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TAX CREDITS RE DECREASE GF RV See Note

Extends the sunset of the tax credit for rehabilitation of historic structures to January 1, 2026

Present law provides tax credits of 20% of qualified expenses incurred before January 1, 2022 to rehabilitate nonresidential and rental historic structures in downtown development districts and cultural products districts. A minimum of $10,000 must be spent on a project, and work must meet the standards of the federal Interior Department for rehabilitation, as determined by the state. Overall program credits are not capped, but per taxpayer per district credits are capped at $5 million per year. State credits may be used in addition to a 20% federal tax credit. Effective for all taxable years ending prior to January 1, 2022.
Proposed law extends program by four years, to expenses incurred before January 1, 2026. In addition, the maximum amount of credits that can be awarded each year is set at $150 million. Applications in excess of a year's maximum are rolled to first-in-line for the next year's maximum.
Effective for all taxable years ending prior to January 1, 2026.

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	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$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	$0	$0	DECREASE	DECREASE	**$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**

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

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

REVENUE EXPLANATION

In the absence of the bill, credit costs should decline from FY22 and beyond as current projects complete the program without new projects entering. The bill will delay for four years those baseline cost reductions from occurring. The average credit realizations of recent years could be viewed as a simple anticipation of continued costs. This approach would imply continual total costs in the future years of the extension in excess of $80 million per year (credit realizations have stepped up from FY15 at $67.3 million, $58.9 million in FY16, $91.9 million in FY17, and $101.2 million in FY18). The level of cost continuations could be greater than suggested by the latest four-year average, as the program's fiscal year costs have been trending upward, and future realizations could be more in line with what has been experienced in FY17 and FY18. Sometime after FY22, should no further extensions of the program occur, fiscal year costs would begin to decline as project expenditures allowed into the program complete, with no additional project expenditures allowed into the program.

Program participation data from Culture, Recreation, and Tourism indicate that some 1,187 projects have generated an estimated $769.6 million of tax credits on $3.125 billion of qualified expenditures and $4.083 billion of total expenditures (self-reported by participants) since the program's inception in 2002. On a tax credit basis, the program has exhibited a compound annual average growth rate of 45% per year. The Department of Revenue reports actual tax credit realizations have totaled $555 million over the period FY05 - FY18, implying tax credits outstanding yet to be claimed of some $214 million for completed projects (credit is nonrefundable with a 5-year carry-forward, but are transferable). Current law already allows credits to be awarded for project expenditures incurred through the end of calendar year 2022. Since the tax credits associated with these existing projects would affect FY20 through FY22 tax receipts regardless of this bill (and subsequent years with carry-forwards), much of those costs can not be attributed to the extension provided by this bill. To the extent pending projects can not complete by the end of 2021, this bill will provide additional time to complete projects, and allow more credit costs to occur than would otherwise be the case. The bill affects state exposure starting with FY23 by allowing more tax credits to be generated and realized over an extended time period than current law would allow.

No precise estimate of the annual continuation of costs beyond FY22 is reliable, but the program's size and growth suggests additional annual costs in the tens of millions of dollars resulting from the bill's extension of the program. The credit award cap of $150 million per year ultimately constrains the program's cost, but annual credit claims are not capped and can differ and exceed the award cap in any particular year depending on taxpayer situations.

Senate Dual Referral Rules

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

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

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

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

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