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**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 1050** HLS 14RS 231

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> LA Tax Commission / Local Assessors		<b>Analyst:</b> Greg Albrecht
<b>Subject:</b> Agricultural Equipment Ad Valorem Tax Exemption		

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Provides relative to the ad valorem tax exemption for certain agricultural machinery and other implements

Current law {La Constitution Art. VII, §21(C)(11) } grants an exemption from ad valorem taxation to "agricultural machinery and other implements used exclusively for agricultural purposes". This term is defined in statute to apply when used on agricultural lands owned or leased by the person claiming the exemption.

Proposed law deletes the statutory qualifier that the agricultural lands be owned or leased by the person claiming the exemption.

Effective July 1, 2014.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</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>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
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Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>					<b>\$0</b>

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

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

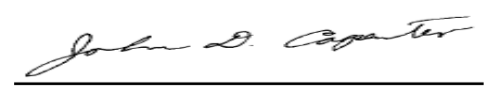
**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

The state Constitution provides an ad valorem tax exemption to "agricultural machinery and other implements used exclusively for agricultural purposes". Statutory provisions add to this phrase language that may be interpreted to limit the exemption to equipment used on agricultural lands "owned or leased by the person claiming the exemption". This bill removes that language, and leaves the equipment exempt so long as it is used on agricultural lands, regardless of who owns the land.

According to the LA Assessor's Association, the typical assessment practice has been to grant exemption to equipment used on agricultural lands without qualifying the exempt status on the basis of land ownership. However, some assessors have questioned this practice and may have not granted the exemption to certain equipment. This bill removes the qualifying statutory language, and may result in lower overall assessed values than would otherwise be the case in parishes that may be considering the narrower interpretation of exemption.

Aggregate tax receipts in any particular locale may not be significantly affected though, to the extent millage adjustments offset the change in assessed values. In those cases, a redistribution of tax burdens occurs. The aggregate value of potentially affected agricultural equipment is not known. The distribution of such equipment is likely concentrated within rural areas of the state.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}       |   |                                | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 State Rev. Reduc. {H & S}                  |
| <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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