



HF 751 – State Historic Tax Credit Program (LSB1304HV)
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Fiscal Note Version – New

Description

House File 751 makes changes to Iowa's historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit program. The Bill increases the annual credit maximum from the current \$20.0 million to \$50.0 million. The Bill also alters the percentage allotment between subcategories of tax credit recipients. The Bill is effective July 1, 2009.

Background

Iowa's historic preservation tax credit program was first enacted in HF 2560 (Income and Property Tax Credits and Exemptions Act of 2000). Cultural and entertainment districts were added in HF 868 (Economic Development Assistance Act of 2005). The annual cap was increased to the current \$20.0 million in SF 566 (Historic Preservation and Cultural and Entertainment District Tax Credit Act of 2007).

The State income tax credit is equal to 25.0% of qualified property rehabilitation costs. The Department of Cultural Affairs administers the program and maintains a waiting list of projects eligible for tax credits when additional credits become available. The Department is allowed to reserve future credit availability for up to three fiscal years. Projects completed prior to the year the certificate is valid must wait until the valid year of the tax credit to receive the benefit.

Assumptions

1. The Bill raises the tax credit cap for FY 2010 and future fiscal years to \$50.0 million. Current law allows the Department to reserve tax credits for up to three years. Tax credits are valid no earlier than the tax year indicated on the certificate.
2. The tax credits are refundable.
3. The increase first impacts tax year 2010 awards and FY 2010 net General Fund revenue though reduced tax estimate payments.
4. The Bill increases tax year 2010 certificates by \$30.0 million. They are assumed to be redeemed \$3.0 million in FY 2010, \$22.5 million in tax year 2011, and \$4.5 million in tax FY 2012.
5. The Bill increases tax year 2011 certificates by \$30.0 million. They are assumed to be redeemed \$21.0 million in FY 2011 and \$9.0 million in tax FY 2012.
6. The Bill increases tax year 2012 and future fiscal years by \$30.0 million. They are assumed to be redeemed in the tax year of the certificate.

Fiscal Impact

The projected increased redemption of historic preservation and cultural and entertainment tax credits will reduce net General Fund revenue by the amounts listed in the right-hand column of the following table.

Net General Fund Direct Impact by Fiscal Year In Millions of Dollars		
Fiscal Year	Increase in Tax Credits Awarded	Fiscal Impact: Increase in Tax Credit Redemption
FY 2010	\$30.0	\$3.0
FY 2011	\$30.0	\$43.5
FY 2012	\$30.0	\$43.5
FY 2013	\$30.0	\$30.0
FY 2014	\$30.0	\$30.0

The fiscal impact continues past FY 2014 as long as sufficient demand for tax credits exists. The tax credit is refundable so it does not impact the local option income surtax for schools.

The Department of Cultural Affairs indicates the increased workload will require \$50,000 in additional salary and support expense to receive, evaluate, and approve the additional projects. The Department is funded through a State General Fund appropriation.

Sources

Legislative Services Agency Analysis
Department of Cultural Affairs

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