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**Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **HB 674** HLS 12RS 704  
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<b>Subject:</b> Local property tax exemption; Companion to HB 694	

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 (Constitutional Amendment) Authorizes the granting of ad valorem tax exemption contracts by the Board of Commerce and Industry for certain businesses

Current law constitutionally allows an exemption from ad valorem taxation for manufacturing establishments as determined by the State Board of Commerce and Industry. Contract terms total 10 years (5-year initial term and a 5-year renewal).

Proposed law expands the exemption to other projects as determined by the Board of Commerce and Industry and the Governor. Contract terms can total 10 years (5-year initial term authorized in this amendment and a 5-year renewal provided in the statutory companion bill). The renewal of a contract shall not be contingent upon continued participation in the program by a parish. The legislature may provide legislation allowing local governing authority approval of contracts. The program will be implemented by statute (companion bill HB 694 provides statutory provisions)

Effective on January 1, 2013, after voter approval in the election on November 6, 2012

EXPENDITURES	<u>2012-13</u>	<u>2013-14</u>	<u>2014-15</u>	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>	<u>5 -YEAR TOTAL</u>
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>

  

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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Since the program is offered at the discretion of LED (statutory companion bill), it is anticipated that initial LED administrative costs will fall within its current budget. However, as business participation accumulates in the program, a growing number of firms will, at the very least, have contract renewals to process. Meaningful compliance enforcement should eventually require additional resources in LED. Any costs at the local level are assumed to be handled within local budgets as well.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

The following discussion is based upon the provisions of the statutory companion bill (HB 694). The program provides a local ad valorem tax exemption for non-manufacturing projects as determined by LED. The parish authority may invite projects and allow for the exemption, but LED determines eligibility. According to LED, the first year that contracts might be expected to have a fiscal impact is FY 15, although the effective date of the program might allow for impact in FY14.

LED presented a numerical exercise of expected implementation of the program. Of the targeted eligible base of capital expenditures, 10%-25% was assumed to enter the program each year. A 15% assessment ratio was applied along with low (0.075) and high (0.125) millage scenarios. Resulting local property tax revenue reductions accumulate as projects are qualified into the program: \$500,000 to \$5 million in the first year (FY 15), \$1.5 million to \$15 million in FY16, \$2.5 million to \$25 million in FY 17. Simple extrapolation of the LED exercise results in an estimated \$10 million to \$100 million of annual local revenue loss after 10 years. These estimates may be reduced by the requirement that projects involve at least \$25 million in capital expenditures. LED asserts that expected state and local taxes generated by participating projects will offset the revenue losses associated with the program exemption.

The LED exercise implicitly assumes that each project occurs only as a result of the benefit provided by this bill, even though this bill's benefit will likely be one of a variety of benefits offered the project. This is a strong assumption, and means that the LED return on investment analysis always begins in a positive position from which benefit costs are deducted. Along more technical lines, the standard economic multipliers utilized in this type of analysis overstate true economic impacts by not reflecting business and consumer wage & price responses and substitution effects. Economic impact analysis may be appropriate for project ranking, but it's absolute results are not reliable for budgeting purposes. Also, the targeted business sectors or activities are not objectively defined, allowing substantial analytical discretion for LED. In addition, the analysis is incomplete in that it does not include a governmental balanced budget requirement. The program's benefits reduce resources supporting government purchases in the economy with resultant negative multiplier effects, offsetting the positive effects from the targeted project spending. The program is ultimately a cost to the local fisc incurred to engage in governmental economic development activity.

Senate <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}	<u>Dual Referral Rules</u>	House <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)1 >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S}	 <b>Gregory V. Albrecht</b> Chief Economist
<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}	