

(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

TAX CREDITS. Authorizes the wind or solar energy systems tax credit in addition to any federal grant for the same system.

DIGEST

Present law authorizes an income tax credit for the cost of purchase and installation of a wind energy system or solar energy system, or both, by a taxpayer at his residence located in this state, by the owner of a residential rental apartment project, or by a taxpayer who purchases and installs such a system in a residence or a residential rental apartment project which is located in La. The credit may be claimed in cases where the resident individual purchases a newly constructed home with a system already installed, where a system is purchased and installed at an existing home, or where a system is installed in new or existing apartment projects. Only one such tax credit shall be available for any eligible system.

Present law provides that the amount of the credit shall be equal to 50% of the first \$25,000 of the cost of each wind energy system or solar energy system, including installation costs, that is purchased and installed on or after Jan. 1, 2008. Further provides that the credit may be used in addition to any federal tax credits earned for the same system; however, a taxpayer shall not receive any other state tax credit, exemption, exclusion, deduction, or any other tax benefit for property for which the taxpayer has received a tax credit under the provisions of present law.

Proposed law retains present law but adds that the state tax credit shall be in addition to any federal grant earned for the same system, but prohibits the amount of the credit or grant from being included in the cost of the wind energy system or solar energy system for purposes of the calculation of the credit.

(Amends R.S. 47:6030(B)(1))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs to the engrossed bill.

1. Prohibits the amount of the credit or grant from being included in the cost of the wind energy system or solar energy system upon which the credit is calculated.