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Subject: Income Tax Checkoff, Sexual Trauma Awareness & Response	

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Creates an individual income tax checkoff for the Sexual Trauma Awareness and Response (STAR) organization

Allows donation of personal income tax refunds by checkoff to the Sexual Trauma Awareness and Response (STAR) organization. Donated monies shall be distributed by the Department of Revenue in accordance with statutory procedures for checkoff donations (R.S. 47:120.37).

Effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2022.

EXPENDITURES	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	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	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Adding an additional checkoff to the tax return, in isolation, involves costs associated with data processing modifications, accounting, and disbursing of any refunds donated. The Department of Revenue estimates \$43,000 of staff time involved with the associated modifications and testing. In addition, R.S. 47:120.37(C) authorizes a 20% fee from the donated amounts to defray these costs, and R.S. 47:120.37(B) provides that existing checkoffs be removed from the tax return if they have not generated at least \$10,000 per year for two consecutive years.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There will be no effect on state tax collections since only refunds will be donated. The willingness of taxpayers to donate all or a portion of their tax refunds to any particular purpose can not be predicted. The amount of donations to any particular purpose is likely to be small.

For fiscal year 2019 (the latest year for which the department has published limited information on checkoffs) the 29 checkoffs reported for that year received total donations for all purposes of \$311,618. Donations per checkoff purpose ranged from a high of \$80,210 (Military Family Assistance Fund) to a non-zero low of \$2 (New Opportunity Waiver Fund). Three checkoffs received no donations in FY19.

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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