REVENUE AND TAXATION AMENDMENTS	
	2016 GENERAL SESSION
	STATE OF UTAH
LONG T	TITLE
	Description:
	his bill amends certain oil and gas severance tax statutes.
	ted Provisions:
	his bill:
•	clarifies the formula for calculating the oil and gas severance tax; and
•	makes technical changes.
Money A	Appropriated in this Bill:
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)ther S _l	pecial Clauses:
Т	his bill provides a special effective date.
Т	his bill provides retrospective operation.
J tah Co	de Sections Affected:
AMEND	S:
5	9-5-102, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 310
5	9-5-103.1 , as enacted by Laws of Utah 2004, Chapter 244
Be it ena	cted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
S	ection 1. Section 59-5-102 is amended to read:
5	9-5-102. Severance tax Rate Computation Annual exemption Tax credit
- Tax ra	te reduction.
(1	(a) [Subject to] Except as provided in Subsection (1)(b), a person owning an
nterest i	n oil or gas produced from a well in the state, including a working interest, royalty
nterest, j	payment out of production, or any other interest, or in the proceeds of the production
of oil or	gas, shall pay to the state a severance tax on [the basis of the value determined under
Section 5	[9-5-103.1 of] the value of the oil or gas:
(i) produced; and
(i	i) (A) saved;

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33	(B) sold; or
34	(C) transported from the field where the substance was produced.
35	(b) [This section applies to an interest in oil or gas produced from a well in the state or
36	in the proceeds of the production of oil or gas produced from a well in the state except for:]
37	The severance tax imposed by Subsection (1)(a) does not apply to:
38	(i) (A) an interest of the United States in oil or gas or in the proceeds of the production
39	of oil or gas;
40	[(ii)] (B) an interest of the state or a political subdivision of the state in oil or gas or in
41	the proceeds of the production of oil or gas; [or] and
12	[(iii)] (C) an interest of an Indian or Indian tribe as defined in Section 9-9-101 in oil or
13	gas or in the proceeds of the production of oil or gas produced from land under the jurisdiction
14	of the United States[:]; and
45	(ii) (A) the value of oil or gas produced from stripper wells, unless the exemption
16	prevents the severance tax from being treated as a deduction for federal tax purposes;
17	(B) the value of oil or gas produced in the first 12 months of production for wildcat
18	wells started after January 1, 1990; and
19	(C) the value of oil or gas produced in the first six months of production for
50	development wells started after January 1, 1990.
51	(2) The severance tax imposed by Subsection (1)(a) shall be calculated by:
52	(a) determining the value, in accordance with Section 59-5-103.1, of all oil or gas
53	produced and saved, sold, or transported from the field where the substance was produced,
54	including oil and gas that is exempt from taxation under Subsection (1)(b);
55	(b) then subtracting the value of:
56	(i) any interests described in Subsection (1)(b)(i) by deducting royalties or other
57	proceeds paid to the interest holders; and
58	(ii) oil or gas exempt from severance tax under Subsection (1)(b)(ii); and
59	(c) multiplying the remaining value by the applicable severance tax rate established in
50	Subsection (3).
51	[(2)] (a) [Subject to Subsection (2)(d), the] The severance tax rate for oil is as
52	follows:
63	(i) 3% of the value of the oil up to and including the first \$13 per barrel for oil; and

64	(ii) 5% of the value of the oil from \$13.01 and above per barrel for oil.
65	(b) [Subject to Subsection (2)(d), the] The severance tax rate for natural gas is as
66	follows:
67	(i) 3% of the value of the natural gas up to and including the first \$1.50 per MCF for
68	gas; and
69	(ii) 5% of the value of the natural gas from \$1.51 and above per MCF for gas.
70	(c) [Subject to Subsection (2)(d), the] The severance tax rate for natural gas liquids is
71	4% of the value of the natural gas liquids.
72	[(d) (i) On or before December 15, 2004, the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst
73	and the Governor's Office of Management and Budget shall prepare a revenue forecast
74	estimating the amount of revenues that:]
75	[(A) would be generated by the taxes imposed by this part for the calendar year
76	beginning on January 1, 2004 had 2004 General Session S.B. 191 not taken effect; and]
77	[(B) will be generated by the taxes imposed by this part for the calendar year beginning
78	on January 1, 2004.]
79	[(ii) Effective on January 1, 2005, the tax rates described in Subsections (2)(a) through
80	(c) shall be:]
81	[(A) increased as provided in Subsection (2)(d)(iii) if the amount of revenues estimated
82	under Subsection (2)(d)(i)(B) is less than the amount of revenues estimated under Subsection
83	$\frac{(2)(d)(i)(A); or}{(2)(d)(i)(A); or}$
84	[(B) decreased as provided in Subsection (2)(d)(iii) if the amount of revenues
85	estimated under Subsection (2)(d)(i)(B) is greater than the amount of revenues estimated under
86	Subsection (2)(d)(i)(A).]
87	[(iii) For purposes of Subsection (2)(d)(ii):]
88	[(A) subject to Subsection (2)(d)(iv)(B):]
89	[(I) if an increase is required under Subsection (2)(d)(ii)(A), the total increase in the tax
90	rates shall be by the amount necessary to generate for the calendar year beginning on January 1,
91	2005 revenues equal to the amount by which the revenues estimated under Subsection
92	(2)(d)(i)(A) exceed the revenues estimated under Subsection (2)(d)(i)(B); or]
93	[(II) if a decrease is required under Subsection (2)(d)(ii)(B), the total decrease in the
94	tax rates shall be by the amount necessary to reduce for the calendar year beginning on January

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95	1, 2005 revenues equal to the amount by which the revenues estimated under Subsection
96	(2)(d)(i)(B) exceed the revenues estimated under Subsection (2)(d)(i)(A); and]
97	[(B) an increase or decrease in each tax rate under Subsection (2)(d)(ii) shall be in
98	proportion to the amount of revenues generated by each tax rate under this part for the calendar
99	year beginning on January 1, 2003.
100	[(iv) (A) The commission shall calculate any tax rate increase or decrease required by
101	Subsection (2)(d)(ii) using the best information available to the commission.]
102	[(B) If the tax rates described in Subsections (2)(a) through (c) are increased or
103	decreased as provided in this Subsection (2)(d), the commission shall mail a notice to each
104	person required to file a return under this part stating the tax rate in effect on January 1, 2005
105	as a result of the increase or decrease.]
106	$[\frac{(3)}{4}]$ If oil or gas is shipped outside the state:
107	(a) the shipment constitutes a sale; and
108	(b) the oil or gas is subject to the tax imposed by this section.
109	[(4)] (a) Except as provided in Subsection $[(4)]$ (5)(b), if the oil or gas is stockpiled
110	the tax is not imposed until the oil or gas is:
111	(i) sold;
112	(ii) transported; or
113	(iii) delivered.
114	(b) Notwithstanding Subsection $[(4)]$ (5) (a), if oil or gas is stockpiled for more than
115	two years, the oil or gas is subject to the tax imposed by this section.
116	[(5) A tax is not imposed under this section upon:]
117	[(a) stripper wells, unless the exemption prevents the severance tax from being treated
118	as a deduction for federal tax purposes;]
119	[(b) the first 12 months of production for wildcat wells started after January 1, 1990;
120	or]
121	[(c) the first six months of production for development wells started after January 1,
122	1990.]
123	(6) (a) Subject to Subsections (6)(b) and (c), a working interest owner who pays for all
124	or part of the expenses of a recompletion or workover may claim a nonrefundable tax credit
125	equal to 20% of the amount paid.

126 (b) The tax credit under Subsection (6)(a) for each recompletion or workover may not 127 exceed \$30,000 per well during each calendar year.

- (c) [If any amount of tax credit a taxpayer is allowed under this Subsection (6) exceeds the taxpayer's tax liability under this part for the calendar year for which the taxpayer claims the tax credit, the amount of tax credit exceeding the taxpayer's tax liability for the calendar year may be carried forward for the next three calendar years.] A working interest owner may carry forward a tax credit allowed under this Subsection (6) for the next three calendar years if the tax credit exceeds the working interest owner's tax liability under this part for the calendar year in which the working interest owner claims the tax credit.
- (7) A 50% reduction in the tax rate is imposed upon the incremental production achieved from an enhanced recovery project.
 - (8) The taxes imposed by this section are:
- (a) in addition to all other taxes provided by law; and
 - (b) delinquent, unless otherwise deferred, on June 1 [next succeeding] following the calendar year when the oil or gas is:
- (i) produced; and
- 142 (ii) (A) saved;
- 143 (B) sold; or

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- (C) transported from the field.
 - (9) With respect to the tax imposed by this section on each owner of <u>an interest in the</u> <u>production of</u> oil or gas or in the proceeds of the production of [those substances produced] oil <u>or gas</u> in the state, each owner is liable for the tax in proportion to the owner's interest in the production or in the proceeds of the production.
 - (10) The tax imposed by this section shall be reported and paid by each producer that takes oil or gas in kind pursuant to <u>an</u> agreement on behalf of the producer and on behalf of each owner entitled to participate in the oil or gas sold by the producer or transported by the producer from the field where the oil or gas is produced.
 - (11) Each producer shall deduct the tax imposed by this section from the amounts due to other owners for the production or the proceeds of the production.
 - [(12) (a) The Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee shall review the applicability of the tax provided for in this chapter to coal-to-liquids, oil shale, and tar sands technology on

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157	or before the October 2011 interim meeting.
158	[(b) The Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee shall address in its review the cost
159	and benefit of not applying the tax provided for in this chapter to coal-to-liquids, oil shale, and
160	tar sands technology.]
161	[(c) The Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee shall report its findings and
162	recommendations under this Subsection (12) to the Legislative Management Committee on or
163	before the November 2011 interim meeting.]
164	Section 2. Section 59-5-103.1 is amended to read:
165	59-5-103.1. Valuation of oil or gas Deductions.
166	(1) (a) For purposes of the tax imposed under Section 59-5-102 and subject to
167	Subsection (2), the value of oil or gas shall be determined at the first point closest to the well at
168	which the fair market value for the oil or gas may be determined by:
169	(i) a sale pursuant to an arm's-length contract; or
170	(ii) for a sale other than a sale described in Subsection (1)(a)(i), comparison to other
171	sales of oil or gas.
172	(b) For purposes of determining the fair market value of oil or gas under this
173	Subsection (1), a person subject to a tax under Section 59-5-102 may deduct:
174	(i) <u>all</u> processing costs from the value of[:] <u>oil or gas; and</u>
175	[(A) oil; or]
176	[(B) gas; and]
177	(ii) (A) except as provided in Subsection (1)(b)(ii)(B), all transportation costs from the
178	value of[:] oil or gas; and
179	[(I) oil; and]
180	[(II) gas; and]
181	(B) notwithstanding Subsection (1)(b)(ii)(A), the deduction for transportation costs
182	may not exceed 50% of the value of the[:] oil or gas.
183	[(I) oil; or]
184	[(II) gas.]
185	(2) Subsection (1)(a)(ii) applies to a sale of oil or gas between:
186	(a) a parent company and a subsidiary company;
187	(b) companies wholly owned or partially owned by a common parent company; or

188	(c) companies otherwise affiliated.
189	Section 3. Effective date.
190	If approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, this bill takes effect
191	upon approval by the governor, or the day following the constitutional time limit of Utah
192	Constitution, Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's signature, or in the case of a veto,
193	the date of veto override.
194	Section 4. Retrospective operation.
195	This bill has retrospective operation to January 30, 2015.

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