FISCAL NOTE Requested by Legislative Council 01/14/2019

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1535

1 A. State fiscal effect: Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.

	2017-2019 Biennium		2019-2021 Biennium		2021-2023 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures						
Appropriations						

1 B. County, city, school district and township fiscal effect: Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.

	2017-2019 Biennium	2019-2021 Biennium	2021-2023 Biennium
Counties			
Cities			
School Districts			
Townships			

2 A. **Bill and fiscal impact summary:** Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).

HB 1535 changes the individual income tax from a system with five rate brackets to a single flat tax rate.

B. **Fiscal impact sections:** Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.

Section 1 of HB 1535 creates a deduction from taxable income - similar to the federal standard deduction - based upon a taxpayer's filing status. This deduction is \$18,725 for single taxpayers and \$31,300 for married taxpayers filing a joint return.

The bill also removes the current individual income tax brackets and rates that range from 1.1% to \$2.9% of taxable income. In place of these progressive rate brackets, the bill imposes a flat 2.5% tax on taxable income, which has been reduced by the newly allowed deduction amount.

(The bill also provides some statutory clean-up of obsolete references which will have no fiscal impact.)

- 3. State fiscal effect detail: For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:
 - A. **Revenues:** Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.

The 2.5% flat rate established in the bill is expected to be approximately revenue-neutral. It will generate approximately the same revenue as the current individual income tax system of multiple bracketed rates.

B. **Expenditures:** Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.

C. **Appropriations:** Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation or a part of the appropriation is included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.

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