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HOUSE CONCURRENT STUDY REQUEST NO. 6

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TAX CREDITS: Requests a study of the fiscal impact of limits on tax expenditures

1 A CONCURRENT STUDY REQUEST

2 To request the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on
3 Revenue and Fiscal Affairs to meet and to function as a joint committee to study the
4 fiscal impact of tax expenditures and potential policies which may be beneficial to
5 the state fisc and to report the findings of the joint committee to the legislature prior
6 to the convening of the 2015 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

7 WHEREAS, tax expenditures constitute a material portion of total state expenditures;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, a consideration of the potential benefits and risks of placing an upper
10 limit on either the annual cost or lifetime cost of each tax expenditure is warranted given
11 Louisiana's budgetary crises over the past three years; and

12 WHEREAS, the study of practices used by other states relative to caps on tax
13 expenditures or the concept of an annual formal tax expenditure budget akin to the state
14 operating budget may be beneficial for purposes of policy development; and

15 WHEREAS, it is prudent to study the history of "sunsets" of tax credits and whether
16 such policy has had any measurable effect on the state fisc; and

17 WHEREAS, the study of the potential benefit of adopting a policy of prioritization
18 with respect to the types of tax expenditures which could be measured and determined to
19 contribute to the public good could produce valuable information for legislative
20 consideration of Louisiana's policies with respect to tax expenditures.

1 THEREFORE, the Legislature of Louisiana requests the House Committee on Ways
2 and Means and the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs to meet and to function
3 as a joint committee to study the fiscal impact of tax expenditures and potential policies
4 which may be beneficial to the state fisc and to report the findings of the joint committee to
5 the legislature prior to the convening of the 2015 Regular Session of the Legislature of
6 Louisiana.

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