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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2055

Introduced by Assembly Member Gipson

February 17, 2016

An act to amend Sections 17059.2 and 23689 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, relating to taxation, to take effect immediately, tax levy.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2055, as amended, Gipson. Income taxation: credits: California competes.

Existing law allows a credit against the taxes imposed under the Corporation Tax Law and the Personal Income Tax Law for each taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2014, and before January 1, 2025, in an amount as provided in a written agreement between the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development and the taxpayer, agreed upon by the California Competes Tax Credit Committee, and based on specified factors, including the number of jobs the taxpayer will create or retain in the state and the amount of investment in the state by the taxpayer. Existing law limits the aggregate amount of credits allocated to taxpayers to a specified sum per fiscal year through *the 2017–18 fiscal year* and reserves 25% of that amount for small businesses, as defined. Existing law authorizes the Director of Finance to increase the aggregate amount of the economic development credits that may be allocated to taxpayers each fiscal year by \$25 million per fiscal year through the 2017–18 fiscal year.

This bill would, beginning in the 2018–19 fiscal year, reserve 25% of the aggregate amount of credits for taxpayers that make qualified sustainable freight investments, as defined, and would require the

Franchise Tax Board to review the books and records of these taxpayers to ensure compliance with the taxpayer’s written agreement with GO-Biz. The bill would also make findings relating to California’s seaports and ~~harbors and zero-emissions and near-zero-emissions~~ *trade corridors and zero-emission and near-zero-emission* technology.

This bill would take effect immediately as a tax levy.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

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

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
2 following:

3 (a) ~~Our state’s waterfront has~~ *California has trade* infrastructure
4 needs that cannot be met by private investment alone, and therefore
5 public financing mechanisms are required to build the new public
6 works needed to support new commercial and industrial
7 ~~development in our seaports and harbors.~~ *development.* This need
8 is compounded by the additional expenses which accompany
9 investment in the next generation of ~~zero-emissions and~~
10 ~~near-zero-emissions~~ *zero-emission and near-zero-emission*
11 equipment and supporting ~~infrastructure at marine terminals in~~
12 ~~California’s public ports.~~ *infrastructure.*

13 (b) The seaports and harbors of California are valuable assets
14 of the state that provide special maritime, navigational, recreational,
15 cultural, and historical benefits to the people of the state and the
16 management and development of these seaports and harbors are
17 matters of statewide significance. The investment in the state’s
18 seaports and harbors by providing a financing mechanism, through
19 the use of tax credits, is a matter of statewide importance that will
20 further the purposes of the public trust.

21 (c) This legislation is necessary to further incentivize the earliest
22 possible investment in, and adoption of, ~~zero-emissions and~~
23 ~~near-zero-emissions~~ *zero-emission and near-zero-emission*
24 technology at California’s public ~~seaports.~~ *seaports and in its trade*
25 *corridors.* Companies should be encouraged to take on the
26 additional costs of purchasing and maintaining ~~zero-emissions~~
27 *zero-emission* equipment and supporting infrastructure in
28 partnership with the state to achieve the state’s emissions reduction
29 goals.

1 SEC. 2. Section 17059.2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code
2 is amended to read:

3 17059.2. (a) (1) For each taxable year beginning on and after
4 January 1, 2014, and before January 1, 2025, there shall be allowed
5 as a credit against the “net tax,” as defined in Section 17039, an
6 amount as determined by the committee pursuant to paragraph (2)
7 and approved pursuant to Section 18410.2.

8 (2) The credit under this section shall be allocated by GO-Biz
9 with respect to the 2013–14 fiscal year through and including the
10 2017–18 fiscal year. The amount of credit allocated to a taxpayer
11 with respect to a fiscal year pursuant to this section shall be as set
12 forth in a written agreement between GO-Biz and the taxpayer and
13 shall be based on the following factors:

14 (A) The number of jobs the taxpayer will create or retain in this
15 state.

16 (B) The compensation paid or proposed to be paid by the
17 taxpayer to its employees, including wages and fringe benefits.

18 (C) The amount of investment in this state by the taxpayer.

19 (D) The extent of unemployment or poverty in the area
20 according to the United States Census in which the taxpayer’s
21 project or business is proposed or located.

22 (E) The incentives available to the taxpayer in this state,
23 including incentives from the state, local government, and other
24 entities.

25 (F) The incentives available to the taxpayer in other states.

26 (G) The duration of the proposed project and the duration the
27 taxpayer commits to remain in this state.

28 (H) The overall economic impact in this state of the taxpayer’s
29 project or business.

30 (I) The strategic importance of the taxpayer’s project or business
31 to the state, region, or locality.

32 (J) The opportunity for future growth and expansion in this state
33 by the taxpayer’s business.

34 (K) The extent to which the anticipated benefit to the state
35 exceeds the projected benefit to the taxpayer from the tax credit.

36 (3) The written agreement entered into pursuant to paragraph
37 (2) shall include:

38 (A) Terms and conditions that include the taxable year or years
39 for which the credit allocated shall be allowed, a minimum
40 compensation level, and a minimum job retention period.

1 (B) Provisions indicating whether the credit is to be allocated
2 in full upon approval or in increments based on mutually agreed
3 upon milestones when satisfactorily met by the taxpayer.

4 (C) Provisions that allow the committee to recapture the credit,
5 in whole or in part, if the taxpayer fails to fulfill the terms and
6 conditions of the written agreement.

7 (b) For purposes of this section:

8 (1) "Committee" means the California Competes Tax Credit
9 Committee established pursuant to Section 18410.2.

10 (2) "GO-Biz" means the Governor's Office of Business and
11 Economic Development.

12 (c) For purposes of this section, GO-Biz shall do the following:

13 (1) Give priority to a taxpayer whose project or business is
14 located or proposed to be located in an area of high unemployment
15 or poverty.

16 (2) Negotiate with a taxpayer the terms and conditions of
17 proposed written agreements that provide the credit allowed
18 pursuant to this section to a taxpayer.

19 (3) Provide the negotiated written agreement to the committee
20 for its approval pursuant to Section 18410.2.

21 (4) Inform the Franchise Tax Board of the terms and conditions
22 of the written agreement upon approval of the written agreement
23 by the committee.

24 (5) Inform the Franchise Tax Board of any recapture, in whole
25 or in part, of a previously allocated credit upon approval of the
26 recapture by the committee.

27 (6) Post on its Internet Web site all of the following:

28 (A) The name of each taxpayer allocated a credit pursuant to
29 this section.

30 (B) The estimated amount of the investment by each taxpayer.

31 (C) The estimated number of jobs created or retained.

32 (D) The amount of the credit allocated to the taxpayer.

33 (E) The amount of the credit recaptured from the taxpayer, if
34 applicable.

35 (d) For purposes of this section, the Franchise Tax Board shall
36 do all of the following:

37 (1) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B), review the
38 books and records of all taxpayers allocated a credit pursuant to
39 this section to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions
40 of the written agreement between the taxpayer and GO-Biz.

1 (B) In the case of a taxpayer that is a “small business,” as
2 defined in Section 17053.73, review the books and records of the
3 taxpayer allocated a credit pursuant to this section to ensure
4 compliance with the terms and conditions of the written agreement
5 between the taxpayer and GO-Biz when, in the sole discretion of
6 the Franchise Tax Board, a review of those books and records is
7 appropriate or necessary in the best interests of the state.

8 (2) Notwithstanding Section 19542:

9 (A) Notify GO-Biz of a possible breach of the written agreement
10 by a taxpayer and provide detailed information regarding the basis
11 for that determination.

12 (B) Provide information to GO-Biz with respect to whether a
13 taxpayer is a “small business,” as defined in Section 17053.73.

14 (e) In the case where the credit allowed under this section
15 exceeds the “net tax,” as defined in Section 17039, for a taxable
16 year, the excess credit may be carried over to reduce the “net tax”
17 in the following taxable year, and succeeding five taxable years,
18 if necessary, until the credit has been exhausted.

19 (f) Any recapture, in whole or in part, of a credit approved by
20 the committee pursuant to Section 18410.2 shall be treated as a
21 mathematical error appearing on the return. Any amount of tax
22 resulting from that recapture shall be assessed by the Franchise
23 Tax Board in the same manner as provided by Section 19051. The
24 amount of tax resulting from the recapture shall be added to the
25 tax otherwise due by the taxpayer for the taxable year in which
26 the committee’s recapture determination occurred.

27 (g) (1) The aggregate amount of credit that may be allocated
28 in any fiscal year pursuant to this section and Section 23689 shall
29 be an amount equal to the sum of subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C),
30 less the amount specified in subparagraphs (D) and (E):

31 (A) Thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) for the 2013–14 fiscal
32 year, one hundred fifty million dollars (\$150,000,000) for the
33 2014–15 fiscal year, and two hundred million dollars
34 (\$200,000,000) for each fiscal year from 2015–16 to 2017–18,
35 inclusive.

36 (B) The unallocated credit amount, if any, from the preceding
37 fiscal year.

38 (C) The amount of any previously allocated credits that have
39 been recaptured.

1 (D) The amount estimated by the Director of Finance, in
2 consultation with the Franchise Tax Board and the State Board of
3 Equalization, to be necessary to limit the aggregation of the
4 estimated amount of exemptions claimed pursuant to Section
5 6377.1 and of the amounts estimated to be claimed pursuant to
6 this section and Sections 17053.73, 23626, and 23689 to no more
7 than seven hundred fifty million dollars (\$750,000,000) for either
8 the current fiscal year or the next fiscal year.

9 (i) The Director of Finance shall notify the Chairperson of the
10 Joint Legislative Budget Committee of the estimated annual
11 allocation authorized by this paragraph. Any allocation pursuant
12 to these provisions shall be made no sooner than 30 days after
13 written notification has been provided to the Chairperson of the
14 Joint Legislative Budget Committee and the chairpersons of the
15 committees of each house of the Legislature that consider
16 appropriation, or not sooner than whatever lesser time the
17 Chairperson of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, or his or
18 her designee, may determine.

19 (ii) In no event shall the amount estimated in this subparagraph
20 be less than zero dollars (\$0).

21 (E) (i) For the 2015–16 fiscal year and each fiscal year
22 thereafter, the amount of credit estimated by the Director of Finance
23 to be allowed to all qualified taxpayers for that fiscal year pursuant
24 to subparagraph (A) or subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of
25 subdivision (c) of Section 23636.

26 (ii) If the amount available per fiscal year pursuant to this section
27 and Section 23689 is less than the aggregate amount of credit
28 estimated by the Director of Finance to be allowed to qualified
29 taxpayers pursuant to subparagraph (A) or subparagraph (B) of
30 paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of Section 23636, the aggregate
31 amount allowed pursuant to Section 23636 shall not be reduced
32 and, in addition to the reduction required by clause (i), the
33 aggregate amount of credit that may be allocated pursuant to this
34 section and Section 23689 for the next fiscal year shall be reduced
35 by the amount of that deficit.

36 (iii) It is the intent of the Legislature that the reductions specified
37 in this subparagraph of the aggregate amount of credit that may
38 be allocated pursuant to this section and Section 23689 shall
39 continue if the repeal dates of the credits allowed by this section
40 and Section 23689 are removed or extended.

1 (2) (A) In addition to the other amounts determined pursuant
2 to paragraph (1), the Director of Finance may increase the
3 aggregate amount of credit that may be allocated pursuant to this
4 section and Section 23689 by up to twenty-five million dollars
5 (\$25,000,000) per fiscal year through the 2017–18 fiscal year. The
6 amount of any increase made pursuant to this paragraph, when
7 combined with any increase made pursuant to paragraph (2) of
8 subdivision (g) of Section 23689, shall not exceed twenty-five
9 million dollars (\$25,000,000) per fiscal year through the 2017–18
10 fiscal year.

11 (B) It is the intent of the Legislature that the Director of Finance
12 increase the aggregate amount under subparagraph (A) in order to
13 mitigate the reduction of the amount available due to the credit
14 allowed to all qualified taxpayers pursuant to subparagraph (A) or
15 (B) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of Section 23636.

16 (3) Each fiscal year, 25 percent of the aggregate amount of the
17 credit that may be allocated pursuant to this section and Section
18 23689 shall be reserved for “small business,” as defined in Section
19 17053.73 or 23626.

20 (4) Each fiscal year, no more than 20 percent of the aggregate
21 amount of the credit that may be allocated pursuant to this section
22 shall be allocated to any one taxpayer.

23 (5) (A) Each fiscal year, beginning with the 2018–19 fiscal
24 year, 25 percent of the aggregate amount of the credit that may be
25 allocated pursuant to this section and Section 23689 shall be
26 reserved for taxpayers that make qualified sustainable freight
27 investments.

28 (B) For purposes of this paragraph, ~~“qualified sustainable freight
29 investment” means the purchase or installation, or a proposed
30 future purchase or installation, of zero-emissions and
31 near-zero-emissions equipment and supporting infrastructure for
32 use by or at a marine terminal in a California seaport.~~ *paragraph:*

33 (i) *“Qualified sustainable freight investment” means the
34 purchase or installation of zero-emission and near-zero-emission
35 equipment and support infrastructure in a trade corridor.*

36 (ii) *“Trade corridor” means a trade corridor that would have
37 been eligible for allocation from the Trade Corridors Improvement
38 Fund pursuant to subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of subdivision
39 (c) of Section 8879.23 of the Government Code.*

1 (iii) “Zero-emission” and “near-zero-emission” shall have the
 2 same definition as in Section 39719.2 of the Health and Safety
 3 Code.

4 (C) For purposes of this paragraph, the Franchise Tax Board
 5 shall review the books and records of the taxpayer allocated a
 6 credit amount pursuant to this paragraph to ensure compliance
 7 with the terms and agreements of the written agreement and notify
 8 GO-Biz of a possible breach of the written agreement by a taxpayer
 9 and provide detailed information regarding the basis for that
 10 determination.

11 (D) GO-Biz shall use the criteria provided in paragraph (2) of
 12 subdivision (a) when allocating a credit pursuant to this paragraph
 13 and shall create equivalent criteria for jobs a taxpayer will create
 14 or retain under a collective bargaining agreement.

15 (h) GO-Biz may prescribe rules and regulations as necessary to
 16 carry out the purposes of this section. Any rule or regulation
 17 prescribed pursuant to this section may be by adoption of an
 18 emergency regulation in accordance with Chapter 3.5 (commencing
 19 with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the
 20 Government Code.

21 (i) A written agreement between GO-Biz and a taxpayer with
 22 respect to the credit authorized by this section shall comply with
 23 existing law on the date the agreement is executed.

24 (j) (1) Upon the effective date of this section, the Department
 25 of Finance shall estimate the total dollar amount of credits that
 26 will be claimed under this section with respect to each fiscal year
 27 from the 2013–14 fiscal year to the 2024–25 fiscal year, inclusive.

28 (2) The Franchise Tax Board shall annually provide to the Joint
 29 Legislative Budget Committee, by no later than March 1, a report
 30 of the total dollar amount of the credits claimed under this section
 31 with respect to the relevant fiscal year. The report shall compare
 32 the total dollar amount of credits claimed under this section with
 33 respect to that fiscal year with the department’s estimate with
 34 respect to that same fiscal year. If the total dollar amount of credits
 35 claimed for the fiscal year is less than the estimate for that fiscal
 36 year, the report shall identify options for increasing annual claims
 37 of the credit so as to meet estimated amounts.

38 (k) This section is repealed on December 1, 2025.

39 SEC. 3. Section 23689 of the Revenue and Taxation Code is
 40 amended to read:

1 23689. (a) (1) For each taxable year beginning on and after
2 January 1, 2014, and before January 1, 2025, there shall be allowed
3 as a credit against the “tax,” as defined in Section 23036, an amount
4 as determined by the committee pursuant to paragraph (2) and
5 approved pursuant to Section 18410.2.

6 (2) The credit under this section shall be allocated by GO-Biz
7 with respect to the 2013–14 fiscal year through and including the
8 2017–18 fiscal year. The amount of credit allocated to a taxpayer
9 with respect to a fiscal year pursuant to this section shall be as set
10 forth in a written agreement between GO-Biz and the taxpayer and
11 shall be based on the following factors:

12 (A) The number of jobs the taxpayer will create or retain in this
13 state.

14 (B) The compensation paid or proposed to be paid by the
15 taxpayer to its employees, including wages and fringe benefits.

16 (C) The amount of investment in this state by the taxpayer.

17 (D) The extent of unemployment or poverty in the area
18 according to the United States Census in which the taxpayer’s
19 project or business is proposed or located.

20 (E) The incentives available to the taxpayer in this state,
21 including incentives from the state, local government, and other
22 entities.

23 (F) The incentives available to the taxpayer in other states.

24 (G) The duration of the proposed project and the duration the
25 taxpayer commits to remain in this state.

26 (H) The overall economic impact in this state of the taxpayer’s
27 project or business.

28 (I) The strategic importance of the taxpayer’s project or business
29 to the state, region, or locality.

30 (J) The opportunity for future growth and expansion in this state
31 by the taxpayer’s business.

32 (K) The extent to which the anticipated benefit to the state
33 exceeds the projected benefit to the taxpayer from the tax credit.

34 (3) The written agreement entered into pursuant to paragraph
35 (2) shall include:

36 (A) Terms and conditions that include the taxable year or years
37 for which the credit allocated shall be allowed, a minimum
38 compensation level, and a minimum job retention period.

1 (B) Provisions indicating whether the credit is to be allocated
2 in full upon approval or in increments based on mutually agreed
3 upon milestones when satisfactorily met by the taxpayer.

4 (C) Provisions that allow the committee to recapture the credit,
5 in whole or in part, if the taxpayer fails to fulfill the terms and
6 conditions of the written agreement.

7 (b) For purposes of this section:

8 (1) “Committee” means the California Competes Tax Credit
9 Committee established pursuant to Section 18410.2.

10 (2) “GO-Biz” means the Governor’s Office of Business and
11 Economic Development.

12 (c) For purposes of this section, GO-Biz shall do the following:

13 (1) Give priority to a taxpayer whose project or business is
14 located or proposed to be located in an area of high unemployment
15 or poverty.

16 (2) Negotiate with a taxpayer the terms and conditions of
17 proposed written agreements that provide the credit allowed
18 pursuant to this section to a taxpayer.

19 (3) Provide the negotiated written agreement to the committee
20 for its approval pursuant to Section 18410.2.

21 (4) Inform the Franchise Tax Board of the terms and conditions
22 of the written agreement upon approval of the written agreement
23 by the committee.

24 (5) Inform the Franchise Tax Board of any recapture, in whole
25 or in part, of a previously allocated credit upon approval of the
26 recapture by the committee.

27 (6) Post on its Internet Web site all of the following:

28 (A) The name of each taxpayer allocated a credit pursuant to
29 this section.

30 (B) The estimated amount of the investment by each taxpayer.

31 (C) The estimated number of jobs created or retained.

32 (D) The amount of the credit allocated to the taxpayer.

33 (E) The amount of the credit recaptured from the taxpayer, if
34 applicable.

35 (d) For purposes of this section, the Franchise Tax Board shall
36 do all of the following:

37 (1) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B), review the
38 books and records of all taxpayers allocated a credit pursuant to
39 this section to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions
40 of the written agreement between the taxpayer and GO-Biz.

1 (B) In the case of a taxpayer that is a “small business,” as
2 defined in Section 23626, review the books and records of the
3 taxpayer allocated a credit pursuant to this section to ensure
4 compliance with the terms and conditions of the written agreement
5 between the taxpayer and GO-Biz when, in the sole discretion of
6 the Franchise Tax Board, a review of those books and records is
7 appropriate or necessary in the best interests of the state.

8 (2) Notwithstanding Section 19542:

9 (A) Notify GO-Biz of a possible breach of the written agreement
10 by a taxpayer and provide detailed information regarding the basis
11 for that determination.

12 (B) Provide information to GO-Biz with respect to whether a
13 taxpayer is a “small business,” as defined in Section 23626.

14 (e) In the case where the credit allowed under this section
15 exceeds the “tax,” as defined in Section 23036, for a taxable year,
16 the excess credit may be carried over to reduce the “tax” in the
17 following taxable year, and succeeding five taxable years, if
18 necessary, until the credit has been exhausted.

19 (f) Any recapture, in whole or in part, of a credit approved by
20 the committee pursuant to Section 18410.2 shall be treated as a
21 mathematical error appearing on the return. Any amount of tax
22 resulting from that recapture shall be assessed by the Franchise
23 Tax Board in the same manner as provided by Section 19051. The
24 amount of tax resulting from the recapture shall be added to the
25 tax otherwise due by the taxpayer for the taxable year in which
26 the committee’s recapture determination occurred.

27 (g) (1) The aggregate amount of credit that may be allocated
28 in any fiscal year pursuant to this section and Section 17059.2 shall
29 be an amount equal to the sum of subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C),
30 less the amount specified in subparagraphs (D) and (E):

31 (A) Thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) for the 2013–14 fiscal
32 year, one hundred fifty million dollars (\$150,000,000) for the
33 2014–15 fiscal year, and two hundred million dollars
34 (\$200,000,000) for each fiscal year from 2015–16 to 2017–18,
35 inclusive.

36 (B) The unallocated credit amount, if any, from the preceding
37 fiscal year.

38 (C) The amount of any previously allocated credits that have
39 been recaptured.

1 (D) The amount estimated by the Director of Finance, in
2 consultation with the Franchise Tax Board and the State Board of
3 Equalization, to be necessary to limit the aggregation of the
4 estimated amount of exemptions claimed pursuant to Section
5 6377.1 and of the amounts estimated to be claimed pursuant to
6 this section and Sections 17053.73, 17059.2, and 23626 to no more
7 than seven hundred fifty million dollars (\$750,000,000) for either
8 the current fiscal year or the next fiscal year.

9 (i) The Director of Finance shall notify the Chairperson of the
10 Joint Legislative Budget Committee of the estimated annual
11 allocation authorized by this paragraph. Any allocation pursuant
12 to these provisions shall be made no sooner than 30 days after
13 written notification has been provided to the Chairperson of the
14 Joint Legislative Budget Committee and the chairpersons of the
15 committees of each house of the Legislature that consider
16 appropriation, or not sooner than whatever lesser time the
17 Chairperson of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, or his or
18 her designee, may determine.

19 (ii) In no event shall the amount estimated in this subparagraph
20 be less than zero dollars (\$0).

21 (E) (i) For the 2015–16 fiscal year and each fiscal year
22 thereafter, the amount of credit estimated by the Director of Finance
23 to be allowed to all qualified taxpayers for that fiscal year pursuant
24 to subparagraph (A) or subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of
25 subdivision (c) of Section 23636.

26 (ii) If the amount available per fiscal year pursuant to this section
27 and Section 17059.2 is less than the aggregate amount of credit
28 estimated by the Director of Finance to be allowed to qualified
29 taxpayers pursuant to subparagraph (A) or subparagraph (B) of
30 paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of Section 23636, the aggregate
31 amount allowed pursuant to Section 23636 shall not be reduced
32 and, in addition to the reduction required by clause (i), the
33 aggregate amount of credit that may be allocated pursuant to this
34 section and Section 17059.2 for the next fiscal year shall be reduced
35 by the amount of that deficit.

36 (iii) It is the intent of the Legislature that the reductions specified
37 in this subparagraph of the aggregate amount of credit that may
38 be allocated pursuant to this section and Section 17059.2 shall
39 continue if the repeal dates of the credits allowed by this section
40 and Section 17059.2 are removed or extended.

1 (2) (A) In addition to the other amounts determined pursuant
2 to paragraph (1), the Director of Finance may increase the
3 aggregate amount of credit that may be allocated pursuant to this
4 section and Section 17059.2 by up to twenty-five million dollars
5 (\$25,000,000) per fiscal year through the 2017–18 fiscal year. The
6 amount of any increase made pursuant to this paragraph, when
7 combined with any increase made pursuant to paragraph (2) of
8 subdivision (g) of Section 17059.2, shall not exceed twenty-five
9 million dollars (\$25,000,000) per fiscal year through the 2017–18
10 fiscal year.

11 (B) It is the intent of the Legislature that the Director of Finance
12 increase the aggregate amount under subparagraph (A) in order to
13 mitigate the reduction of the amount available due to the credit
14 allowed to all qualified taxpayers pursuant to subparagraph (A) or
15 (B) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of Section 23636.

16 (3) Each fiscal year, 25 percent of the aggregate amount of the
17 credit that may be allocated pursuant to this section and Section
18 17059.2 shall be reserved for “small business,” as defined in
19 Section 17053.73 or 23626.

20 (4) Each fiscal year, no more than 20 percent of the aggregate
21 amount of the credit that may be allocated pursuant to this section
22 shall be allocated to any one taxpayer.

23 (5) (A) Each fiscal year, beginning with the 2018–19 fiscal
24 year, 25 percent of the aggregate amount of the credit that may be
25 allocated pursuant to this section and Section 23689 shall be
26 reserved for taxpayers that make qualified sustainable freight
27 investments.

28 (B) For purposes of this paragraph, ~~“qualified sustainable freight
29 investment” means the purchase or installation, or a proposed
30 future purchase or installation, of zero-emissions and
31 near-zero-emissions equipment and supporting infrastructure for
32 use by or at a marine terminal in a California seaport.~~ *paragraph:*

33 (i) *“Qualified sustainable freight investment” means the
34 purchase or installation of zero-emission and near-zero-emission
35 equipment and support infrastructure in a trade corridor.*

36 (ii) *“Trade corridor” means a trade corridor that would have
37 been eligible for allocation from the Trade Corridors Improvement
38 Fund pursuant to subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of subdivision
39 (c) of Section 8879.23 of the Government Code.*

1 (iii) “Zero-emission” and “near-zero-emission” shall have the
 2 same definition as in Section 39719.2 of the Health and Safety
 3 Code.

4 (C) For purposes of this paragraph, the Franchise Tax Board
 5 shall review the books and records of the taxpayer allocated a
 6 credit amount pursuant to this paragraph to ensure compliance
 7 with the terms and agreements of the written agreement and notify
 8 GO-Biz of a possible breach of the written agreement by a taxpayer
 9 and provide detailed information regarding the basis for that
 10 determination.

11 (D) GO-Biz shall use the criteria provided in paragraph (2) of
 12 subdivision (a) when allocating a credit pursuant to this paragraph
 13 and shall create equivalent criteria for jobs a taxpayer will create
 14 or retain under a collective bargaining agreement.

15 (h) GO-Biz may prescribe rules and regulations as necessary to
 16 carry out the purposes of this section. Any rule or regulation
 17 prescribed pursuant to this section may be by adoption of an
 18 emergency regulation in accordance with Chapter 3.5 (commencing
 19 with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the
 20 Government Code.

21 (i) (1) A written agreement between GO-Biz and a taxpayer
 22 with respect to the credit authorized by this section shall not
 23 restrict, broaden, or otherwise alter the ability of the taxpayer to
 24 assign that credit or any portion thereof in accordance with Section
 25 23663.

26 (2) A written agreement between GO-Biz and a taxpayer with
 27 respect to the credit authorized by this section must comply with
 28 existing law on the date the agreement is executed.

29 (j) (1) Upon the effective date of this section, the Department
 30 of Finance shall estimate the total dollar amount of credits that
 31 will be claimed under this section with respect to each fiscal year
 32 from the 2013–14 fiscal year to the 2024–25 fiscal year, inclusive.

33 (2) The Franchise Tax Board shall annually provide to the Joint
 34 Legislative Budget Committee, by no later than March 1, a report
 35 of the total dollar amount of the credits claimed under this section
 36 with respect to the relevant fiscal year. The report shall compare
 37 the total dollar amount of credits claimed under this section with
 38 respect to that fiscal year with the department’s estimate with
 39 respect to that same fiscal year. If the total dollar amount of credits
 40 claimed for the fiscal year is less than the estimate for that fiscal

1 year, the report shall identify options for increasing annual claims
2 of the credit so as to meet estimated amounts.
3 (k) This section is repealed on December 1, 2025.
4 SEC. 4. This act provides for a tax levy within the meaning of
5 Article IV of the *California* Constitution and shall go into
6 immediate effect.

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