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**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 531** HLS 15RS 796  
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<b>Subject:</b> Add Back Certain Deductible Items on Corporate Returns		

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 Requires that certain deductible items be added-back on certain corporate income tax returns

Proposed law requires that certain otherwise deductible interest expenses and costs, and intangible expenses and costs be added back to a corporations computation of its Louisiana net income. The bill provides for various conditions and exceptions that determine the expenses and costs to be added back.

Applicable to all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2015.

<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	<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>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
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<b>Annual Total</b>						

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

The Department of Revenue (LDR) will incur costs for computer system modification and testing, tax form redesign, and tax payer inquiries. These costs are typically small for individual tax law changes such as this and are typically absorbed within existing resources until cumulative changes necessitate additional resources be provided.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

By requiring corporate tax filers to add back various deductions to their state tax returns, the bill will result in greater net income subject to Louisiana corporate income taxation, and an increase in net corporate tax receipts. Since the bill is applicable to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2015, it is likely that some compliant returns will be filed in FY16 (due May 15 2016), and some additional revenue will be received in FY16. However, complex corporate returns are filed with extension and reconciling tax receipts received in the following fiscal year (November). Thus, additional tax receipts in FY16 are likely to be relatively small, with a relatively large gain in receipts in FY17 as extended returns for tax period 2015 catch-up and a greater share of 2016 tax year returns comply. Fiscal year receipt gains will eventually settle into a normal level reflecting filings by May 15 of each year and filings under extension by November of each year.

The Department of Revenue does not electronically capture the return information necessary to quantify an estimate of the likely fiscal effect of the bill. The Department attempted to manually examine some of the top 200 returns to get a feel for the possible magnitude of effect. That process did not result in information sufficient to generate an estimate of the bill's effect.

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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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