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Fiscal Note

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Sub. Bill For.:

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Proposed Amd.:

Dept./Agy.: Revenue

TAX/INCOME-CREDIT

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Subject: Income Tax Credit for Hotel Expenses

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Provides an income tax credit for hotel expenses incurred by resident taxpayers displaced by Hurricane Katrina or Rita

Provides a refundable credit against the personal income tax for unreimbursed expenses for the occupancy of hotel rooms by resident taxpayers displaced from their residence as a direct result of Hurricane Katrina or Rita.

Effective upon governor's signature.

EXPENDITURES	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	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>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
REVENUES	<u>2005-06</u>	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	
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Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

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

REVENUE EXPLANATION

The Legislative Fiscal Office does not have an estimate of the number of hotel rooms still being occupied by displaced residents of the state and at what point those expenses will no longer be funded by FEMA. Presumably these expenses will no longer be funded by FEMA when alternative housing is provided or determined to be available by FEMA. Residents remaining in hotels beyond that point would be fully reimbursed by the refundable tax credit provided by this bill, and the number of such rooms could be many thousands. Every 1,000 rooms costing only \$70 per night would generate \$2.1 million of tax credit exposure for each month those rooms were occupied. The availability of such reimbursement could also result in a large number of displaced persons remaining in hotels rather than accepting other housing alternatives. Thus, the tax loss exposure of the state resulting from this bill could be many tens of millions of dollars.

<u>Senate</u> ☐ 13.5.1 >= \$500	<u>Dual Referral Rules</u> ,000 Annual Fiscal Cost	House \bigcirc 6.8(F) >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost	H. Hordon Mark
x 13.5.2 >= \$500	,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change	6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease	H. Gordon Monk Legislative Fiscal Officer