

State of Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration Fiscal Impact Statement

Bill: HB1501 Bill Subtitle: TO ADOPT FEDERAL INCOME TAX LAW REGARDING DEPRECIATION AND THE EXPENSING OF PROPERTY; AND TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT ALLOWED FOR THE EXPENSING OF CERTAIN DEPRECIABLE BUSINESS ASSETS TO THE AMOUNT ALLOWED UNDER FEDERAL LAW.

Sponsors:

Rep. Beaty and Sen. Gilmore

Basic Change:

HB1501 amends § 26-51-428 to adopt the bonus depreciation provisions of federal income tax law in 26 U.S.C. § 168(k) as in effect on January 1, 2024. The bonus deprecation provisions of §168(k) allow additional first-year depreciation for certain types of qualifying property when computing income tax liability. Bonus depreciation results in a larger depreciation deduction for qualifying property in the year the property is placed into service.

HB1501 is effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2025.

Fiscal Impact:

FY2026 - \$104M General Revenue Reduction

FY2027 - \$35M General Revenue Reduction

FY2028 and after - \$0 General Revenue Impact.

[Fiscal impact estimate is based on federal projections for bonus depreciation from Return Line-Item Estimates from Federal Statistics of Information for Corporations and Partnerships.]

Taxpayer Impact:

A taxpayer would be able to take additional bonus depreciation by expensing of business assets in the same manner that is currently allowed for federal tax purposes.

Resources Required:

Computer programs, tax forms, and instructions will need to be updated. AIRS programming costs are estimated at \$10,000.

Time Required:

Adequate time is provided for implementation.

Procedural Changes:

Department employees will need to be educated as well as the tax community.



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Other Comments:

None.

Legal Analysis:

None.
