



**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **HB 81** HLS 161ES 224  
 Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**  
 Opp. Chamb. Action:  
 Proposed Amd.:  
 Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Food, Utilities, and Drugs Taxation	

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 (Constitutional Amendment) Provide with respect to limitations on sales and use tax (Item #16 and 36)

Current law constitutionally exempts food for home consumption, natural gas, electricity and water (residential utilities) sold directly to the consumer for residential use, and prescription drugs from sales tax.

Proposed law amends the Constitution to repeal the prohibition on state sales taxation of food for home consumption, residential utilities, and prescription drugs.

To be submitted to the electors at the statewide election to be held on November 8, 2016.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

  

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. The Department indicates that any implementation costs will be absorbed in the current budget. Though the cost of this bill is minimal, the aggregate impact of all session bills may require additional resources.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

The bill repeals the prohibition on state sales taxation of food for home consumption, residential utilities, and prescription drugs. However, there are statutory exemptions for each of these types of transactions that are not affected by this bill. Therefore, this bill by itself does not change the tax base or tax receipts.

According to the Revenue Department Tax Exemption Budget the tax receipts associated with these transactions, at 4% of taxation in FY15, are food for home preparation and consumption (\$428 million), residential utilities (\$161 million), and prescription drugs (\$300 million).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H} | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S} |

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