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Reduces the rates for individual income tax

<u>Current law</u> levies tax on taxable income at rates of 2% (on first \$12,500 for single filers and \$25,000 for joint filers), 4% (on the next \$37,500 single and \$75,000 joint), and 6% (above \$50,000 single and \$100,000 joint).

<u>Proposed law</u> reduces the tax rates to 1.75%, 3.75%, and 5.75%, and modifies the withholding table required calculations to recognize relative tax brackets rather than absolute brackets.

Effective January 1, 2014, and operative if HB 623 of this session is enacted (a bill increasing the state tobacco tax).

EXPENDITURES	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	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	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	(\$39,000,000)	(\$219,000,000)	(\$187,000,000)	(\$196,000,000)	(\$203,000,000)	(\$844,000,000)
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	(\$39,000,000)	(\$219,000,000)	(\$187,000,000)	(\$196,000,000)	(\$203,000,000)	(\$844,000,000)

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The Department of Revenue will incur costs involved in modifying its systems dealing with the individual income tax. Taxpayer education and compliance support expenses may also be incurred. These costs should be minor and one-time in nature.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

To estimate the impact of this tax rate reduction, a number of factors have to be incorporated. The first step is to calculate the change in aggregate tax liabilities of tax filers (resident and nonresident) utilizing a personal income tax micro-simulation model processing actual tax year 2011 state tax return data.

The rate reduction in the bill reduces aggregate 2011 tax liabilities by \$153 million (a 6.4% reduction in liabilities). This liability change must be projected forward from the 2011 tax year of the simulation to the tax year when it will occur (2014), and through the fiscal note horizon. Based on a long-run (1998 - 2011) compound annual average growth rate of 4.1% for total federal adjusted gross income (all filers are affected by this bill), reduced tax year liabilities (for a single tax year at a time) are estimated at \$173 million in tax year 2014, \$180 million in 2015, \$187 million in 2016, \$196 million in 2017, and \$203 million in 2018. Estimated fiscal year effects depicted in the table above are explained below.

Due to the withholdings process, a portion of the first tax year's revenue reduction occurs in the last half of the fiscal year (see FY14 in table above). Based on collections data, key assumptions underlying the annual revenue loss estimates are (a) 80% of revenue is collected via withholdings (10% spring payments, 10% declarations and fiduciary), (b) 52% of gross withholdings are received in the second half of a fiscal year (32% declarations, and all spring payments) and, (c) a 3-month delay occurs for withholding changes to materially occur in the first year. This last assumption results in a catch-up effect in the following year as overpayments are refunded. Since this is a one-time rate reduction, this shift forward of a partial revenue loss and the subsequent catch-up of the overpayments is assumed to occur only in the first two years of the tax rate drop. These assumptions are applied to the projection of tax year liability loss to generate the estimated annual revenue reductions depicted in the table above.

A small amount of reduction will also occur to <u>dedication to the Sports Facility Assistance Fund</u> (about \$192,000 or 6.4% of its \$3m per year total) as tax rates drop.

<u>Senate</u> ☐ 13.5.1 >= \$100	<u>Dual Referral Rules</u> 0,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}	House $6.8(F) >= $500,000 \text{ Annual Fiscal Cost } \{S\}$	John D. Capater
x 13.5.2 >= \$500			John D. Carpenter Legislative Fiscal Officer