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SENATE BILL

No. 116

Introduced by Senators De León and Steinberg (Coauthors: Senators DeSaulnier, Hancock, Hernandez, Leno, Lowenthal, Price, Steinberg, and Wolk)

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Blumenfield and Hueso)

January 19, 2011

An act to amend Sections 23101, 25113, 25128, 25128.5, and 25136 of, to add—Section Sections 6377 and 25136.1 to, to add and repeal Sections 6377, 17053.86, and 23686 of, and to repeal and amend Sections 17053.80 and 23623 of, the Revenue and Taxation Code, relating to taxation, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

- SB 116, as amended, De León. Income taxes: credits: contributions to education funds: hiring credit: single sales factor: sales and use taxes: manufacturing exemption.
- (1) The Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporation Tax Law authorize various credits against the taxes imposed by those laws.

This bill, under both laws, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2012, and before January 1, 2017, would allow a credit of 75% of a taxpayer's contribution to the Higher Education Investment Tax Credit Program Special Fund, established by this bill, for specified education purposes, as provided. This bill would specify that the

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aggregate amount of credit that may be allocated under both laws shall not exceed \$500,000,000 for each calendar year.

(2)

(1) The Corporation Tax Law imposes taxes measured by income and, in the case of a business with income derived from or attributable to sources both within and without this state, apportions the business income between this state and other states and foreign countries in accordance with a specified 4-factor formula based on the property, payroll, and sales within and without this state, except that in the case of an apportioning trade or business that derives more than 50% of its gross business receipts from conducting one or more qualified business activities, as defined, business income is apportioned in accordance with a specified 3-factor formula. Existing law, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2011, authorizes a taxpayer required to apportion its business income in accordance with the 4-factor formula to make an annual election to have that business income apportioned in accordance with a single sales factor formula.

This bill would eliminate the authorization for specified taxpayers to elect to have business income apportioned in accordance with a single sales factor formula and instead require those taxpayers to apportion their business income in accordance with a single sales factor formula for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2011, and would make related changes. This bill would, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2011, authorize specified taxpayers to elect to have business income apportioned in accordance with the 4-factor formula rather than in accordance with a single sales factor formula, if the tax before the application of any credits using the 4-factor formula to apportion business income is not less than the tax before the application of any credits using the single sales factor formula to apportion that income. This bill would also revise the method by which source of income is determined for a qualified taxpayer, as defined.

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(2) The Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporation Tax Law authorize various credits against the taxes imposed by those laws, including a credit for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2009, in the amount of \$3,000 for each net increase in full-time employees hired by a qualified employer. Those laws define "qualified employer" as a taxpayer that employed 20 or fewer employees as of the last day of the preceding taxable year. Those laws establish a cut-off

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date when the total amount of credit allocated under those laws reaches \$400,000,000.

This bill, under both laws, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2011, would increase the amount of the credit to \$4,000 for each net increase in full-time employees hired by a qualified employer that employs 50 or fewer employees, as of the last day of the preceding taxable year. This bill would change the cut-off date to either when the total amount of credit allocated under those laws reaches \$400,000,000, as provided, or on December 31, 2015, whichever occurs first.

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(3) The Sales and Use Tax Law imposes a tax on retailers measured by the gross receipts from the sale of tangible personal property sold at retail in this state, or on the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of tangible personal property purchased from a retailer for storage, use, or other consumption in this state. That law provides various exemptions from those taxes.

This bill would exempt from those taxes the sale of, and the storage, use, or other consumption in this state, of tangible personal property, as defined, purchased for use by a qualified person, as defined, primarily in any stage of manufacturing, processing, refining, fabricating, or recycling of property; in research and development; to maintain, repair, measure, or test specified property; and by a contractor for use in a construction contract with a qualified person, as specified. This exemption would remain in effect until July 1, 2016.

On and after January 1, 2012, this bill would provide partial exemptions equal to specified percentages of state sales and use taxes imposed at a combined rate of 5% for the sale of, and the storage, use, or other consumption in this state, of tangible personal property, as defined, purchased for use by a qualified person, as defined, primarily in any stage of manufacturing, processing, refining, fabricating, or recycling of property; in research and development; to maintain, repair, measure, or test specified property; and by a contractor for use in a construction contract with a qualified person, as specified.

The Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law authorizes counties and cities to impose local sales and use taxes in conformity with the Sales and Use Tax Law, and the Transactions and Use Tax Law existing law authorizes districts, as specified, to impose transactions and use taxes in conformity with accordance with the Transactions and Use Tax Law, which conforms to the Sales and Use Tax Law.

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Exemptions from state sales and use taxes are incorporated in these laws.

This bill would specify that this exemption does not apply to local sales and use taxes, and transactions and use taxes, specified state sales and use taxes, and portions of other specified state sales and use taxes, as provided.

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(4) This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: $\frac{1}{3}$ yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 6377 is added to the Revenue and 2 Taxation Code, to read:

6377. (a) (1) Subject to the limitations described in subdivisions (d) and (e), there are exempted from the taxes imposed by this part the gross receipts from the sale of, and the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of, any of the following:

- (A) Tangible personal property purchased for use by a qualified person to be used primarily in any stage of the manufacturing, processing, refining, fabricating, or recycling of tangible personal property, beginning at the point any raw materials are received by the qualified person and introduced into the process and ending at the point at which the manufacturing, processing, refining, fabricating, or recycling has altered that property to its completed form, including packaging, if required.
- (B) Tangible personal property purchased for use by a qualified person to be used primarily in research and development.
- (C) Tangible personal property purchased for use by a qualified person to be used primarily to maintain, repair, measure, or test any property described in subparagraph (A) or (B).
- (D) Tangible personal property purchased by a contractor for use in the performance of a construction contract for a qualified person who will use the tangible personal property as an integral part of the manufacturing, processing, refining, fabricating, or recycling process, or as a research or storage facility for use in connection with the manufacturing process.

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(2) The exemption described in paragraph (1) shall not apply to the gross receipts from the sale of, or the storage, use, or other consumption of tangible personal property that is used primarily in administration, general management, or marketing.

(b) For purposes of this section:

- (1) "Acquire" includes any gift, inheritance, transfer incident to divorce, or any other transfer, whether or not for consideration.
- (2) "Fabricating" means to make, build, create, produce, or assemble components or property to work in a new or different manner.
- (3) "Manufacturing" means the activity of converting or conditioning tangible personal property by changing the form, composition, quality, or character of the property for ultimate sale at retail or use in the manufacturing of a product to be ultimately sold at retail. Manufacturing includes any improvements to tangible personal property that result in a greater service life or greater functionality than that of the original property.
- (4) "Primarily," for the purposes of subdivision (a), means tangible personal property used 50 percent or more of the time in an activity described in subdivision (a).
- (5) "Process" means the period beginning at the point at which any raw materials are received by the qualified person and introduced into the manufacturing, processing, refining, fabricating, or recycling activity of the qualified person and ending at the point at which the manufacturing, processing, refining, fabricating, or recycling activity of the qualified person has altered tangible personal property to its completed form, including packaging, if required. Raw materials shall be considered to have been introduced into the process when the raw materials are stored on the same premises where the qualified person's manufacturing, processing, refining, fabricating, or recycling activity is conducted. Raw materials that are stored on premises other than where the qualified person's manufacturing, processing, refining, fabricating, or recycling activity is conducted, shall not be considered to have been introduced into the manufacturing, processing, refining, fabricating, or recycling process.
- (6) "Processing" means the physical application of the materials and labor necessary to modify or change the characteristics of tangible personal property.

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(7) "Qualified person" means a person that is either of the following:

- (A) A new trade or business that is primarily engaged in those lines of business classified in Industry Groups 3111 to 3399, inclusive, of the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) published by the United States Office of Management and Budget (OMB), 2007 edition. In determining whether a trade or business activity qualifies as a new trade or business, the following rules shall apply:
- (i) In any case where a person purchases or otherwise acquires all or any portion of the assets of an existing trade or business, irrespective of the form of entity, that is doing business in this state (within the meaning of Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 23101) of Part 11), the trade or business thereafter conducted by that person, or any related person, shall not be treated as a new business if the aggregate fair market value of the acquired assets, including real, personal, tangible, and intangible property, used by that person, or any related person, in the conduct of his or her trade or business exceeds 20 percent of the aggregate fair market value of the total assets of the trade or business being conducted by the person, or any related person. For purposes of this subparagraph only, the following rules shall apply:
- (I) The determination of the relative fair market values of the acquired assets and the total assets shall be made as of the last day of the month following the quarterly period in which the person, or any related person, first uses any of the acquired trade or business assets in his or her business activity.
- (II) Any acquired assets that constituted property described in Section 1221(a) of the Internal Revenue Code in the hands of the transferor shall not be treated as assets acquired from an existing trade or business, unless those assets also constitute property described in Section 1221(a) of the Internal Revenue Code in the hands of the acquiring person or related person.
- (ii) In any case where a person, or any related person, is engaged in one or more trade or business activities in this state, or has been engaged in one or more trade or business activities in this state within the preceding 36 months, "prior trade or business activity," and thereafter commences an additional trade or business activity in this state, the additional trade or business activity shall be treated as a new business only if the additional trade or business activity

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is classified under a different Industry Group (4 digit) of the NAICS published by the United States OMB, 2007 edition, than are any of the person's or any related person's current or prior trade or business activities in this state.

- (iii) In any case where a person, including all related persons, is engaged in trade or business activities wholly outside of this state and that person first commences doing business in this state (within the meaning of Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 23101) of Part 11) on or after June 30, 2012, other than by purchase or other acquisition described in clause (i), the trade or business activity shall be treated as a new business.
- (iv) In any case where the legal form under which a trade or business activity is being conducted is changed, the change in form shall be disregarded and the determination of whether the trade or business activity is a new business shall be made by treating the person as having purchased or otherwise acquired all or any portion of the assets of an existing trade or business under the rules of clause (i).
- (v) A "qualified person" shall not be regarded as a new trade or business when the person has conducted business activities in a new trade or business for three or more years.
- (B) A trade or business, other than a new trade or business as described in subparagraph (A), that is primarily engaged in those lines of business classified in Industry Groups 3111 to 3399, inclusive, of the NAICS published by the United States OMB, 2007 edition.
- (8) Notwithstanding paragraph (7), "qualified person," for purposes of this section, does not include an apportioning trade or business described in subdivision (b) of Section 25128.
- (9) "Refining" means the process of converting a natural resource to an intermediate or finished product.
- (10) "Related person" means any person that is related to another person under either Section 267 or 318 of the Internal Revenue Code.
- (11) "Research and development" means those activities that are described in Section 174 of the Internal Revenue Code or in any regulations thereunder.
- (12) "Tangible personal property" includes, but is not limited to, all of the following:

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(A) Machinery and equipment, including component parts and contrivances such as belts, shafts, moving parts, and operating structures.

- (B) All equipment or devices used or required to operate, control, regulate, or maintain the machinery, including, without limitation, computers, data-processing equipment, and computer software, together with all repair and replacement parts with a useful life of one or more years therefor, whether purchased separately or in conjunction with a complete machine and regardless of whether the machine or component parts are assembled by the qualified person or another party.
- (C) Property used in pollution control that meets or exceeds standards established by this state or any local or regional governmental agency within this state.
- (D) Special purpose buildings and foundations used as an integral part of the manufacturing, processing, refining, or fabricating process, or that constitute a research or storage facility used during the manufacturing process. Buildings used solely for warehousing purposes after completion of the manufacturing process are not included.
 - (E) Property used in recycling.
- (13) "Tangible personal property" does not include any of the following:
 - (A) Consumables with a useful life of less than one year.
- (B) Furniture, inventory, equipment used in the extraction process, or equipment used to store finished products that have completed the manufacturing process.
- (14) "Useful life" for tangible personal property that a qualified person treats as having a useful life of one or more years for state income or franchise tax purposes shall be deemed to have a useful life of one or more years for purposes of this section. Useful life for tangible personal property that a qualified person treats as having a useful life of less than one year for state income or franchise tax purposes shall be deemed to have a useful life of less than one year for purposes of this section.
- (c) An exemption shall not be allowed under this section unless the purchaser furnishes the retailer with an exemption certificate, completed in accordance with any instructions or regulations as the board may prescribe, and the retailer retains a copy of the exemption certificate in his or her records. The exemption

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certificate shall contain the sales price of the tangible personal property that is exempt pursuant to subdivision (a), and shall be furnished to the board upon request.

- (d) (1) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), the exemption established by this section shall not apply with respect to any tax levied pursuant to Sections 6051.2, 6051.5, 6051.8, 6201.2, 6201.5, and 6201.8, or pursuant to Article XIII of the California Constitution.
- (2) Notwithstanding any other law, the exemption established by this section shall not apply to any tax levied by a county, city, or district pursuant to, or in accordance with, the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law (Part 1.5 (commencing with Section 7200)) or the Transactions and Use Tax Law (Part 1.6 (commencing with Section 7251)).
- (e) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), for a qualified person that is described in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (7) of subdivision (b), and for a contractor performing a construction contract as described in subparagraph (D) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) for a qualified person as described in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (7) of subdivision (b), the exemption established by this section shall be limited to 20 percent of the amount that would otherwise be allowed as an exemption under this section.
- (f) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), the exemption provided by this section shall not apply to any sale or use of property which, within one year from the date of purchase, is either removed from California or converted from an exempt use under subdivision (a) to some other use not qualifying for the exemption.
- (g) If a purchaser certifies in writing to the seller that the property purchased without payment of the tax will be used in a manner entitling the seller to regard the gross receipts from the sale as exempt from the sales tax pursuant to this section, and within one year from the date of purchase, the purchaser (1) removes that property outside California, (2) converts that property for use in a manner not qualifying for the exemption, or (3) uses that property in a manner not qualifying for the exemption, the purchaser shall be liable for payment of sales tax, with applicable interest, as if the purchaser were a retailer making a retail sale of the property at the time the property is so removed, converted, or used, and the sales price of the property to the purchaser shall be deemed the gross receipts from that retail sale.

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(h) At the time necessary information technologies and electronic data warehousing capabilities of the board are sufficiently established, the board shall determine an efficient means by which qualified persons may electronically apply for, and receive, an exemption certificate that contains information that would assist retailers in complying with this part with respect to the exemption described by this section.

- (i) This section shall remain in effect only until July 1, 2016, and as of January 1, 2017, is repealed.
- SECTION 1. Section 6377 is added to the Revenue and Taxation Code, to read:
- 6377. (a) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (e), on and after January 1, 2012, there are exempted from 78^{3} ₄ percent of the taxes imposed by Sections 6051, 6051.3, 6201, and 6201.3 the gross receipts from the sale of, and the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of, any of the following:
- (A) Tangible personal property purchased for use by a qualified person to be used primarily in any stage of the manufacturing, processing, refining, fabricating, or recycling of tangible personal property, beginning at the point any raw materials are received by the qualified person and introduced into the process and ending at the point at which the manufacturing, processing, refining, fabricating, or recycling has altered the property to its completed form, including packaging, if required.
- (B) Tangible personal property purchased for use by a qualified person to be used primarily in research and development.
- (C) Tangible personal property purchased for use by a qualified person to be used primarily to maintain, repair, measure, or test any property described in subparagraph (A) or (B).
- (D) Tangible personal property purchased by a contractor for use in the performance of a construction contract for a qualified person that will use the tangible personal property as an integral part of the manufacturing, processing, refining, fabricating, or recycling process, or as a research or storage facility for use in connection with the manufacturing process.
- (2) The exemption established by this section shall not apply to the gross receipts from the sale of, or the storage, use, or other consumption of any of the following:
- 39 (A) Tangible personal property that is used primarily in 40 administration, general management, or marketing.

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- (B) Consumables with a useful life of less than one year.
- (C) Furniture, inventory, equipment used in the extraction process, or equipment used to store finished products that have completed the manufacturing process.
 - (b) For purposes of this section:

- (1) "Acquire" includes any gift, inheritance, transfer incident to divorce, or any other transfer, whether or not for consideration.
- (2) "Fabricating" means to make, build, create, produce, or assemble components or property to work in a new or different manner.
- (3) "Manufacturing" means the activity of converting or conditioning tangible personal property by changing the form, composition, quality, or character of the property for ultimate sale at retail or use in the manufacturing of a product to be ultimately sold at retail. Manufacturing includes any improvements to tangible personal property that result in a greater service life or greater functionality than that of the original property. Manufacturing includes the generation of electricity.
- (4) "Primarily," for the purposes of subdivision (a), means tangible personal property used 50 percent or more of the time in an activity described in subdivision (a).
- (5) "Process" means the period beginning at the point at which any raw materials are received by the qualified person and introduced into the manufacturing, processing, refining, fabricating, or recycling activity of the qualified person and ending at the point at which the manufacturing, processing, refining, fabricating, or recycling activity of the qualified person has altered tangible personal property to its completed form, including packaging, if required. Raw materials shall be considered to have been introduced into the process when the raw materials are stored on the same premises where the qualified person's manufacturing, processing, refining, fabricating, or recycling activity is conducted. Raw materials that are stored on premises other than where the qualified person's manufacturing, processing, refining, fabricating, or recycling activity is conducted, shall not be considered to have been introduced into the manufacturing, processing, refining, fabricating, or recycling process.
- (6) "Processing" means the physical application of the materials and labor necessary to modify or change the characteristics of property.

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(7) "Qualified person" means a person that is either of the
following:
(A) A new trade or business that is primarily engaged in those

- (A) A new trade or business that is primarily engaged in those lines of business classified in Industry Groups 3111 to 3399, inclusive, Industry Group 5112, NAICS Industry 221119, or NAICS Industry 541711 of the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) published by the United States Office of Management and Budget (OMB), 2007 edition. In determining whether a trade or business activity qualifies as a new trade or business, the following rules shall apply:
- (i) In any case where a person purchases or otherwise acquires all or any portion of the assets of an existing trade or business (irrespective of the form of entity) that is doing business in this state (within the meaning of Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 23101) of Part 11), the trade or business thereafter conducted by that person (or any related person) shall not be treated as a new business if the aggregate fair market value of the acquired assets (including, real, personal, tangible, and intangible property) used by that person (or any related person) in the conduct of his or her trade or business exceeds 20 percent of the aggregate fair market value of the total assets of the trade or business being conducted by the person (or any related person). For purposes of this subparagraph only, the following rules shall apply:
- (I) The determination of the relative fair market values of the acquired assets and the total assets shall be made as of the last day of the month following the quarterly period in which the person (or any related person) first uses any of the acquired trade or business assets in his or her business activity.
- (II) Any acquired assets that constituted property described in Section 1221(a) of the Internal Revenue Code in the hands of the transferor shall not be treated as assets acquired from an existing trade or business, unless those assets also constitute property described in Section 1221(a) of the Internal Revenue Code in the hands of the acquiring person (or related person).
- (ii) In any case where a person (or any related person) is engaged in one or more trade or business activities in this state, or has been engaged in one or more trade or business activities in this state within the preceding 36 months (prior trade or business activity), and thereafter commences an additional trade or business activity in this state, the additional trade or business activity shall

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only be treated as a new business if the additional trade or business activity is classified under a different Industry Group (4-digit) of the NAICS published by the United States OMB, 2007 edition, than are any of the person's (or any related person's) current or prior trade or business activities in this state.

- (iii) In any case where a person, including all related persons, is engaged in trade or business activities wholly outside of this state and that person first commences doing business in this state (within the meaning of Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 23101) of Part 11) on or after January 1, 2012, (other than by purchase or other acquisition described in clause (i)), the trade or business activity shall be treated as a new business.
- (iv) In any case where the legal form under which a trade or business activity is being conducted is changed, the change in form shall be disregarded and the determination of whether the trade or business activity is a new business shall be made by treating the person as having purchased or otherwise acquired all or any portion of the assets of an existing trade or business under the rules of clause (i).
- (B) A trade or business, other than a new trade or business described in subparagraph (A), that is primarily engaged in those lines of business classified in Industry Groups 3111 to 3399, inclusive, Industry Group 5112, NAICS Industry 221119, or NAICS Industry 541711 of the NAICS published by the United States OMB, 2007 edition.
- (8) "Qualified person" shall not include a person that is a member of a combined reporting group that is required to apportion its income pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 25128 as that section read on January 1, 2011. For purposes of this paragraph, a person is a member of a combined reporting group if its tax liability or net income for purposes of Part 11 (commencing with Section 23001) is determined by a combined report pursuant to Section 25101 or 25110, or is an entity included in the combined report. For purposes of the preceding sentence, "member" has the same meaning as that term is defined in paragraph (10) of subdivision (b) of Section 25106.5 of Title 18 of the California Code of Regulations as that paragraph read on January 1, 2011, and "combined reporting group" has the same meaning as that term is defined in paragraph (3) of subdivision

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(b) of Section 25106.5 of Title 18 of the California Code of Regulations as that paragraph read on January 1, 2011.

- (9) "Refining" means the process of converting a natural resource to an intermediate or finished product.
- (10) "Related person" means any person that is related to another person under either Section 267 or 318 of the Internal Revenue Code.
- (11) "Research and development" means those activities that are described in Section 174 of the Internal Revenue Code or in any regulations thereunder.
- (12) "Tangible personal property" includes, but is not limited to, all of the following:
- (A) Machinery and equipment, including component parts and contrivances such as belts, shafts, moving parts, and operating structures.
- (B) All equipment or devices used or required to operate, control, regulate, or maintain the machinery, including, without limitation, computers, data processing equipment, and computer software, together with all repair and replacement parts with a useful life of one or more years therefor, whether purchased separately or in conjunction with a complete machine and regardless of whether the machine or component parts are assembled by the taxpayer or another party.
- (C) Property used in pollution control that meets or exceeds standards established by this state or any local or regional governmental agency within this state.
- (D) Special purpose buildings and foundations used as an integral part of the manufacturing, processing, refining, or fabricating process, or that constitute a research or storage facility used during the manufacturing process. Buildings used solely for warehousing purposes after completion of the manufacturing process are not included.
 - (E) Property used in recycling.
- (13) "Useful life" for tangible personal property that a qualified person treats as having a useful life of one or more years for state income or franchise tax purposes shall be deemed to have a useful life of one or more years for purposes of this section. Useful life for tangible personal property that a qualified person treats as having a useful life of less than one year for state income or

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franchise tax purposes shall be deemed to have a useful life of less than one year for purposes of this section.

- (c) An exemption shall not be allowed under this section unless the purchaser furnishes the retailer with an exemption certificate, completed in accordance with any instructions or regulations as the board may prescribe, and the retailer subsequently furnishes the board with a copy of the exemption certificate. The exemption certificate shall contain the sales price of the tangible personal property, the sale of, or the storage, use, or other consumption of which is exempt pursuant to subdivision (a) and shall be furnished to the board upon request.
- (d) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), the exemption established by this section shall not apply with respect to any tax levied by a county, city, or district pursuant to, or in accordance with, the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law (Part 1.5 (commencing with Section 4200)) or the Transactions and Use Tax Law (Part 1.6 (commencing with Section 7251)).
- (e) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), on and after January 1, 2012, for a qualified person described in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (7) of subdivision (b), or for a contractor performing a construction contract as described in subparagraph (D) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (a), the exemption established by this section shall apply only with respect to 60 percent of the tax levied by Sections 6051, 6051.3, 6201, and 6201.3.
- (f) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), the exemption provided by this section shall not apply to any sale or use of property which, within one year from the date of purchase, is either removed from California or converted from an exempt use under subdivision (a) to some other use not qualifying for the exemption.
- (g) If a purchaser certifies in writing to the seller that the property purchased without payment of the tax will be used in a manner entitling the seller to regard the gross receipts from the sale as exempt from the sales tax pursuant to this section, and within one year from the date of purchase, the purchaser (1) removes that property outside California, (2) converts that property for use in a manner not qualifying for the exemption, or (3) uses that property in a manner not qualifying for the exemption, the purchaser shall be liable for payment of sales tax, with applicable interest, as if the purchaser were a retailer making a retail sale of the property at the time the property is so removed, converted,

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or used, and the sales price of the property to the purchaser shall
 be deemed the gross receipts from that retail sale.
 (h) The exemption established by this section shall apply to a

- (h) The exemption established by this section shall apply to a lease of tangible personal property classified as a "continuing sale" or "continuing purchase" in accordance with Section 6006.1 or 6010.1, and to the rentals payable pursuant to such a lease, provided the lessee is a qualified person and the tangible personal property is used in an activity described in subdivision (a).
- (i) At the time necessary information technologies and electronic data warehousing capabilities of the board are sufficiently established, the board shall determine an efficient means by which qualified persons may electronically apply for, and receive, an exemption certificate that contains information that would assist retailers in complying with this part with respect to the exemption established by this section.
- SEC. 2. Section 17053.80 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, as added by Section 3 of Chapter 10 of the Third Extraordinary Session of the Statutes of 2009, is repealed.
- SEC. 3. Section 17053.80 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, as added by Section 3 of Chapter 17 of the Third Extraordinary Session of the Statutes of 2009, is amended to read:
- 17053.80. (a) There shall be allowed a credit against the "net tax," as defined in Section 17039, for each net increase in qualified full-time employees, as specified in subdivision (c), hired during the taxable year by a qualified employer, as follows:
- (1) For each taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2009, and before January 1, 2011, the credit shall be equal to three thousand dollars (\$3,000).
- (2) For each taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2011, and before January 1, 2015, the credit shall be equal to four thousand dollars (\$4,000).
 - (b) For purposes of this section:
- (1) "Acquired" includes any gift, inheritance, transfer incident to divorce, or any other transfer, whether or not for consideration.
 - (2) "Qualified full-time employee" means:
- (A) A qualified employee who was paid qualified wages by the qualified employer for services of not less than an average of 35 hours per week.
- 39 (B) A qualified employee who was a salaried employee and 40 was paid compensation during the taxable year for full-time

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employment, within the meaning of Section 515 of the Labor Code,
by the qualified employer.

- (3) A "qualified employee" shall not include any of the following:
- (A) An employee certified as a qualified employee in an enterprise zone designated in accordance with Chapter 12.8 (commencing with Section 7070) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code.
- (B) An employee certified as a qualified disadvantaged individual in a manufacturing enhancement area designated in accordance with Section 7073.8 of the Government Code.
- (C) An employee certified as a qualified employee in a targeted tax area designated in accordance with Section 7097 of the Government Code.
- (D) An employee certified as a qualified disadvantaged individual or a qualified displaced employee in a local agency military base recovery area (LAMBRA) designated in accordance with Chapter 12.97 (commencing with Section 7105) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code.
- (E) An employee whose wages are included in calculating any other credit allowed under this part.
 - (4) "Qualified employer" means either of the following:
- (A) For each taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2009, and before January 1, 2011, a taxpayer that, as of the last day of the preceding taxable year, employed a total of 20 or fewer employees.
- (B) For each taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2011, a taxpayer that, as of the last day of the preceding taxable year, employed a total of 50 or fewer employees.
- (5) "Qualified wages" means wages subject to Division 6 (commencing with Section 13000) of the Unemployment Insurance Code.
- 33 (6) (A) "Annual full-time equivalent" means either of the 34 following:
- 35 (i) In the case of a full-time employee paid hourly qualified wages, "annual full-time equivalent" means the total number of hours worked for the taxpayer by the employee (not to exceed 2,000 hours per employee) divided by 2,000.

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(ii) In the case of a salaried full-time employee, "annual full-time equivalent" means the total number of weeks worked for the taxpayer by the employee divided by 52.

- (B) If either of the taxable years used to compute the net increase in qualified full-time employees in paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) is a period of less than 12 months, the computation of "annual full-time equivalents" as prescribed in subparagraph (A) shall be annualized by adjusting the number of hours or weeks, respectively, in the formula so that each annual full-time equivalent equals a 12-month equivalent.
- (c) The net increase in qualified full-time employees of a qualified employer shall be determined as provided by this subdivision:
- (1) (A) The net increase in qualified full-time employees shall be determined on an annual full-time equivalent basis by subtracting from the amount determined in subparagraph (C) the amount determined in subparagraph (B).
- (B) The total number of qualified full-time employees employed in the preceding taxable year by the taxpayer and by any trade or business acquired by the taxpayer during the current taxable year.
- (C) The total number of full-time employees employed in the current taxable year by the taxpayer and by any trade or business acquired during the current taxable year.
- (2) For taxpayers who first commence doing business in this state during the taxable year, the number of full-time employees for the immediately preceding prior taxable year shall be zero.
- (d) In the case where the credit allowed by this section exceeds the "net tax," the excess may be carried over to reduce the "net tax" in the following year, and succeeding seven years if necessary, until the credit is exhausted.
- (e) Any deduction otherwise allowed under this part for qualified wages shall not be reduced by the amount of the credit allowed under this section.
 - (f) For purposes of this section:
- (1) All employees of the trades or businesses that are treated as related under either Section 267, 318, or 707 of the Internal Revenue Code shall be treated as employed by a single taxpayer.
- (2) In determining whether the taxpayer has first commenced doing business in this state during the taxable year, the provisions

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of subdivision (f) of Section 17276.20, without application of paragraph (7) of that subdivision, shall apply.

- (g) (1) (A) Credit under this section and Section 23623 shall be allowed only for credits claimed on timely filed original returns received by the Franchise Tax Board on or before the cut-off date established by the Franchise Tax Board.
- (B) For purposes of this paragraph, the cut-off date shall be the earlier date of the following:
- (i) The last day of the calendar quarter within which the Franchise Tax Board estimates it will have received timely filed original returns claiming credits under this section and Section 23623 that cumulatively total four hundred million dollars (\$400,000,000) for all taxable years.
 - (ii) December 31, 2015.

- (2) The date a return is received shall be determined by the Franchise Tax Board.
- (3) (A) The determinations of the Franchise Tax Board with respect to the cut-off date, the date a return is received, and whether a return has been timely filed for purposes of this subdivision shall not be reviewed in any administrative or judicial proceeding.
- (B) Any disallowance of a credit claimed due to a determination under this subdivision, including the application of the limitation specified in paragraph (1), shall be treated as a mathematical error appearing on the return. Any amount of tax resulting from such disallowance may be assessed by the Franchise Tax Board in the same manner as provided by Section 19051.
- (4) The Franchise Tax Board shall periodically provide notice on its Internet Web site with respect to the amount of credit under this section and Section 23623 claimed on timely filed original returns received by the Franchise Tax Board.
- (h) (1) The Franchise Tax Board may prescribe rules, guidelines, or procedures necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this section, including any guidelines regarding the limitation on total credits allowable under this section and Section 23623 and guidelines necessary to avoid the application of paragraph (2) of subdivision (f) through split-ups, shell corporations, partnerships, tiered ownership structures, or otherwise.
- (2) Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code does not apply to

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any standard, criterion, procedure, determination, rule, notice, or guideline established or issued by the Franchise Tax Board pursuant to this section.

- (i) This section shall remain in effect only until December 1, 2016, and as of that date is repealed.
- SEC. 4. Section 17053.86 is added to the Revenue and Taxation Code, to read:

17053.86. (a) (1) For each taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2012, and before January 1, 2017, there shall be allowed a credit against the "net tax," as defined in Section 17039, an amount equal to 75 percent of the amount contributed during the taxable year by a taxpayer to the Higher Education Investment Tax Credit Program Special Fund.

- (2) Contributions shall be made only in eash.
- (b) (1) The aggregate amount of credit that may be allocated pursuant to this section and Section 23686 shall not exceed five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000) for the 2012 calendar year and five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000) for each calendar year thereafter.
- (2) (A) Credit under this section and Section 23686 shall be allowed only for credits claimed on timely filed original returns received by the Franchise Tax Board on or before the cut-off date established by the Franchise Tax Board and shall be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. The date a return is received shall be determined by the Franchise Tax Board.
- (B) For purposes of this subdivision, the cut-off date shall be the last day of the calendar quarter within which the Franchise Tax Board estimates it will have received timely filed original returns claiming credits under this section and Section 23686 totaling five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000) for the calendar year.
- (3) (A) The determinations of the Franchise Tax Board with respect to the cut-off date, the date a return is received and whether a return has been timely filed for purposes of this subdivision shall not be reviewed in any administrative or judicial proceeding.
- (B) Any disallowance of a credit claimed due to a determination under this subdivision, including the application of the limitation specified in paragraph (1), shall be treated as a mathematical error appearing on the return. Any amount of tax resulting from such disallowance may be assessed by the Franchise Tax Board in the same manner as provided by Section 19051.

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(4) The Franchise Tax Board shall periodically provide notice on its Internet Web site with respect to the amount of credit under this section and Section 23686 claimed on timely filed original returns received by the Franchise Tax Board.

- (c) (1) In the case where the credit allowed by this section exceeds the "net tax," the excess may be carried over to reduce the "net tax" in the following year, and succeeding five years if necessary, until the credit is exhausted.
- (2) A deduction shall not be allowed under this part for amounts taken into account under this section in calculating the credit allowed by this section.
- (d) (1) The Higher Education Investment Tax Credit Program Special Fund is hereby created as a special fund in the State Treasury managed by the State Treasurer consisting of funds contributed by taxpayers. All revenue in this special fund, upon appropriation by the Legislature, shall be allocated by the State Controller in equal parts to the Regents of the University of California, the Trustees of the California State University, and the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges.
- (2) The tax credit allowed by subdivision (a) of this section and subdivision (a) of Section 23686 for donations to the Higher Education Investment Tax Credit Program Special Fund shall be known as the Higher Education Investment Tax Credit Program. The President of the University of California is encouraged, and the Chancellors of the California State University and California Community Colleges are directed to, maintain an Internet Web site that lists all the taxpayers that contribute to the Higher Education Investment Tax Credit Program Special Fund. The contributing taxpayer may honor a California university or college that motivated its contribution by listing the name of the university or college for inclusion on the Internet Web sites. The University of California, the California State University, and the California Community Colleges are encouraged to publicly acknowledge taxpayers that contribute to this program in honor of their institutions.
- (e) (1) The Franchise Tax Board may prescribe rules, guidelines, or procedures necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this section, including any guidelines regarding the limitation on total credits allowable under this section and Section 23686.

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(2) Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code does not apply to any standard, criterion, procedure, determination, rule, notice, or guideline established or issued by the Franchise Tax Board pursuant to this section.

- (f) This section shall remain in effect only until December 1, 2017, and as of that date is repealed.
 - SEC. 5.

- SEC. 4. Section 23101 of the Revenue and Taxation Code is amended to read:
- 23101. (a) "Doing business" means actively engaging in any transaction for the purpose of financial or pecuniary gain or profit.
- (b) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2011, a taxpayer is doing business in this state for a taxable year if any of the following conditions has been satisfied:
- (1) The taxpayer is organized or commercially domiciled in this state.
- (2) Sales, as defined in subdivision (f) of Section 25120, of the taxpayer in this state exceed the lesser of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) or 25 percent of the taxpayer's total sales. For purposes of this paragraph, sales of the taxpayer include sales by an agent or independent contractor of the taxpayer. For purposes of this paragraph, sales in this state shall be determined using the rules for assigning sales under Section 25135 and Section 25136 and the regulations thereunder, as modified by regulations under Section 25137.
- (3) The real property and tangible personal property of the taxpayer in this state exceed the lesser of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or 25 percent of the taxpayer's total real property and tangible personal property. The value of real and tangible personal property and the determination of whether property is in this state shall be determined using the rules contained in Sections 25129 to 25131, inclusive, and the regulations thereunder, as modified by regulation under Section 25137.
- (4) The amount paid in this state by the taxpayer for compensation, as defined in subdivision (c) of Section 25120, exceeds the lesser of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or 25 percent of the total compensation paid by the taxpayer. Compensation in this state shall be determined using the rules for assigning payroll

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1 contained in Section 25133 and the regulations thereunder, as 2 modified by regulations under Section 25137. 3 (c) (1) The Franchise Tax Board shall annually revise the

- (c) (1) The Franchise Tax Board shall annually revise the amounts in paragraphs (2), (3), and (4) of subdivision (b) in accordance with subdivision (h) of Section 17041.
- (2) For purposes of the adjustment required by paragraph (1), subdivision (h) of Section 17041 shall be applied by substituting "2012" in lieu of "1988."
- (d) The sales, property, and payroll of the taxpayer include the taxpayer's pro rata or distributive share of pass-through entities. For purposes of this subdivision, "pass-through entities" means a partnership or an "S" corporation.

SEC. 6.

SEC. 5. Section 23623 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, as added by Section 8 of Chapter 10 of the Third Extraordinary Session of the Statutes of 2009, is repealed.

SEC. 7.

- SEC. 6. Section 23623 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, as added by Section 8 of Chapter 17 of the Third Extraordinary Session of the Statutes of 2009, is amended to read:
- 23623. (a) There shall be allowed a credit against the "tax," as defined in Section 23036, for each net increase in qualified full-time employees, as specified in subdivision (c), hired during the taxable year by a qualified employer as follows:
- (1) For each taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2009, and before January 1, 2011, the credit shall be equal to three thousand dollars (\$3,000).
- (2) For each taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2011, and before January 1, 2015, the credit shall be equal to four thousand dollars (\$4,000).
 - (b) For purposes of this section:
- (1) "Acquired" includes any gift, inheritance, transfer incident to divorce, or any other transfer, whether or not for consideration.
 - (2) "Qualified full-time employee" means:
- (A) A qualified employee who was paid qualified wages during the taxable year by the qualified employer for services of not less than an average of 35 hours per week.
- 38 (B) A qualified employee who was a salaried employee and 39 was paid compensation during the taxable year for full-time

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employment, within the meaning of Section 515 of the Labor Code,
by the qualified employer.

- (3) A "qualified employee" shall not include any of the following:
- (A) An employee certified as a qualified employee in an enterprise zone designated in accordance with Chapter 12.8 (commencing with Section 7070) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code.
- (B) An employee certified as a qualified disadvantaged individual in a manufacturing enhancement area designated in accordance with Section 7073.8 of the Government Code.
- (C) An employee certified as a qualified employee in a targeted tax area designated in accordance with Section 7097 of the Government Code.
- (D) An employee certified as a qualified disadvantaged individual or a qualified displaced employee in a local agency military base recovery area (LAMBRA) designated in accordance with Chapter 12.97 (commencing with Section 7105) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code.
- (E) An employee whose wages are included in calculating any other credit allowed under this part.
 - (4) "Qualified employer" means either of the following:
- (A) For each taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2009, and before January 1, 2011, a taxpayer that, as of the last day of the preceding taxable year, employed a total of 20 or fewer employees.
- (B) For each taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2011, a taxpayer that, as of the last day of the preceding taxable year, employed a total of 50 or fewer employees.
- (5) "Qualified wages" means wages subject to Division 6 (commencing with Section 13000) of the Unemployment Insurance Code.
- 33 (6) (A) "Annual full-time equivalent" means either of the 34 following:
- 35 (i) In the case of a full-time employee paid hourly qualified wages, "annual full-time equivalent" means the total number of hours worked for the taxpayer by the employee (not to exceed 2,000 hours per employee) divided by 2,000.

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(ii) In the case of a salaried full-time employee, "annual full-time equivalent" means the total number of weeks worked for the taxpayer by the employee divided by 52.

- (B) If either of the taxable years used to compute the net increase in qualified full-time employees in paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) is a period of less than 12 months, the computation of "annual full-time equivalents" as prescribed in subparagraph (A) shall be annualized by adjusting the number of hours or weeks, respectively, in the formula so that each annual full-time equivalent equals a 12-month equivalent.
- (c) The net increase in qualified full-time employees of a qualified employer shall be determined as provided by this subdivision:
- (1) (A) The net increase in qualified full-time employees shall be determined on an annual full-time equivalent basis by subtracting from the amount determined in subparagraph (C) the amount determined in subparagraph (B).
- (B) The total number of qualified full-time employees employed in the preceding taxable year by the taxpayer and by any trade or business acquired by the taxpayer during the current taxable year.
- (C) The total number of full-time employees employed in the current taxable year by the taxpayer and by any trade or business acquired during the current taxable year.
- (2) For taxpayers who first commence doing business in this state during the taxable year, the number of full-time employees for the immediately preceding prior taxable year shall be zero.
- (d) In the case where the credit allowed by this section exceeds the "tax," the excess may be carried over to reduce the "tax" in the following year, and succeeding seven years if necessary, until the credit is exhausted.
- (e) Any deduction otherwise allowed under this part for qualified wages shall not be reduced by the amount of the credit allowed under this section.
 - (f) For purposes of this section:
- (1) All employees of the trades or businesses that are treated as related under either Section 267, 318, or 707 of the Internal Revenue Code shall be treated as employed by a single taxpayer.
- (2) In determining whether the taxpayer has first commenced doing business in this state during the taxable year, the provisions

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of subdivision (g) of Section 24416.20, without application of paragraph (7) of that subdivision, shall apply.

- (g) (1) (A) Credit under this section and Section 17053.80 shall be allowed only for credits claimed on timely filed original returns received by the Franchise Tax Board on or before the cut-off date established by the Franchise Tax Board.
- (B) For purposes of this paragraph, the cut-off date shall be the earlier date of the following:
- (i) The last day of the calendar quarter within which the Franchise Tax Board estimates it will have received timely filed original returns claiming credits under this section and Section 17053.80 that cumulatively total four hundred million dollars (\$400,000,000) for all taxable years.
 - (ii) December 31, 2015.
- (2) The date a return is received shall be determined by the Franchise Tax Board.
- (3) (A) The determinations of the Franchise Tax Board with respect to the cut-off date, the date a return is received, and whether a return has been timely filed for purposes of this subdivision shall not be reviewed in any administrative or judicial proceeding.
- (B) Any disallowance of a credit claimed due to a determination under this subdivision, including the application of the limitation specified in paragraph (1), shall be treated as a mathematical error appearing on the return. Any amount of tax resulting from such disallowance may be assessed by the Franchise Tax Board in the same manner as provided by Section 19051.
- (4) The Franchise Tax Board shall periodically provide notice on its Internet Web site with respect to the amount of credit under this section and Section 17053.80 claimed on timely filed original returns received by the Franchise Tax Board.
- (h) (1) The Franchise Tax Board may prescribe rules, guidelines, or procedures necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this section, including any guidelines regarding the limitation on total credits allowable under this section and Section 17053.80 and guidelines necessary to avoid the application of paragraph (2) of subdivision (f) through split-ups, shell corporations, partnerships, tiered ownership structures, or otherwise.
- 39 (2) Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of 40 Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code does not apply to

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any standard, criterion, procedure, determination, rule, notice, or guideline established or issued by the Franchise Tax Board pursuant to this section.

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- (i) This section shall remain in effect only until December 1, 2016, and as of that date is repealed.
- SEC. 8. Section 23686 is added to the Revenue and Taxation Code, to read:
- 23686. (a) (1) For each taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2012, and before January 1, 2017, there shall be allowed a credit against the "tax," as defined in Section 23036, an amount equal to 75 percent of the amount contributed during the taxable year by a taxpayer to the Higher Education Investment Tax Credit Program Special Fund, created by subdivision (d) of Section 17053.86.
 - (2) Contributions shall be made only in cash.
- (b) (1) The aggregate amount of credit that may be allocated pursuant to this section and Section 17053.86 shall not exceed five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000) for the 2012 calendar year and five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000) for each calendar year thereafter.
- (2) (A) Credit under this section and Section 17053.86 shall be allowed only for credits claimed on timely filed original returns received by the Franchise Tax Board on or before the cut-off date established by the Franchise Tax Board and shall be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. The date a return is received shall be determined by the Franchise Tax Board.
- (B) For purposes of this subdivision, the cut-off date shall be the last day of the calendar quarter within which the Franchise Tax Board estimates it will have received timely filed original returns claiming credits under this section and Section 17053.86 totaling five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000) for the calendar year.
- (3) (A) The determinations of the Franchise Tax Board with respect to the cut-off date, the date a return is received, and whether a return has been timely filed for purposes of this subdivision shall not be reviewed in any administrative or judicial proceeding.
- (B) Any disallowance of a credit claimed due to a determination under this subdivision, including the application of the limitation specified in paragraph (1), shall be treated as a mathematical error appearing on the return. Any amount of tax resulting from such

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1 disallowance may be assessed by the Franchise Tax Board in the same manner as provided by Section 19051.

- (4) The Franchise Tax Board shall periodically provide notice on its Internet Web site with respect to the amount of credit under this section and Section 17053.86 claimed on timely filed original returns received by the Franchise Tax Board.
- (c) (1) In the case where the credit allowed by this section exceeds the "tax," the excess may be carried over to reduce the "tax" in the following year, and succeeding five years if necessary, until the credit is exhausted.
- (2) A deduction shall not be allowed under this part for amounts taken into account under this section in calculating the credit allowed by this section.
- (d) (1) The Franchise Tax Board may prescribe rules, guidelines, or procedures necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this section, including any guidelines regarding the limitation on total credits allowable under this section and Section 17053.86.
- (2) Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code does not apply to any standard, criterion, procedure, determination, rule, notice, or guideline established or issued by the Franchise Tax Board pursuant to this section.
- (e) This section shall remain in effect only until December 1, 2017, and as of that date is repealed.

SEC. 9.

- SEC. 7. Section 25113 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, as added by Section 4 of Chapter 657 of the Statutes of 2003, is amended to read:
- 25113. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (f), for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2003, the election provided for in Section 25110 shall be made on an original, timely filed return for the year of the election. The election will be considered valid if both of the following conditions are satisfied:
- (1) The tax is computed in a manner consistent with a water's-edge election.
- (2) A written notification of election is filed with the return on a form prescribed by the Franchise Tax Board. Pursuant to regulations promulgated under this section, the Franchise Tax Board may accept the filing of other objective evidence that

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supports the conclusion that a water's-edge election was intended in lieu of notification on the designated form.

- (b) Except as otherwise provided, a water's-edge election shall be effective only if made by every member of the self-assessed combined reporting group that is subject to taxation under this part.
- (1) An election made on a group return of a self-assessed combined reporting group shall constitute an election by each taxpayer member included in that group return, unless one of those taxpayers files a separate return in which no election is made and paragraph (2) does not apply.
- (2) A taxpayer that fails to make an election on its own timely filed original return shall be deemed to have elected if either of the following applies:
- (A) It has a parent corporation that is an electing taxpayer that included the income and apportionment factors of the nonelecting taxpayer in the self-assessed combined reporting group reflected in the electing parent's timely filed original return, including a group return.
- (B) The income and apportionment factors of the nonelecting taxpayer are reflected in the self-assessed combined reporting group of a timely filed original return of an electing taxpayer, and the notification of election filed by the electing taxpayer pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) is signed by an officer or other authorized agent of either a parent corporation of the nonelecting taxpayer or another corporation with authority to bind the nonelecting taxpayer to an election.
- (3) For purposes of this subdivision, a "parent corporation" of the taxpayer is a corporation that owns or constructively owns stock possessing more than 50 percent of the voting power of the taxpayer as determined under subdivisions (e) and (f) of Section 25105.
- (4) If a corporation that is a member of a combined reporting group is not itself subject to taxation under this part in the year for which the water's-edge election is made, but subsequently becomes subject to taxation under this part, that corporation shall be deemed to have elected with the other taxpayer members of the combined reporting group.
- (5) A taxpayer that is engaged in more than one apportioning trade or business, as defined in paragraph (2) of subdivision (c) of

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Section 25128, may make a separate election for each apportioning trade or business.

- (c) A water's-edge election shall remain in effect or be terminated in accordance with this subdivision.
- (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, if one or more electing taxpayer members of a combined reporting group later become disaffiliated or otherwise cease to be included in the combined reporting group, the water's-edge election shall remain in effect as to both the departing taxpayer members and any remaining taxpayer members.
- (2) If an electing taxpayer and a nonelecting taxpayer become members of a new unitary affiliate group, the nonelecting taxpayer shall be deemed to have elected if the value of the total business assets of the electing taxpayer, and its component unitary group, if any, is larger than the value of the total business assets of the nonelecting taxpayer, and its component unitary group, if any. Otherwise, the water's-edge election shall be automatically terminated at the time the electing members become part of the combined report. For purposes of applying paragraphs (9) and (10), the commencement date of the deemed election shall be the same as the commencement date of the electing taxpayers.
- (3) If taxpayers filing under water's-edge elections with different commencement dates become members of a new unitary affiliate group, the earliest election date shall be deemed to apply to all electing taxpayers if the total business assets of the earlier electing taxpayer, and its component unitary group, if any, is larger than the value of the total business assets of the later electing taxpayer, and its component unitary group, if any. Otherwise, the later election commencement date shall apply to all electing taxpayers.
- (4) (A) If a taxpayer with an election that has been terminated under paragraph (9) or (10) becomes a member of a new unitary affiliate group that includes another electing or nonelecting taxpayer not affected by those paragraphs, any water's-edge election of the other taxpayer member, if applicable, shall terminate, and any restrictions on making a new water's-edge election, relating to an election terminated under those paragraphs, shall apply to all taxpayer members of the new unitary affiliate group if the total business assets of the taxpayer with the terminated election, and its component unitary group, if any, is larger than the other taxpayer, and its component unitary group, if any.

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Otherwise, paragraph (2) shall apply, if applicable. If paragraph (2) does not apply, all taxpayer members of the new unitary affiliate group will be treated as nonelecting taxpayers that are not subject to any restrictions on making a new water's-edge election.

- (B) If two nonelecting taxpayers with different termination dates under paragraph (9) or (10) become members of a new unitary affiliate group, the earliest termination date shall be deemed to apply to all nonelecting taxpayers, as well as any restrictions on making a new water's-edge election relating to that termination, if the total business assets of the earlier terminating taxpayer, and its component unitary group, if any, is larger than the value of the total business assets of the later terminating taxpayer, and its component unitary group, if any. Otherwise, the later termination date, and the related restrictions on making a new water's-edge election, shall apply to all taxpayer members of the new unitary affiliate group.
- (5) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B), if one or more electing taxpayers did not report their income and apportionment factors as members of a combined reporting group with one or more nonelecting taxpayers, and, pursuant to a Franchise Tax Board audit determination, the nonelecting taxpayers, are properly in the same combined reporting group as the electing taxpayers, the water's-edge election of the electing taxpayers shall remain in effect and the nonelecting taxpayers shall be deemed to have made a water's-edge election. The commencement date of the deemed water's-edge election shall be the same as the commencement date of the electing taxpayers.
- (B) Subparagraph (A) may not apply if the value of total business assets of the electing taxpayers does not exceed the value of total business assets of the nonelecting taxpayers. In that event, the water's-edge election of each electing taxpayer is terminated as of the date the nonelecting taxpayers are, pursuant to the audit determination described in subparagraph (A), properly included in the same combined reporting group as the electing taxpayers.
- (C) For purposes of applying the business asset test of this paragraph, the term "business assets" shall have the same meaning as subparagraph (A) of paragraph (6), except that the business assets of other members of the unitary affiliate group that are not taxpayers shall not be taken into account.

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(D) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), nonelecting taxpayers may not be deemed to have made a water's-edge election if the Franchise Tax Board audit determination described in subparagraph (A) is withdrawn or otherwise overturned.

- (6) For purposes of paragraphs (2) to (5), inclusive, the following shall apply:
- (A) "Business assets" are assets, including intangible assets, other than stock of a member of the unitary affiliate group, which are used in the conduct of the business of the unitary affiliate group or would produce business income to the unitary affiliate group, if an election were not in place, if the assets were sold. Business assets shall be valued at net book value.
- (B) The phrase "unitary affiliate group" refers to all of those corporations that would constitute a unitary group if a water's-edge election were not made.
- (C) The phrase "new unitary affiliate group" refers to a unitary affiliate group that is created by a new affiliation of two or more corporations, or by the addition of one or more new members to an existing unitary affiliate group.
- (D) The phrase "component unitary group" means that portion of a group of corporations that have become members of a new unitary affiliate group that were members of their own respective unitary affiliate group prior to entering the new unitary affiliate group, disregarding any corporations that did not become part of the new unitary group.
- (7) In the application of paragraphs (2) to (4), inclusive, a series of acquisitions as steps of a single transaction shall be aggregated as a single change of membership.
- (8) In the event of a merger or consolidation, the water's-edge status and election commencement date or termination date of the surviving corporation shall be consistent with the result that would have been obtained under paragraphs (2) to (4), inclusive, if the surviving corporation had acquired the stock of the transferor corporation.
- (9) A water's-edge election may be terminated without the consent of the Franchise Tax Board after it has been in effect for at least 84 months. The termination shall be made on an original, timely filed return for the first year in which the water's-edge election is to be terminated. To be effective, the termination shall be made by every taxpayer that is a member of the water's-edge

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group in the same manner as the election provided under subdivisions (a) and (b).

- (10) A water's-edge election may be terminated before the 84-month period described in paragraph (9) has elapsed, but only with the consent of the Franchise Tax Board. A request for termination shall be made at the time and in the manner specified by the Franchise Tax Board.
- (A) The request may be granted for good cause. For purposes of this section, good cause shall have the same meaning as specified in Treasury Regulations Section 1.1502-75(c).
- (B) The Franchise Tax Board shall consent to a termination requested by all members of a water's-edge group, if the purpose of the request is to permit the state to contract with an expatriate corporation, or its subsidiary, pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) of Section 10286 of the Public Contract Code. A water's-edge election terminated pursuant to this subparagraph shall, however, be effective for the year in which the expatriate corporation, or its subsidiary, enters into the contract with the state.
- (11) Except for deemed elections as provided in paragraphs (2), (4), and (5), if a water's-edge election is terminated under paragraph (9) or (10), another election may not be made under this section for any taxable year that begins within the 84-month period following the last day of the election period that was terminated. The Franchise Tax Board may waive the application of this prohibition period for good cause.
- (12) A water's-edge election shall remain in effect until terminated.
 - (d) For purposes of this section, the following shall apply:
- (1) A "combined reporting group" means those corporations whose income and apportionment factors are properly considered pursuant to this chapter in computing the income of the individual taxpayer that is derived from or attributable to sources within this state, taking into account a valid water's-edge election.
- (2) A "group return" refers to the single return which taxpayer members of a combined reporting group may elect by contract to file, in the form and manner prescribed by the Franchise Tax Board, in lieu of filing their own respective returns.
- (3) A "self-assessed combined reporting group" means that group of corporations whose income and apportionment factors are reflected in a combined report prepared pursuant to this chapter

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in a timely filed return, taking into account the effects of a purported water's-edge election, whether or not the membership of the corporations in that combined report was correctly determined.

- (e) The Franchise Tax Board may prescribe any regulations as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this section.
- (f) To the extent that a taxpayer would have been required to file on a water's-edge basis in its first taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2003, pursuant to a water's-edge election made in a prior year under Section 25111, the terms of Section 25111 may not apply and the election shall be deemed to have been made under the terms of this section. However, the commencement date of the election made in a prior year under Section 25111 shall continue to be treated as the commencement date of the water's-edge election period for purposes of applying this section.
- (g) The amendments made to this section by the act adding this subdivision shall apply to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2011.

SEC. 10.

- *SEC.* 8. Section 25128 of the Revenue and Taxation Code is amended to read:
- 25128. (a) (1) Notwithstanding Section 38006, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2011, any apportioning trade or business, other than an apportioning trade or business that is described in subdivision (b) or that makes an election to apportion its income in accordance with Section 25128.5, shall apportion its business income in accordance with this subdivision.
- (2) Notwithstanding Section 38006, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2011, all business income of an apportioning trade or business described in paragraph (1) shall be apportioned to this state by multiplying the business income by the sales factor.
- (b) If an apportioning trade or business derives more than 50 percent of its "gross business receipts" from conducting one or more qualified business activities, as defined in subdivision (c), all business income of the apportioning trade or business shall be apportioned to this state by multiplying business income by a fraction, the numerator of which is the property factor plus the payroll factor plus the sales factor, and the denominator of which is three.

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(c) For purposes of this section:

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- (1) "Agricultural business activity" means any activity relating to any stock, dairy, poultry, fruit, furbearing animal, or truck farm, plantation, ranch, nursery, or range. "Agricultural business activity" also includes any activity relating to cultivating the soil or raising or harvesting any agricultural or horticultural commodity, including, but not limited to, the raising, shearing, feeding, caring for, training, or management of animals on a farm as well as the handling, drying, packing, grading, or storing on a farm of any agricultural or horticultural commodity in its unmanufactured state, but only if the owner, tenant, or operator of the farm regularly produces more than one-half of the commodity so treated.
- (2) "Apportioning trade or business" means a distinct trade or business whose business income is required to be apportioned under Sections 25101 and 25120, limited, if applicable, by Section 25110, using the same denominator for each of the applicable payroll, property, and sales factors.
- (3) "Banking or financial business activity" means any activity attributable to dealings in money or moneyed capital in substantial competition with the business of national banks.
- (4) "Extractive business activity" means any activity relating to the production, refining, or processing of oil, natural gas, or mineral ore.
- (5) "Gross business receipts" means gross receipts described in subdivision (f) of Section 25120 (other than gross receipts from sales or other transactions within an apportioning trade or business between members of a group of corporations whose income and apportionment factors are required to be included in a combined report under Section 25101, limited, if applicable, by Section 25110), whether or not the receipts are excluded from the sales factor by operation of Section 25137.
- (6) "Qualified business activity" means any of the following:
- 33 (A) An agricultural business activity.
- 34 (B) An extractive business activity.
- 35 (C) A savings and loan activity.
- 36 (D) A banking or financial business activity.
- (7) "Savings and loan activity" means any activity performed 37 38 by savings and loan associations or savings banks which have been
- 39 chartered by federal or state law.

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> (d) In any case where the income and apportionment factors of two or more savings associations or corporations are required to be included in a combined report under Section 25101, limited, if applicable, by Section 25110, both of the following shall apply:

- (1) The application of the more than 50 percent test of subdivision (b) shall be made with respect to the "gross business receipts" of the entire apportioning trade or business of the group.
- (2) The entire business income of the group shall be apportioned in accordance with either this section or Section 25128.5, as applicable.
- (e) The amendments made to this section by the act adding this subdivision, shall apply to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2011.

SEC. 11.

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- SEC. 9. Section 25128.5 of the Revenue and Taxation Code is amended to read:
- 25128.5. (a) Notwithstanding Section 38006, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2011, any apportioning trade or business, other than an apportioning trade or business described in subdivision (b) of Section 25128, may make an irrevocable annual election on an original timely filed return, in the manner and form prescribed by the Franchise Tax Board, to apportion its income in accordance with this section, and not in accordance with Section 25128, if the "tax," as defined in Section 23036 before the application of any credits, using this section to apportion its business income, is not less than the "tax," as defined in Section 23036 before the application of any credits, using subdivision (a) of Section 25128 to apportion its business income.
- (b) Notwithstanding Section 38006, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2011, all business income of an apportioning trade or business making an election under subdivision (a) shall be apportioned to this state by multiplying the business income by a fraction, the numerator of which is the property factor plus the payroll factor plus twice the sales factor, and the denominator of which is four.
- (c) The Franchise Tax Board is authorized to issue regulations necessary or appropriate regarding the making of an election under this section, including regulations that are consistent with rules prescribed for making an election under Section 25113.

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SEC. 12.

2 SEC. 10. Section 25136 of the Revenue and Taxation Code is amended to read:

- 25136. (a) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2011:
- (1) Sales from services are in this state to the extent the purchaser of the service received the benefit of the service in this state.
- (2) Sales from intangible property are in this state to the extent the property is used in this state. In the case of marketable securities, sales are in this state if the customer is in this state.
- (3) Sales from the sale, lease, rental, or licensing of real property are in this state if the real property is located in this state.
- (4) Sales from the rental, lease, or licensing of tangible personal property are in this state if the property is located in this state.
- (b) The Franchise Tax Board may prescribe those regulations as necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of subdivision (a).

SEC. 13.

- SEC. 11. Section 25136.1 is added to the Revenue and Taxation Code, to read:
- 25136.1. (a) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2011, a qualified taxpayer that apportions its business income under Section 25128 shall apply the following provisions:
- (1) Notwithstanding Section 25137, qualified sales assigned to this state shall be equal to 50 percent of the amount of qualified sales that would be assigned to this state pursuant to Section 25136 but for the application of this section. The remaining 50 percent shall not be assigned to this state.
 - (2) All other sales shall be assigned pursuant to Section 25136.
 - (b) For purposes of this section:
- (1) "Qualified taxpayer" means a member, as defined in paragraph (10) of subdivision (b) of Section 25106.5 of Title 18 of the California Code of Regulations, as in effect on the effective date of the act adding this section, of a combined reporting group that is also a qualified group.
- (2) "Qualified group" means a combined reporting group, as defined in paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Section 25106.5 of Title 18 of the California Code of Regulations, as in effect on the

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effective date of the act adding this section, that satisfies the following conditions:

- (A) Has satisfied the minimum investment requirement for the taxable year.
- (B) For the combined reporting group's taxable year beginning in calendar year 2006, the combined reporting group derived more than 50 percent of its United States network gross business receipts from the operation of one or more cable systems.
- (C) For purposes of satisfying the requirements of subparagraph (B), the following rules shall apply:
- (i) If a member of the combined reporting group for the taxable year was not a member of the same combined reporting group for the taxable year beginning in calendar year 2006, the gross business receipts of that nonincluded member shall be included in determining the combined reporting group's gross business receipts for its taxable year beginning in calendar year 2006 as if the nonincluded member were a member of the combined reporting group for the taxable year beginning in calendar year 2006.
- (ii) The gross business receipts shall include the gross business receipts of a qualified partnership, but only to the extent of a member's interest in the partnership.
- (3) "Cable system" and "network" shall have the same meaning as defined in Section 5830 of the Public Utilities Code, as in effect on the effective date of the act adding this section. "Network services" means video, cable, voice, or data services.
- (4) "Gross business receipts" means gross receipts defined in paragraph (2) of subdivision (f) of Section 25120 (other than gross receipts from sales or other transactions between or among members of a combined reporting group, limited, if applicable, by Section 25110).
- (5) "Minimum investment requirement" means qualified expenditures of not less than two hundred fifty million dollars (\$250,000,000) by a combined reporting group during the calendar year that includes the beginning of the taxable year.
- (6) "Qualified expenditures" means any combination of expenditures attributable to this state for tangible property, payroll, services, franchise fees, or any intangible property distribution or other rights, paid or incurred by or on behalf of a member of a combined reporting group.

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(A) An expenditure for other than tangible property shall be attributable to this state if the member of the combined reporting group received the benefit of the purchase or expenditure in this state.

- (B) A purchase of or expenditure for tangible property shall be attributable to this state if the property is placed in service in this state.
- (C) Qualified expenditures shall include expenditures by a combined reporting group for property or services purchased, used, or rendered by independent contractors in this state.
- (D) Qualified expenditures shall also include expenditures by a qualified partnership, but only to the extent of the member's interest in the partnership.
- (7) "Qualified partnership" means a partnership if the partnership's income and apportionment factors are included in the income and apportionment factors of a member of the combined reporting group, but only to the extent of the member's interest in the partnership.
- (8) "Qualified sales" means gross business receipts from the provision of any network services, other than gross business receipts from the sale or rental of customer premises equipment. "Qualified sales" shall include qualified sales by a qualified partnership, but only to the extent of a member's interest in the partnership.
- (c) The rules in this section with respect to qualified sales by a qualified partnership are intended to be consistent with the rules for partnerships under paragraph (3) of subdivision (f) of Section 25137-1 of Title 18 of the California Code of Regulations.

SEC. 14.

- SEC. 12. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:
- In order to mitigate acute fiscal difficulties facing the state, it is necessary that this act take effect immediately.