

## **CORPORATE FRANCHISE TAX Nuclear Decommissioning Funds**

March 20, 2019

	Yes	No
DOR Administrative		
Costs/Savings		X

Department of Revenue Analysis of H.F. 2104 (Haley)

	Fund Impact				
	F.Y. 2020	F.Y. 2021	F.Y. 2022	F.Y. 2023	
		(000's)			
General Fund	(\$5,000)	(\$3,800)	(\$3,800)	(\$3,800)	

Effective beginning in tax year 2019.

## **EXPLANATION OF THE BILL**

**Current Law:** Utilities that operate nuclear power plants are required to set up decommissioning funds, which will be used to dismantle nuclear power plants when they wear out. When a nuclear power plant is dismantled, the prior years' contributions and the earnings on the contributions are used to pay for decommissioning. The earnings of decommissioning funds are subject to tax.

**Proposed Law:** Under the bill, the earnings of decommissioning funds would be exempt from taxation.

## REVENUE ANALYSIS DETAIL

- The revenue loss is based on the average tax paid by nuclear decommissioning funds during tax years 2009- 2017.
- Due to a retroactive effective date, all of the tax year 2019 revenue loss is allocated to FY 2020. Tax year revenue losses from other tax years are allocated 30/70 to fiscal years.

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