



HB 2952 Greater transparency required for business tax credits

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If this bill is to be truly effective, it needs to be expanded beyond corporate taxpayers to personal tax payers.

Many businesses using tax credits pay taxes not as corporations, but rather as partnerships, sole proprietors and s-corporations, so their use of the tax credits towards which this bill is targeted is on their personal income taxes.

For example:

	Corporate taxpayers	Personal taxpayers
The R&D tax credits	14.9 m	3.2 m
Film Production tax credit	>.1 m	27.5 m
NMTC	22.9 m	5.9 m

However, I'm not sure how valuable the information will be on those tax credits which you allow to be sold or otherwise transferred. Perhaps the recipient and the amount of tax credit they get should be public as well as the user.

For sure you should let the set of business tax credits up for sunset this year expire.

That will reduce the number of corporate-used tax credits significantly. Of course, evaluating the R&D tax credit and others would be easier if you had a list of the companies that actually receive them.