

SB 189 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Action Date: 04/16/19

Action: Without recommendation as to passage and request referral to Tax Expenditures.

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Bentz, Boquist, Hass, Riley, Taylor

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/28, 4/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies the definition of "tax expenditure" to exclude provisions of federal law that prohibit taxation by the state or local governments. Requires the Department of Revenue and the Legislative Revenue Office to study the statutory definition of tax expenditures in conjunction with the operation of automatic sunset provisions of statute. The study should lead to recommendations for proposed legislation and be presented to the Assembly no later than April 1, 2021.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Use of the Tax Expenditure Report
- Implicit and explicit sunset dates

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The 1995 Legislature required the creation of a tax expenditure report in conjunction with the Governor's Budget. As part of that law, the Legislature adopted the following definition: "tax expenditure" means any law of the federal government or this state that exempts, in whole or in part, certain persons, income, goods, services or property from the impact of established taxes, including but not limited to tax deductions, tax exclusions, tax subtractions, tax exemptions, tax deferrals, preferential tax rates and tax credits.