

This Week in State Tax (TWIST)



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California: Governor Vetoes Income Tax Credit to Offset Local Sales Tax on Manufacturing Equipment

Governor Gavin Newsom vetoed Assembly Bill 52 that would have provided a state income tax credit to offset that portion of the sales and use tax imposed on the purchase of manufacturing machinery and equipment, as well as certain research and development purchases, that is not currently exempted. Recall, under current law, purchases of qualified manufacturing and research equipment are exempted from the 3.975 percent state sales and use tax, but remain subject to city, county, and district sales and use taxes. AB 52 would have provided a state income tax credit for the local tax imposed on such qualified purchases to become effective in 2025, provided that the state budget specifically provided funding to administer the credit. In his September 20 veto message, the Governor indicated he agreed with the intent of the bill, but said the impact on the state general fund was significant and should be considered as a regular part of the budget process. See our earlier TWIST on Assembly Bill 52 here. Assembly Bill 2854, which would require public disclosure of certain local sales tax sharing agreements, is still before the Governor. He must act on it by September 30. For further information, please contact Jim Kuhl.



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