

# Introduction

This 2016 Tax Expenditure Report and Summary is published by the Nebraska Department of Revenue (Department), pursuant to the Tax Expenditure Reporting Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ [77-379 through 77-385](#). This report provides a review of tax and fee (tax) expenditures, which is required in even numbered years to enable the Legislature to better determine those sectors of the economy that are receiving indirect subsidies as a result of tax expenditures.

A “tax expenditure” is defined as a revenue reduction that occurs in the tax base of the state or a political subdivision as a result of an exemption, deduction, exclusion, tax deferral, credit, or preferential rate introduced into the tax structure. See Neb. Rev. Stat. § [77-381\(1\)](#). The tax expenditures included in this report are those in effect on July 1, 2016. All tax programs that generate state or local revenue annually in excess of \$2 million are included in the report.

This report is submitted to the Governor, the Executive Board of the Legislative Council, and the chairpersons of the Legislature’s Revenue and Appropriations Committees. This report is also available on the Department’s website at [revenue.nebraska.gov](http://revenue.nebraska.gov).

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