

FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
01/14/2015

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2221

- 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.*

	2013-2015 Biennium		2015-2017 Biennium		2017-2019 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures			\$8,000,000		\$8,000,000	
Appropriations						

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

	2013-2015 Biennium	2015-2017 Biennium	2017-2019 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).*

This bill expands the homestead tax credit program by increasing the income limit from \$42,000 to \$50,000, increasing the maximum refund available through the renter refund program from \$400 to \$600, and increasing the maximum homestead value to which the credit applies from \$100,000 to \$150,000

- 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.*

The current homestead tax credit program provides a state-paid credit against property taxes for persons age 65 and older, or persons who are permanently and totally disabled, with annual income less than \$42,000, and assets that do not exceed \$500,000. The credit applies to up to \$100,000 of taxable value, with a maximum reduction of 100% for those with annual income less than \$22,000. Section 4 of the bill adjusts the income brackets to increase the maximum allowable income from \$42,000 to \$50,000 and to increase the taxable value reduction in each category. The increased credit amount in each bracket reflects a 50% increase over current law as the maximum true and full value to which the credit applies is increased from \$100,000 to \$150,000. This section also increases the maximum allowable renter refund from \$400 to \$600.

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.*

- 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.*

The \$30 million appropriation required to fund the homestead tax program, as proposed in this bill, is an increase of \$8 million over the estimated cost to continue the program with no change. The appropriation is included in the executive budget recommendation for the Tax Department (SB2006).

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