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CORPORATE FRANCHISE AND INCOME TAX AMENDMENTS	
2011 GENERAL SESSION	
STATE OF UTAH	
Chief Sponsor: J. Stuart Adams	
House Sponsor: Todd E. Kiser	
TITLE	
al Description:	
This bill amends provisions related to corporate franchise and income taxes.	
ghted Provisions:	
This bill:	
► amends the definition of "common ownership" for purposes of corporate franchise	
ome taxes;	
 repeals provisions related to certain distributions by corporations from depletion 	
s;	
 addresses the circumstances under which certain receipts, rents, royalties, or sales 	

- 17 are considered to be in this state;
- 18 • addresses intercompany transactions for purposes of apportionment of income to the
- 19 state; and

reserves;

- makes technical and conforming changes.
- 21 Money Appropriated in this Bill:
- 22 None
- 23 **Other Special Clauses:**
- 24 This bill has retrospective operation for a taxable year beginning on or after January 1,
- 25 2011.
- 26 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**
- 27 AMENDS:
- 28 59-7-101, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 198
- 29 59-7-108, as repealed and reenacted by Laws of Utah 1993, Chapter 169

	59-7-319, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapters 105 and 283
	59-7-404.5 , as enacted by Laws of Utah 1994, Chapter 83
	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
	Section 1. Section 59-7-101 is amended to read:
	59-7-101. Definitions.
	As used in this chapter:
	(1) "Adjusted income" means unadjusted income as modified by Sections 59-7-105
ć	and 59-7-106.
	(2) (a) "Affiliated group" means one or more chains of corporations that are connected
1	through stock ownership with a common parent corporation that meet the following
1	requirements:
	(i) at least 80% of the stock of each of the corporations in the group, excluding the
(common parent corporation, is owned by one or more of the other corporations in the group;
ä	and
	(ii) the common parent directly owns at least 80% of the stock of at least one of the
(corporations in the group.
	(b) "Affiliated group" does not include corporations that are qualified to do business
1	but are not otherwise doing business in this state.
	(c) For purposes of this Subsection (2), "stock" does not include nonvoting stock which
i	is limited and preferred as to dividends.
	(3) "Apportionable income" means adjusted income less nonbusiness income net of
1	related expenses, to the extent included in adjusted income.
	(4) "Apportioned income" means apportionable income multiplied by the
â	apportionment fraction as determined in Section 59-7-311.
	(5) "Business income" is as defined in Section 59-7-302.
	(6) (a) "Captive real estate investment trust" means a real estate investment trust if:
	(i) the shares or beneficial interests of the real estate investment trust are not regularly

58	traded on an established securities market; and
59	(ii) more than 50% of the voting power or value of the shares or beneficial interests of
60	the real estate investment trust are directly, indirectly, or constructively:
61	(A) owned by a controlling entity of the real estate investment trust; or
62	(B) controlled by a controlling entity of the real estate investment trust.
63	(b) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
64	commission may make rules defining "established securities market."
65	(7) (a) "Common ownership" means the direct or indirect control or ownership of more
66	than 50% of the outstanding voting stock of:
67	(i) a parent-subsidiary controlled group as defined in Section 1563, Internal Revenue
68	Code, except that 50% shall be substituted for 80%;
69	(ii) a brother-sister controlled group as defined in Section 1563, Internal Revenue
70	Code[, except that 50% shall be substituted for 80%]; or
71	(iii) three or more corporations each of which is a member of a group of corporations
72	described in Subsection (2)(a)(i) or (ii), and one of which is:
73	(A) a common parent corporation included in a group of corporations described in
74	Subsection (2)(a)(i); and
75	(B) included in a group of corporations described in Subsection (2)(a)(ii).
76	(b) Ownership of outstanding voting stock shall be determined by Section 1563,
77	Internal Revenue Code.
78	(8) (a) "Controlling entity of a captive real estate investment trust" means an entity
79	that:
80	(i) is treated as an association taxable as a corporation under the Internal Revenue
81	Code;
82	(ii) is not exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(a), Internal Revenue
83	Code; and
84	(iii) directly, indirectly, or constructively holds more than 50% of:
85	(A) the voting power of a captive real estate investment trust; or

86	(B) the value of the shares or beneficial interests of a captive real estate investment
87	trust.
88	(b) "Controlling entity of a captive real estate investment trust" does not include:
89	(i) a real estate investment trust, except for a captive real estate investment trust;
90	(ii) a qualified real estate investment subsidiary described in Section 856(i), Internal
91	Revenue Code, except for a qualified real estate investment trust subsidiary of a captive real
92	estate investment trust; or
93	(iii) a foreign real estate investment trust.
94	(c) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
95	commission may make rules defining "established securities market."
96	(9) "Corporate return" or "return" includes a combined report.
97	(10) "Corporation" includes:
98	(a) entities defined as corporations under Sections 7701(a) and 7704, Internal Revenue
99	Code; and
100	(b) other organizations that are taxed as corporations for federal income tax purposes
101	under the Internal Revenue Code.
102	(11) "Dividend" means any distribution, including money or other type of property,
103	made by a corporation to its shareholders out of its earnings or profits accumulated after
104	December 31, 1930.
105	(12) (a) "Doing business" includes any transaction in the course of its business by a
106	domestic corporation, or by a foreign corporation qualified to do or doing intrastate business in
107	this state.
108	(b) Except as provided in Subsection 59-7-102(2), "doing business" includes:
109	(i) the right to do business through incorporation or qualification;
110	(ii) the owning, renting, or leasing of real or personal property within this state; and
111	(iii) the participation in joint ventures, working and operating agreements, the
112	performance of which takes place in this state.
113	(13) "Domestic corporation" means a corporation that is incorporated or organized

114	under the laws of this state.
115	(14) (a) "Farmers' cooperative" means an association, corporation, or other
116	organization that is:
117	(i) (A) an association, corporation, or other organization of:
118	(I) farmers; or
119	(II) fruit growers; or
120	(B) an association, corporation, or other organization that is similar to an association,
121	corporation, or organization described in Subsection (14)(a)(i)(A); and
122	(ii) organized and operated on a cooperative basis to:
123	(A) (I) market the products of members of the cooperative or the products of other
124	producers; and
125	(II) return to the members of the cooperative or other producers the proceeds of sales
126	less necessary marketing expenses on the basis of the quantity of the products of a member or
127	producer or the value of the products of a member or producer; or
128	(B) (I) purchase supplies and equipment for the use of members of the cooperative or
129	other persons; and
130	(II) turn over the supplies and equipment described in Subsection (14)(a)(ii)(B)(I) at
131	actual costs plus necessary expenses to the members of the cooperative or other persons.
132	(b) (i) Subject to Subsection (14)(b)(ii), for purposes of this Subsection (14), the
133	commission by rule, made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative
134	Rulemaking Act, shall define:
135	(A) the terms:
136	(I) "member"; and
137	(II) "producer"; and
138	(B) what constitutes an association, corporation, or other organization that is similar to
139	an association, corporation, or organization described in Subsection (14)(a)(i)(A).
140	(ii) The rules made under this Subsection (14)(b) shall be consistent with the filing
141	requirements under federal law for a farmers' cooperative.

142	(15) "Foreign corporation" means a corporation that is not incorporated or organized
143	under the laws of this state.
144	(16) (a) "Foreign operating company" means a corporation if:
145	(i) the corporation is incorporated in the United States;
146	(ii) at least 80% of the corporation's business activity, as determined under Section
147	59-7-401, is conducted outside the United States; and
148	(iii) as calculated in accordance with Part 3, Allocation and Apportionment of Income -
149	Utah UDITPA Provisions, the corporation has:
150	(A) at least \$1,000,000 of payroll located outside the United States; and
151	(B) at least \$2,000,000 of property located outside the United States.
152	(b) "Foreign operating company" does not include a corporation that qualifies for the
153	Puerto Rico and possession tax credit as provided in Section 936, Internal Revenue Code.
154	(17) (a) "Foreign real estate investment trust" means:
155	(i) a business entity organized outside the laws of the United States if:
156	(A) at least 75% of the business entity's total asset value at the close of the business
157	entity's taxable year is represented by:
158	(I) real estate assets, as defined in Section 856(c)(5)(B), Internal Revenue Code;
159	(II) cash or cash equivalents; or
160	(III) one or more securities issued or guaranteed by the United States;
161	(B) the business entity is:
162	(I) not subject to income taxation:
163	(Aa) on amounts distributed to the business entity's beneficial owners; and
164	(Bb) in the jurisdiction in which the business entity is organized; or
165	(II) exempt from income taxation on an entity level in the jurisdiction in which the
166	business entity is organized;
167	(C) the business entity distributes at least 85% of the business entity's taxable income,
168	as computed in the jurisdiction in which the business entity is organized, to the holders of the
169	business entity's:

170	(I) shares or beneficial interests; and
171	(II) on an annual basis;
172	(D) (I) not more than 10% of the following is held directly, indirectly, or constructively
173	by a single person:
174	(Aa) the voting power of the business entity; or
175	(Bb) the value of the shares or beneficial interests of the business entity; or
176	(II) the shares of the business entity are regularly traded on an established securities
177	market; and
178	(E) the business entity is organized in a country that has a tax treaty with the United
179	States; or
180	(ii) a listed Australian property trust.
181	(b) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
182	commission may make rules defining:
183	(i) "cash or cash equivalents";
184	(ii) "established securities market"; or
185	(iii) "listed Australian property trust."
186	(18) "Income" includes losses.
187	(19) "Internal Revenue Code" means Title 26 of the United States Code as effective
188	during the year in which Utah taxable income is determined.
189	(20) "Nonbusiness income" is as defined in Section 59-7-302.
190	(21) "Real estate investment trust" is as defined in Section 856, Internal Revenue Code.
191	(22) "Related expenses" means:
192	(a) expenses directly attributable to nonbusiness income; and
193	(b) the portion of interest or other expense indirectly attributable to both nonbusiness
194	and business income which bears the same ratio to the aggregate amount of such interest or
195	other expense, determined without regard to this Subsection (22), as the average amount of the
196	asset producing the nonbusiness income bears to the average amount of all assets of the
197	taxpayer within the taxable year.

198 (23) "Safe harbor lease" means a lease that qualified as a safe harbor lease under199 Section 168, Internal Revenue Code.

200 (24) "S corporation" means an S corporation as defined in Section 1361, Internal
201 Revenue Code.

202 (25) "State of the United States" includes any of the 50 states or the District of203 Columbia.

204 (26) (a) "Taxable year" means the calendar year or the fiscal year ending during such
205 calendar year upon the basis of which the adjusted income is computed.

(b) In the case of a return made for a fractional part of a year under this chapter or
under rules prescribed by the commission, "taxable year" includes the period for which such
return is made.

209 (27) "Taxpayer" means any corporation subject to the tax imposed by this chapter.

(28) "Threshold level of business activity" means business activity in the United States
equal to or greater than 20% of the corporation's total business activity as determined under
Section 59-7-401.

(29) "Unadjusted income" means federal taxable income as determined on a separate
return basis before intercompany eliminations as determined by the Internal Revenue Code,
before the net operating loss deduction and special deductions for dividends received.

216 (30) (a) "Unitary group" means a group of corporations that:

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(i) are related through common ownership; and

(ii) by a preponderance of the evidence as determined by a court of competent

219 jurisdiction or the commission, are economically interdependent with one another as

220 demonstrated by the following factors:

- (A) centralized management;
- (B) functional integration; and
- 223 (C) economies of scale.
- (b) "Unitary group" includes a captive real estate investment trust.
- 225 (c) "Unitary group" does not include an S corporation.

226	(31) "United States" includes the 50 states and the District of Columbia.
227	(32) "Utah net loss" means the current year Utah taxable income before Utah net loss
228	deduction, if determined to be less than zero.
229	(33) "Utah net loss deduction" means the amount of Utah net losses from other taxable
230	years that may be carried back or carried forward to the current taxable year in accordance with
231	Section 59-7-110.
232	(34) (a) "Utah taxable income" means Utah taxable income before net loss deduction
233	less Utah net loss deduction.
234	(b) "Utah taxable income" includes income from tangible or intangible property located
235	or having situs in this state, regardless of whether carried on in intrastate, interstate, or foreign
236	commerce.
237	(35) "Utah taxable income before net loss deduction" means apportioned income plus
238	nonbusiness income allocable to Utah net of related expenses.
239	(36) (a) "Water's edge combined report" means a report combining the income and
240	activities of:
241	(i) all members of a unitary group that are:
242	(A) corporations organized or incorporated in the United States, including those
243	corporations qualifying for the Puerto Rico and Possession Tax Credit as provided in Section
244	936, Internal Revenue Code, in accordance with Subsection (36)(b); and
245	(B) corporations organized or incorporated outside of the United States meeting the
246	threshold level of business activity; and
247	(ii) an affiliated group electing to file a water's edge combined report under Subsection
248	59-7-402(2).
249	(b) There is a rebuttable presumption that a corporation which qualifies for the Puerto
250	Rico and possession tax credit provided in Section 936, Internal Revenue Code, is part of a
251	unitary group.
252	(37) "Worldwide combined report" means the combination of the income and activities
253	of all members of a unitary group irrespective of the country in which the corporations are

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254 incorporated or conduct business activity. 255 Section 2. Section 59-7-108 is amended to read: 256 **59-7-108.** Distributions by corporations. 257 (1) (a) For [the purpose] purposes of this chapter, [each] a distribution is made out of earnings or profits to the extent [thereof] of the earnings or profits, and from the most recently 258 259 accumulated earnings or profits. [Any] 260 (b) (i) Subject to Subsection (1)(b)(ii), any earnings or profits accumulated or increase in value of property accrued before January 1, 1931, may be excluded from taxable income 261 262 after the earnings and profits accumulated after December 31, 1930 have been distributed[, but 263 any such]. 264 (ii) A distribution described in Subsection (1)(b)(i) shall be applied against and reduce 265 the basis of the stock. 266 (2) [If] (a) Subject to Subjection (2)(b), if any distribution [which] that is not in partial 267 or complete liquidation is made by a corporation to its shareholders, is not out of increase in 268 value of property accrued before January 1, 1931, and is not out of earnings or profits, [then] 269 the amount of [such] the distribution shall be applied against and reduce the basis of the stock. 270 (b) If [the] a distribution described in Subsection (2)(a) is in excess of [such] the basis 271 of the stock, the excess shall be treated as a gain from the sale or exchange of property. [The provisions of this subsection also apply to distributions from depletion reserves based on 272 273 percentage depletion allowed by this chapter.] 274 Section 3. Section 59-7-319 is amended to read: 59-7-319. Circumstances under which a receipt, rent, royalty, or sale is 275 276 considered to be in this state. 277 (1) (a) Subject to Subjection (1)(b), as used in this section, "regulated investment 278 company" is as defined in Section 851(a), Internal Revenue Code, in effect for the taxable year. (b) "Regulated investment company" includes a trustee or sponsor of an employee 279 280 benefit plan that has an account in a regulated investment company. 281 (2) The following are considered to be in this state:

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282	(a) a rent in connection with:
283	(i) real property if the real property is in this state; or
284	(ii) tangible personal property if the tangible personal property is in this state;
285	(b) a royalty in connection with real property if the real property is in this state;
286	(c) a sale in connection with real property if the real property is in this state; or
287	(d) other income in connection with real property or tangible personal property if the
288	real property or tangible personal property is in this state.
289	(3) (a) Subject to Subsection (3)(b), a receipt from the performance of a service is
290	considered to be in this state if the purchaser of the service receives a greater benefit of the
291	service in this state than in any other state.
292	(b) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
293	commission may by rule prescribe the circumstances under which a purchaser of a service
294	receives a greater benefit of the service in this state than in any other state.
295	(4) (a) Subject to Subsection (4)(b), a receipt in connection with intangible property is
296	considered to be in this state if the intangible property is used in this state.
297	(b) If the intangible property described in Subsection (4)(a) is used in this state and
298	outside this state, a receipt in connection with the intangible property shall be apportioned to
299	this state in accordance with Subsection (4)(c).
300	(c) For purposes of Subsection (4)(b), for a taxable year the percentage of a receipt in
301	connection with intangible property that is considered to be in this state is the percentage of the
302	use of the intangible property that occurs in this state during the taxable year.
303	(5) (a) Notwithstanding Subsections (2) through (4), a sale, other than a sale of tangible
304	personal property, derived, directly or indirectly, from the sale of management, distribution, or
305	administration services to, or on behalf of a regulated investment company, is considered to be
306	in this state:
307	(i) to the extent that shareholders of the regulated investment company are domiciled in
308	the state; and
200	(ii) as provided in this Cubasetian (5)

309 (ii) as provided in this Subsection (5).

- (b) For purposes of Subsection (5)(a), the amount of a sale, other than a sale of tangible
 personal property, that is considered to be in this state is calculated by determining the product
 of:
 (i) the taxpayer's total dollar amount of sales of the services; and
 (ii) a fraction, the numerator of which is the average of the sum of the beginning of the
- 315 year and the end of year balance of shares owned by the investment company shareholders 316 domiciled in this state and the denominator of which is the average of the sum of the beginning 317 of the year and end of year balance of shares owned by the investment company shareholders.
- 318 (c) A separate computation shall be made to determine the sales for each investment319 company.
- (6) (a) Notwithstanding Subsections (2) through (4) and subject to Subsection (6)(b),
 the following sales are considered to be in this state to the extent that customers of a securities
 brokerage business are domiciled in the state:
- (i) a sale, other than a sale of tangible personal property, derived, directly or indirectly,
 from the sale of a securities brokerage service by a taxpayer if that taxpayer is primarily
 engaged in providing a service in this state to a regulated investment company; or
- (ii) a sale, other than a sale of tangible personal property, derived, directly or indirectly,
 from the sale of a securities brokerage service by a taxpayer that is an affiliate of a taxpayer
 that provides a service in this state to a regulated investment company.
- (b) For purposes of Subsection (6)(a), the amount of a sale, other than a sale of tangible
 personal property, that is considered to be in this state is calculated by determining the product
 of:
- (i) the taxpayer's total dollar amount of sales of securities brokerage services; and
- (ii) a fraction, the numerator of which is the receipts from securities brokerage
 services from customers of the taxpayer domiciled in this state, and the denominator of which
 is the receipts from securities brokerage services from all customers of the taxpayer.
- (7) Whether sales by an airline, other than sales of tangible personal property, are inthis state is determined as provided in this section, subject to the calculation required by

338	Subsection 59-7-317(2).
339	Section 4. Section 59-7-404.5 is amended to read:
340	59-7-404.5. Adjustment to apportionment factors for corporations in a combined
341	report Sales factor Property factor.
342	For purposes of [the] apportionment [sections] under Part 3 [of this chapter], Allocation
343	and Apportionment of Income - Utah UDITPA Provisions:
344	(1) [Corporations] corporations filing a combined report under Section 59-7-402 or
345	59-7-403 may not include intercompany sales or other intercompany transactions between the
346	corporations included in the combined report [when] in determining the sales factor[-]; and
347	[(2) Intercompany rents between members of a combined report may not be considered
348	in the computation of the property factor.]
349	(2) corporations filing a combined report under Section 59-7-402 or 59-7-403 may not
350	include intercompany rents or other intercompany transactions between the corporations
351	included in the combined report in determining the property factor.
352	Section 5. Retrospective operation.
353	This bill has retrospective operation for a taxable year beginning on or after January 1,
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