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<b>Subject:</b> Authorize Retaining Local Portion of Auto Rental Excise Tax	

TAX/LEASE RE +\$600,000 LF RV See Note Page 1 of 1  
 Authorizes Jefferson Parish to create an automobile rental tax district

Current law imposes a 3% excise tax on short-term auto rentals. The state portion is a 2.5% levy and a local portion of 0.5% is included. The Department of Revenue collects the entire 3% levy and distributes the local portion back to the parish of rental. The tax has been in affect since 1991, but expires at the end of FY 2012.

Proposed law authorizes the parishes of Jefferson and Orleans to levy a local tax up to 0.5% beginning July 1, 2012 by adoption of an ordinance or resolution, within special districts whose boundaries are the same as the respective parish, but only after approval of a majority of the registered voters of a parish at a regularly scheduled election in the parish. The bill also provides for the distribution of the avails of the tax in Jefferson Parish.

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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Local Funds	INCREASE	<u>\$600,000</u>	<u>\$600,000</u>	<u>\$600,000</u>	<u>\$600,000</u>	<b>\$2,400,000</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>		<b>\$600,000</b>	<b>\$600,000</b>	<b>\$600,000</b>	<b>\$600,000</b>	<b>\$2,400,000</b>

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Collection and distribution processes have been in place for some 22 years. The Department of Revenue should be able to continue those processes with respect to the particular local jurisdictions (if any) that choose to continue the local levy portion with little or no additional cost, other than notifying remitters of the lower tax rate.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

The bill authorizes two local governments (Jefferson and Orleans parishes) to continue a tax collected for local governments that has been in place for some 22 years. The bill authorizes a levy up to 0.5% (the same rate that is collected for local governments currently). The total tax burden will actually be decreased from 3% to the 0.5% authorized by this bill, since the state levy is expiring. In the last year, the 0.5% levy generated approximately \$544,000 in Jefferson Parish and \$53,000 in Orleans Parish. The total for these two parishes would be approximately \$600,000 per year.

The requirement of a local election at a regularly scheduled parish election means that should these parishes impose this levy, they will not be able to collect the tax for a full year in FY13. The table above depicts the maximum effect if both parishes levy the tax by FY14.

Relative to current law, the authorization in the bill represents a tax increase from a prospective baseline of zero tax on these transactions. Relative to current practice, the authorization in the bill represents a tax decrease from a historical baseline of 3% tax on these transactions.

The state portion of the total levy (2.5%) also expires at the end of FY12, but the loss of the associated state receipts has already been incorporated into state revenue forecasts and budgeting.

<p><u>Senate</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 &gt;= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&amp;H}</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 &gt;= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&amp;H}</p>	<p><u>Dual Referral Rules</u></p>	<p><u>House</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)1 &gt;= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S}</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) &gt;= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}</p>	<p align="right"><i>H. Gordon Monk</i></p> <hr/> <p><b>H. Gordon Monk</b> <b>Legislative Fiscal Officer</b></p>
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