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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 480** HLS 19RS 855

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Research & Development Tax Credit	

TAX CREDITS OR -\$8,500,000 GF RV See Note Page 1 of 1

Increases the amount of the research and development tax credit, authorizes transferability and a state buy-back on the credit, and extends the sunset provision

Present law provides tax credits of 30% of eligible expenditures for entities employing less than 50 persons or have received a Phase I or II grant from the federal Small Business Technology Transfer Program or a federal Small Business Innovation Research Grant. These credit are nonrefundable and not transferable. No credits are allowed for the entire credit program for expenditures incurred after December 31, 2021.

Proposed law increases the tax credit available to these entities from 30% to 40% of eligible expenditures, and allows these credits to be transferred. The entire credit program is extended for an additional two years to December 31, 2023.

Effective for tax periods beginning on and after January 1, 2020

EXPENDITURES	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	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>	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	(\$4,250,000)	(\$8,500,000)	(\$8,500,000)	(\$8,500,000)	(\$29,750,000)
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>	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	(\$4,250,000)	(\$8,500,000)	(\$8,500,000)	(\$8,500,000)	(\$29,750,000)

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

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

REVENUE EXPLANATION

According to the Dept. of Economic Development (LED), the bill makes the R&D credit program for entities with less than 50 employees similar to its structure prior to changes made in 2015 (a higher credit rates and refundability). In this case, though, the credits are made transferable rather than refundable. Also according to LED, approximately 60% of the program's total credit cost was attributable to these entities; averaging \$11.5 million per year of credit cost during the refundable period, based on Revenue Dept. Tax Exemption Budget data. Assuming that same factor, these entities have been responsible for approximately \$3 million per year of credit cost for the last three years. Treating transferability as functionally equivalent to refundability, the bill would be expected to increase credit costs by some \$8.5 million per year. Since the first tax period of the bill's effectiveness is tax year 2020, the first cost increases would be expected to occur in FY21. The first year of costs will likely be smaller than discussed above as it will take time for applications to respond to the bill, and for LED and Revenue Dept. processing.

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}

6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}

13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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