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**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HCR 8** HLS 15RS 1014  
 Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**  
 Opp. Chamb. Action:  
 Proposed Amd.:  
 Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Suspends Business Utilities exemptions from 1% for 1 year		

TAX/SALES-USE, ST-EXEMPT RE +\$103,000,000 GF RV See Note Page 1 of 1  
 Suspends the exemption for business utilities as to the 0.97% state sales and use tax levy

Current law exempts from 4% state sales tax the purchase of electricity, steam and water by industrial users (business utilities).

Proposed law suspends the exemptions on business utilities for 1% of state sales and use tax imposed by R.S. 47:331, 0.03% of which is dedicated to the Tourism Promotion District.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<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>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	\$103,000,000					<b>\$103,000,000</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$4,200,000					<b>\$4,200,000</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$107,200,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$107,200,000</b>

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

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

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

The Department of Revenue data indicates that the bill will increase SGF revenue by about \$107M in FY 16 by suspending exemptions on a 1% sales tax rate on business utilities. The figures are from the Tax Exemption Budget (TEB), which increases actual FY 14 exemptions by 2% to estimate FY 16, though total sales tax remittances did not grow as fast. In addition, about \$1M was subtracted from the total to allow for vendors compensation payments (0.935% of sales tax remitted) and \$3.2M for the Tourism and Promotion District dedication, which is 3% of the portion of the state sales tax referenced by the bill for a net SGF impact of about \$103M.

Business Utilities, Water and Steam	\$107,151,000
less: Tourism Promotion District Dedication	(3,214,530)
<u>Additional Vendor's Compensation</u>	<u>(1,001,862)</u>
Expected Annual SGF impact (rounded)	\$103,000,000

Collections are likely to be low in the first month or two of this suspension, then ramp up as compliance improves. A material portion of what is foregone at the beginning of the fiscal year will be recouped in the accrual period at the end of the fiscal year.

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| Senate   | <u>Dual Referral Rules</u> | House | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}                  |                            |       | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 Rev. Red. to State {H & S}                 |
| <input checked="" 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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