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Revenue study finished; report given to the legislature

BATON ROUGE – After conducting 12 public hearings to consider Louisiana's tax expenditures, the Revenue Study Commission has completed its review and submitted a final report to the legislature in preparation for the 2013 legislative session. At each of the hearings, public comment was received through both written submissions and oral testimony, allowing for commission members to thoroughly consider and review public opinion regarding the complex tax structure in the state of Louisiana. With tax reform at the forefront of this year's legislative session, the Commission's review will provide, much needed, insight into the complexity and depth of the state's bounty of tax expenditure policies.

State Representative Joel Robideaux, R-Lafayette, Chairman of the Commission, said, "We have taken the time to gain comprehensive insight into how we tax and what exemptions exist. As legislators, it is our responsibility to study the laws, review public testimony, and determine the best course of action in regards to both. This detailed look into Louisiana's tax structure will prove extremely valuable to the legislature as we debate tax reform come April."

Videos of all Commission hearings are available on the House of Representatives' website at www.house.louisiana.gov. For more information on the Revenue Study Commission and/or to review documents and other materials utilized by the Commission go to the Commission's website at www.house.louisiana.gov/rc/.