

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Requested by Legislative Council**  
**01/15/2013**

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2171

- 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.*

	2011-2013 Biennium		2013-2015 Biennium		2015-2017 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures			\$20,000,000			
Appropriations						

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

	2011-2013 Biennium	2013-2015 Biennium	2015-2017 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).*

SB 2171 expands the homestead credit and renters refund programs for elderly and disabled citizens.

- 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 SB 2171 expands the income brackets for computing the credit for both homeowners and renters. It also removes the "asset test" that limits the value of assets an applicant can own, currently set at \$75,000. This section also removes a person's social security income from the income that is used in calculating if an applicant qualifies for the credit.

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.*

There is \$20 million included in the executive budget for the expansion of the homestead credit and renters refund programs.

- 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.*

The provisions of SB 2171 significantly expand the homestead credit and renters refund programs enabling most elderly citizens to qualify. It is very difficult to accurately estimate the likely fiscal impact of these provisions as there are many unknowns.

- 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 is also included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

There is a \$20 million appropriation in the Tax Department budget for this expansion to the homestead credit and renters refund program.

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