

CORPORATE FRANCHISE TAX Nuclear Decommissioning Funds

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	Yes	No
DOR Administrative		
Costs/Savings		X

Department of Revenue

Analysis of H.F. 3817 (Haley) / S.F. 3642 (Pratt)

	Fund Impact				
	F.Y. 2022	F.Y. 2023	F.Y. 2024	F.Y. 2025	
		(000°s)			
General Fund	(\$5,400)	(\$4,100)	(\$4,100)	(\$4,100)	

Effective beginning in tax year 2022.

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 the 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 nuclear 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 2009-2012 from public court filings and other information.
- Due to a retroactive effective date, all of the tax year 2022 revenue loss is allocated to FY 2023. Tax year revenue losses from other tax years are allocated 30/70 to fiscal years.

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