# COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH OVERSIGHT DIVISION

#### **FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 5096-04

Bill No.: SCS for HCS for HB 2030

Subject: Taxation and Revenue - Income; Securities; Revenue Department; Employers;

Corporations

<u>Type</u>: Original

<u>Date</u>: April 15, 2016

Bill Summary: This proposal creates a tax deduction for employer stock ownership plans.

## **FISCAL SUMMARY**

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	
General Revenue	(\$65,426)	(Up to \$10,300,000)	(Up to \$10,300,000)	
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	(\$65,426)	(Up to \$10,300,000)	(Up to \$10,300,000)	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.

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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0	

Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	
<b>Local Government</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	

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#### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### **ASSUMPTION**

Officials from the **Missouri Department of Revenue (DOR)** state they are unable to determine the exact amount of capital gains that may qualify for the deduction provided in this proposal but have assumed 1% of net capital gains reported by both individual and corporate income taxpayers will qualify. DOR states that based upon the 1% assumption, individual income tax revenue will be reduced by approximately \$1,100,000 annually and corporate income tax revenue will be reduced by approximately \$9,200,000.

DOR assumes the proposal will require two (2) Revenue Processing Technicians I (Range 10, Step L) for error corrections and correspondence in processing individual income tax returns and three (3) Revenue Processing Technicians I (Range 10, Step L) for error correction, additional correspondence and data entry in processing corporate income tax returns. In addition, DOR assumed this proposal will require two (2) Tax Collection Technicians I (Range 10, Step L). Each technician requires CARES equipment and license. The assumed cost for the seven (7) technicians is \$305,955 FY 2017, \$318,474 FY 2018 and \$321,071 FY 2019.

**Oversight** notes this proposal would change a limited number of computations on income tax returns and would not be expected to have a significant impact on the number of returns filed. Oversight notes a significantly high percentage of income tax returns are prepared online, electronically, or by paid preparers, and assumes there would not be a significant number of additional errors resulting from the changes in this proposal. Oversight assumes existing DOR staffing would be adequate to implement this proposal. If unanticipated additional cost are incurred or if multiple proposals are implemented that increase DOR costs or the workload for DOR employees, resources could be requested through the budget process.

DOR officials also provided an estimate of the IT cost to implement the proposal of \$65,426 based on 503 hours of programming at the current state contract rate of \$130 per hour for Integrated System changes. **Oversight** will include the DOR estimate of IT cost to implement the proposal in this fiscal note.

Officials from the **Office of Administration - Budget and Planning (B&P)** stated the proposal defines taxpayer to include corporations, but only allows for a deduction from a taxpayer's Federal adjusted gross income, and further states corporations have taxable income rather than adjusted gross income. B&P used a 1% of capital gains reported to estimate the fiscal impact. Based upon the 1% assumption, B&P estimates this proposal would reduce Total State Revenue by \$1.1 million in FY 2018 and thereafter if it applies only to individual taxpayers.

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#### <u>ASSUMPTION</u> (continued)

**B&P** assumes there is no mechanism that would allow corporation to take this deduction.

In response to a previous version of this proposal, officials from the **Economic & Policy Analysis Research Center (EPARC)** stated they were unable to estimate the amount or value of employer securities within the state of Missouri, nor were they certain of the impact this proposal would have on the employer security market, and therefore were unable to provide an impact estimate of this bill.

Officials from the **Joint Committee on Administrative Rules** indicated this proposal is not anticipated to cause a fiscal impact to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** stated many bills considered by the General Assembly include provisions allowing or requiring agencies to submit rules and regulations to implement the act. The SOS is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity resulting from each year's legislative session. The fiscal impact for this fiscal note to the SOS for Administrative Rules is less than \$2,500. The SOS recognizes that this is a small amount and does not expect that additional funding would be required to meet these costs. However, the SOS also recognizes that many such bills may be passed by the General Assembly in a given year and that collectively the costs may be in excess of what the office can sustain with the core budget. Therefore, the SOS reserves the right to request funding for the cost of supporting administrative rules requirements should the need arise based on a review of the finally approved bills signed by the governor.

**Oversight** assumes the SOS could absorb the costs of printing and distributing regulations related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require the printing and distribution of regulations at substantial costs, the SOS could request funding through the appropriation process.

**Oversight** will use the fiscal impact amount furnished by both the DOR and OA-B&P with respect to the impact associated with individuals taking this deduction and in addition will use the fiscal impact furnished by the DOR with respect to the impact associated with corporations taking this deductions to estimate the annual General Revenue of reductions of an unknown amount, but up to (\$10.3 million) annually.

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FISCAL IMPACT - State Government	FY 2017 (6 Mo.)	FY 2018	FY 2019
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
Cost - DOR Computer programming	(\$65,426)	\$0	\$0
Revenue reduction Tax deduction §135.495	<u>\$0</u>	(Up to \$10,300,000)	(Up to \$10,300,000)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND	(\$65,426)	(Up to <u>\$10,300,000)</u>	(Up to <u>\$10,300,000)</u>
FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government	FY 2017 (10 Mo.)	FY 2018	FY 2019
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

#### FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

This proposal would positively impact small businesses that sell or exchange qualified employer securities.

#### FISCAL DESCRIPTION

Beginning January 1, 2017, this bill authorizes an income tax deduction for 50% of the net capital gain from the sale or exchange of employer securities of a Missouri corporation to a qualified Missouri employee stock ownership plan if, upon completion of the transaction, the qualified Missouri employee stock ownership plan owns at least 30% of all outstanding employer securities issued by the Missouri corporation.

For individuals, a deduction is an amount subtracted from the taxpayer's Missouri adjusted gross income to determine Missouri taxable income, and for corporations a deduction is a subtraction from the taxpayer's federal taxable income to determine Missouri taxable income.

The provisions of the bill will expire on December 31, six years after the effective date.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not

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require additional capital improvements or rental space.

## **SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

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Office of Administration
Budget and Planning
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Office of the Secretary of State
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