | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |
| Annual Total | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| REVENUES | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 2024-25 | 2025-26 | 2026-27 | 5 -YEAR TOTAL |
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| 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 |
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| Local Funds | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The bill maintains the payment protocol of Board of Tax Appeals judgments for claims against the state of \$20,000 or less, which allows LDR to directly pay these judgments without interest or appropriation up to an aggregate \$2 M per year. The bill impacts judgments of \$20,001-\$250,000 by requiring an appropriation of the full legislature where current law requires only the approval of JLCB. The bill equalizes the treatment of judgments between \$20,001-\$250,000 with judgments over \$250,000.

The estimate of claims impacted by this bill are:

| | Claim Amount | Outstanding |
|---|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Approved but not yet paid | \$20,001-\$250,000 | 37 claims totaling \$2.6M |
| Pending claims (final amount may change) | \$20,001-\$250,000 | 52 claims totaling \$3.7M |
| TOTAL | | 89 claims totaling \$6.3M |

There is no expenditure impact directly related to this bill because these judgments are currently paid subject to JLCB Litigation SubCommittee approval and, under this bill, will be subject to appropriation. The timing of payments and the amounts of the judgments to be paid are indeterminate in either case, as guided by the will of the legislative bodies.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

| Senate | Dual Referral Rules | House | Alan M. Boderger |
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| 13.5.1 >= | \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H} | $6.8(F)(1) >= $100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}$ | July 11 July 11 July 12 July 1 |
| 13.5.2 >= | \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee | 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase | Alan M. Boxberger |
| | Change {S & H} | or a Net Fee Decrease {S} | Interim Legislative Fiscal Officer |