LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE Louisiana Legislative 👔 **Fiscal Note** Fiscal Office Fiscal Note On: SB 500 SLS 24RS 596 Fiscal Bill Text Version: REENGROSSED Notes Opp. Chamb. Action: w/ HSE COMM AMD Proposed Amd.: Sub. Bill For.: **Date:** May 20, 2024 5:27 PM Author: REESE Dept./Agy.: LA Gaming Control Board & Local Taxes Analyst: Noah O'Dell Subject: Local Taxes on Non-gaming Incentives & Inducements

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Page 1 of 1 Provides relative to the levy of local fees and taxes on certain non-gaming incentives or inducements granted by certain licensees. (aov sia)

Current law provides for the levying of local sales and use tax upon certain tangible personal property (TPP) and services as a percentage of the transaction value, including a valuation for considerations other than cash. Taxable items and services may include food, beverages, admission to entertainment, hotel stays, and parking among many. Current law provides exceptions for the land-based casino in New Orleans and the Southwest LA Convention and Visitors Bureau (SLCVB) by establishing the valuation of certain gratis or discounted inducements for purposes of taxation.

Proposed law retains current law in regard to local sales tax exceptions for SLCVB and the land-based casino in New Orleans. Proposed law specifies that local sales and use tax on certain complimentary incentive or inducements are to be paid on actual transaction or use value. Proposed law prohibits local sales and use tax on non-gaming incentives or inducements, including room stays, granted by a riverboat or slot machine licensee.

The bill is specified as interpretative, not substantive. Effective upon signature

| EXPENDITURES   | 2024-25   | 2025-26   | 2026-27   | 2027-28   | 2028-29   | 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           |
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| Local Funds    | SEE BELOW |               |
| Annual Total   |           |           |           |           |           |               |

## **EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Local governments should be able to absorb related expenses due to the number of impacted remitters in each jurisdiction. Legal expenses are not considered.

## **REVENUE EXPLANATION**

The LFO cannot discern the impact of the bill related to local sales and use taxes on services provided as nongaming inducements and incentives. Conflicting information from impacted parties concerning actual remittances restricts the analysis of the local impact without further extensive review beyond the scope of LFO resources.

To the extent local sales and use taxes are being remitted and are no longer due under the bill for non-gaming inducements or incentives, including certain room stays, local revenue will decline. Should the bill serve to educate impacted vendors on taxable transactions regarding other inducements or incentives, additional taxes may be remitted or remittances could be adjusted lower utilizing accounting methodology as allowed in the bill. The net impact is impossible to discern with the information provided by stakeholders.

The LFO is unclear if the "interpretative and not substantive" language in the bill may expose potential retroactivity, potentially leading to an additional local impact through mandatory refunds.

