

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Smith
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Steiner Hayward

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure

Vote: 25 – 0 – 1

House

Yeas: Barker, Buckley, Frederick, Freeman, Hanna, Huffman, Jenson, Komp, Nathanson, Read, Richardson, Smith, Tomei, Williamson

Nays:

Exc: McLane

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Devlin, Edwards, Girod, Hansell, Johnson, Monroe, Steiner Hayward, Thomsen, Whitsett, Winters

Nays:

Exc:

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Meeting Date: June 26, 2013

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs Legislative Revenue Office (LRO) to prepare a report analyzing tax credits prior to the start of each odd-year regular session. Report may include analysis of other tax credits at discretion of interim revenue committees. Specifies content of report. First report is due prior to start of 2015 regular session.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- First tax expenditure report advocated for in 1995
- Staff analysis of expiring as well as new tax credits to be included in the report
- Currently analysis is not as detailed information as what LRO could do with additional 1.0 FTE
- Opportunities to evaluate expiring tax credits to fund the LRO FTE request
- Savings may be created with a more detailed report that may allow better tax policy decisions to be made.

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: In 2009, the Legislature approved HB 2067 which set in motion a systematic review of tax credits by establishing a sunset date for nearly all of them. However, HB 2067 did not contain specifics on the credit review process or who was responsible for the review.