Appendix D

Tax Credit Committee Policy Questions

When reviewing the tax credit sunset extension bills and proposed new credits, the Joint Committee on Tax Credits intends to address the follow questions:

• What is the public policy purpose of this credit? Is there an expected timeline for achieving this goal?

• Who (groups of individuals, types of organizations or businesses) directly benefits from this credit? Does this credit target a specific group? If so, is it effectively reaching this group?

• What is expected to happen if this credit fully sunsets? Could adequate results be achieved with a scaled down version of the credit? What would be the effect of reducing the credit by 50%?

• What background information on the effectiveness of this type of credit is available from other states?

• Is use of a tax credit an effective and efficient way to achieve this policy goal? What are the administrative and compliance costs associated with this credit? Would a direct appropriation achieve the goal of this credit more efficiently?

• What other incentives (including state or local subsides, federal tax expenditures or subsidies) are available that attempt to achieve a similar policy goal?

• Could this credit be modified to make it more effective and/or efficient? If so, how?