

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Human Services and Early Childhood

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued (“lite”)

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: Tax Credits

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 3/19, 4/9, 4/14, 4/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Increases percentage of wholesale price of donated crops allowed as amount of tax credit, from 15 to 50 percent. Applies starting with 2015 tax year. Takes effect 91st day after *sine die*.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Percentage recommended by Department of Agriculture as appropriate to offset cost of donation
- Offsetting costs associated with making donation in order to encourage more donations
- Thin profit margins for many farmers; without offset, produce could be left in the field instead of donated

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The tax credit used to be at 10 percent, and expired in 2011. It was revived at 15 percent for 2014, but because it has only been in effect for a year at that level, the total number of persons claiming the credit is not yet known, nor how much food was donated.

Senate Bill 760 increases the percentage of the wholesale price of donated crops that is allowed as the amount of a tax credit, from 15 to 50 percent, beginning with the 2015 tax year.