



State of California
Franchise Tax Board

Memorandum

Pursuant to Government Code Sections 7085 and 7085.5 please note the following information and attachments:

- Zone tax incentive usage for tax years 1986 through 2008. Please note that the chart summarizing the various tax incentives by year represents the amounts allowed (self-assessed, pre-audit) as income and tax reductions on returns filed pursuant to the Corporation Tax law. Returns filed pursuant to the Personal Income Tax (PIT) law contain insufficient information to allow reporting of the income reducing incentives. The tax reducing hiring, sales, and use tax special credits for the various PIT programs amounted to:

Enterprise Zones - \$171,126,126 reported on 22,651 returns;

LARZ – \$2,113,043 reported on 159 returns;

LAMBRA - \$268,675 reported on 61 returns;

Targeted Tax Area - \$3,776,154 on 233 returns; and

Manufacturing Enhancement Area - \$19,424 on 11 returns.

- The number of jobs for which enterprise zone hiring credits were claimed was reported to be 103,999.
- The number of new employees for which enterprise zone hiring credits were claimed was reported to be 36,976.
- The geographic distribution of tax incentives used for the 2008 tax year. Taxpayers that applied incentives earned for activities conducted in more than one zone were placed in the “Multiple Location” category. Please note that records furnished to FTB for Enterprise Zone tax incentives were not sufficient to make a determination of location associated with tax credits in 5 percent of the cases. It is not known if the missing data are proportionally distributable across identified zones. In combination, multiple and unknown zones accounted for 23 percent of credits used, 32 percent of net interest deductions that resulted in understatement of incentives attributed to specific zones.
- Zone incentive usage distributed by major industrial sector
- Zone incentive usage distributed by size of taxpayer as defined by end of year assets
- Zone incentive usage distributed by size of taxpayer as defined by amount of gross receipts
- Tax credit usage by year and tax program

In deriving the tax effect of the deduction provisions, it is assumed that business expense deduction is removed first from income, net interest deduction is then removed from remaining income, and net operating loss is removed last. Tax effect is computed as the difference in tax that would occur after adding back, sequentially, in reverse order, deductions reported.