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TAX/CORP FRANCHISE OR -\$324,000,000 GF RV See Note Page 1 of 2  
 Phases-out the corporation franchise tax over five years

Proposed law phases-in annual reductions of Corporate Franchise (CFT) tax rates to zero over five years beginning in taxable year 2024, and fully eliminating the tax in Tax Year 2028.

Applicable to taxable years beginning January 1, 2024.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$51,000	\$51,000	\$51,000	\$51,000	\$81,000	<b>\$285,000</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$51,000</b>	<b>\$51,000</b>	<b>\$51,000</b>	<b>\$51,000</b>	<b>\$81,000</b>	<b>\$285,000</b>

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	(\$52,000,000)	(\$104,000,000)	(\$200,000,000)	(\$314,000,000)	(\$294,000,000)	<b>(\$964,000,000)</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$13,000,000)	(\$30,000,000)	<b>(\$43,000,000)</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>(\$52,000,000)</b>	<b>(\$104,000,000)</b>	<b>(\$200,000,000)</b>	<b>(\$327,000,000)</b>	<b>(\$324,000,000)</b>	<b>(\$1,007,000,000)</b>

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Tax system changes will have to be made each year to provide for the changing tax liability calculation over the life of the phase-out. These changes are typically estimated as several thousands of dollars of staff time for design, modification, testing, and scanner modifications (estimated at \$51,000 per year in this case, with an additional \$30,000 in the first full year of the fully-repealed tax, FY28).

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

**CFT Liability Impact:** Proposed law phases out corporate franchise tax (CFT) over five years. CFT collections are typically spread over an approximately three-year period. LFO anticipates that the CFT liability components of proposed law will begin affecting revenue collections in FY24, based on historical responses of estimated payments to policy changes. The estimated full-year impact of the tax liability component is an annual reduction of about \$176 million. This figure is based on simulating tax liability changes based on returns from tax year 2020, then adjusting the result to scale with anticipated CFT growth up to FY25 (the initial tax year of the bill's applicability).

Historically, roughly 45% of CFT liabilities have been remitted in the year in which they are owed, 50% in the year following, and 5% in the second year following. This effect effectively phases-in part of the annual revenue reduction until it is fully realized in FY26. Any CIFT collections over \$600M accrue to the Revenue Stabilization Fund instead of state general fund.

**Overpayments Carryforward Impact:** Additionally, LDR reports that approximately \$145 million of existing carryforwards of prior year overpayments with respect to CFT will be due to taxpayers as a refund upon repeal of the CFT, and will be claimed as the tax phases down. The effect of these anticipated claims is reflected in the table above as being spread evenly over the phase-down (approximately \$36 million per year).

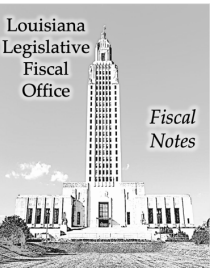
**Tax Credits Impact:** To the extent that taxpayers with CFT liabilities also incur income tax liabilities, proposed law would additionally result in credits that would otherwise apply against CFT liability being claimed against income tax liability. This would result in revenues being reduced by an estimated annual \$148 million, following a similar phase-down of CFT liabilities, beginning in FY24.

As combined CIFT revenues that are above \$600 million are dedicated to the Revenue Stabilization Fund, and currently-adopted (current law) REC projections for CIFT are above that threshold beginning in FY27, the revenue impact is reflected in the table above as shared between the state general fund and dedicated funds beginning in FY27. Ultimately, the **approximate full-year impact of the bill will be an annual \$324 million revenue reduction.** A breakdown of all effects is included on Page 2. **(continued)**

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**CONTINUED EXPLANATION from page one:**

**Components contributing to total impacts on Page 1:**

<b>FY (\$millions)</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
CFT Liability Change	-16	-48	-96	-159	-176
Carryforward of Overpayments	-36	-36	-36	-327	0
Credits	-0	-20	-68	-131	-148
<b>Total</b>	<b>-52</b>	<b>-104</b>	<b>-200</b>	<b>-327</b>	<b>-324</b>

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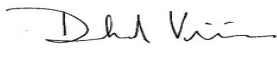
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