## Overview of the 2025 Federal Reconciliation Bill

Focus on Tax Provisions Affecting State Taxes

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# Our Organizations & Backgrounds

- Multistate Tax Commission The MTC is an intergovernmental state tax agency whose mission is to promote uniform and consistent tax policy and administration among the states, assist taxpayers in achieving compliance with existing tax laws, and advocate for state and local sovereignty in the development of tax policy. New Mexico has been an MTC member since 1967,
- New Mexico Tax Research Institute The NMTRI is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, member-supported organization dedicated to providing fact based principled research and analysis to the tax policy debate in New Mexico.

# Our Organizations & Backgrounds

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### **Some History**

- Over time, states have conformed their income taxes to the federal income tax.
- Reasons:
  - It simplifies reporting by taxpayers.
  - States can rely on enforcement and administrative efforts of the IRS including:
    - Issuing regulations and other guidance,
    - Information reporting and sharing,
    - Refund offsets between the tax programs, and
    - Audit adjustments that may affect state taxes.
- But most states also make modifications or adjustments to the federal base.

#### TABLE 1

#### State Individual Income Tax Starting Points



How states link to the federal tax code with definitions of income

Federal taxable income						
Colorado	Idaho	North Dakota	Oregon	South Carolina		
Federal adjusted gross income						
Arizona	California	Connecticut	Delaware	District of Columbia		
Georgia	Hawaii	Illinois	Indiana	lowa		
Kansas	Kentucky	Louisiana	Maine	Maryland		
Massachusetts	Michigan	Minnesota	Missouri	Montana		
Nebraska	New Mexico	New York	North Carolina	Ohio		
Oklahoma	Rhode Island	Utah	Vermont	Virginia		
West Virginia	Wisconsin					
State definition of income						
Alabama	Arkansas	Mississippi	New Jersey	Pennsylvania		

Source: Federation of Tax Administrators. State Individual Income Tax Federal Starting Points. January 2023.

**Notes:** Oregon uses federal taxable income but sets its own standard deduction amounts. Some states (e.g., New Mexico) use federal adjusted gross income but conform with the federal standard deduction amounts. Alaska, Florida, Nevada, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Washington, and Wyoming do not tax individual income. New Hampshire only taxes interest and dividends.

#### TABLE 2

#### How States Link to the Federal Tax Code



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		Static		
Arizona	California	Georgia	Hawaii	Idaho
Indiana	lowa	Kentucky	Maine	Minnesota
North Carolina	Ohio	Oregon	South Carolina	Vermont
Virginia	West Virginia	Wisconsin		
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Colorado	Connecticut	Delaware	District of Columbia	Illinois
Kansas	Louisiana	Maryland	Michigan	Missouri
Montana	Nebraska	New Mexico	New York	North Dakota
Oklahoma	Rhode Island	Utah		

Source: Federation of Tax Administrators. State Individual Income Tax Federal Starting Points. January 2023.

Notes: States that use their own definition of income and states that do not tax individual income are not included.

# How is the income tax calculated?

- Taxpayer's total revenue or receipts
  - Tax exempt or excluded revenue or receipts
  - = Gross income (or revenue)
- Gross income (or revenue)
  - Certain ("above the line") deductions
  - = Adjusted gross income (See IRC §62)
- Adjusted gross income
  - Other deductions from AGI
  - = Net taxable income (See IRC §63)
- Net taxable income X Tax rate = Net tax (before credits)
  - Credits
  - = Tax liability

### Federal Tax Increases or Decreases May Be:

Gross revenue inclusions or exemptions

Increases or decreases in deductions from taxable gross revenue to get to AGI

Increases or decreases in deductions from AGI to get to net taxable income

Changes in tax rates

New or repealed tax credits



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# New Mexico's Federal Conformity Mechanics

Personal Income Tax

#### Key terms are defined:

- "Base income" =
   federal "adjusted gross income" (but not for estates
   and trusts) with adjustments
- "Net income" ="base income" with adjustments
- "Taxable income" ="net income" with adjustments

Other state terms may also use federal definitions.

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#### **New Mexico Return**

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your due date is April 30, 2025. All others must file by April 15, 2025. See PIT-1 instructions for details.

For the purpose of the Income Tax Act and unless the context requires otherwise:

A. "adjusted gross income" means adjusted gross income as defined in Section 62 of the Internal Revenue Code [which lists deductions taken from gross income to get to AGI], as that section may be amended or renumbered;

#### B. "base income":

(1) means, for estates and trusts, that part of the estate's or trust's income defined as taxable income and upon which the federal income tax is calculated in the Internal Revenue Code for income tax purposes plus:

. . .

- B. "base income" (cont'd):
  - (2) means, for taxpayers other than estates or trusts, that part of the taxpayer's income defined as adjusted gross income plus:
    - (a) for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1991, the amount of the net operating loss deduction allowed by Section 172(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, as that section may be amended or renumbered, and taken by the taxpayer for that year; and
    - (b) for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2023, an amount equal to the amount of credit claimed and allowed for that year pursuant to Section 7-3A-10 NMSA 1978 with respect to the distributed net income of a pass-through entity;

#### B. "base income" (cont'd):

(3) includes, for all taxpayers, any other income of the taxpayer not included in adjusted gross income but upon which a federal tax is calculated pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code for income tax purposes, except amounts for which a calculation of tax is made pursuant to Section 55 of the Internal Revenue Code [federal alternative minimum tax], as that section may be amended or renumbered; "base income" also includes interest received on a state or local bond;

- B. "base income" (cont'd):
- (4) includes, for all taxpayers, an amount deducted pursuant to Section 7-2-32 NMSA 1978 in a prior taxable year if:
  - (a) such amount is transferred to another qualified tuition program, as defined in Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code, not authorized in the Education Trust Act; or
    - (b) a distribution or refund is made for any reason other than:
      - 1) to pay for federally allowable qualified higher education expenses, set out in Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code, including other expenses allowed pursuant to that section as qualified expenses; or
        - 2) upon the beneficiary's death, disability or receipt of a scholarship; and

## 2024 PIT-ADJ NEW MEXICO SCHEDULE OF ADDITIONS, DEDUCTIONS, AND EXEMPTIONS



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Taxpayers who are required to make certain additions or who are eligible to take certain deductions or exemptions from federal adjusted gross income to compute New Mexico taxable income must complete this schedule. Please refer to the instructions when completing this schedule.

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#### B. "base income" (cont'd):

(5) excludes, for a taxpayer who conducts a lawful business pursuant to the laws of the state, an amount equal to any expenditure that is eligible to be claimed as a federal income tax deduction but is disallowed by Section 280E of the Internal Revenue Code [expenditures in connection with the illegal sale of drugs], as that section may be amended or renumbered;

- N. "net income" means, . . . for taxpayers other than estates or trusts, base income adjusted to exclude:
  - (1) an amount equal to the standard deduction allowed the taxpayer for the taxpayer's taxable year by Section 63 of the Internal Revenue Code, as that section may be amended or renumbered;
  - (2) an amount equal to the itemized deductions defined in Section 63 of the Internal Revenue Code, as that section may be amended or renumbered, allowed the taxpayer for the taxpayer's taxable year less the amount excluded pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this subsection and less the amount of state and local income and sales taxes included in the taxpayer's itemized deductions;

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  - (1) an amount equal to the standard deduction allowed the taxpayer for the taxpayer's taxable year by Section 63 of the Internal Revenue Code, as that section may be amended or renumbered;
  - (2) an amount equal to the itemized deductions defined in Section 63 of the Internal Revenue Code, as that section may be amended or renumbered, allowed the taxpayer for the taxpayer's taxable year less the amount excluded pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this subsection and less the amount of state and local income and sales taxes included in the taxpayer's itemized deductions;

#### IRC §63 -

#### (d) Itemized deductions

For purposes of this subtitle, the term "itemized deductions" means the deductions allowable under this chapter other than—

- (1) the deductions allowable in arriving at adjusted gross income, and
- (2) any deduction referred to in any paragraph of subsection (b).

#### (b) Individuals who do not itemize their deductions

In the case of an individual who does not elect to itemize his deductions for the taxable year, for purposes of this subtitle, the term "taxable income" means adjusted gross income, minus—

- (1) the standard deduction,
- (2) the deduction for personal exemptions provided in section 151,
- (3) any deduction provided in section 199A [the so-called qualified business income deduction for pass-throughs], and
- (4) the deduction provided in section 170(p) [affecting separate deductibility of charitable contributions].

#### N. "net income" (cont'd). . . base income adjusted to exclude:

- (3) an amount equal to the product of the exemption amount allowed for the taxpayer's taxable year by Section 151 of the Internal Revenue Code [the personal exemption], as that section may be amended or renumbered, multiplied by the number of personal exemptions allowed for federal income tax purposes;
- (4) income from obligations of the United States of America less expenses incurred to earn that income;
- (5) other amounts that the state is prohibited from taxing because of the laws or constitution of this state or the United States;
- (6) for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2013, an amount equal to the sum of any net operating loss carryover deductions to that year claimed and allowed; provided that the amount of any net operating loss carryover may be excluded only as follows: ...

X. "taxable income" means net income less any lump-sum amount;

K. "lump-sum amount" means, for the purpose of determining liability for federal income tax, an amount that was not included in adjusted gross income but upon which the five-year-averaging or the ten-year-averaging method of tax computation provided in Section 402 of the Internal Revenue Code, as that section may be amended or renumbered, was applied;

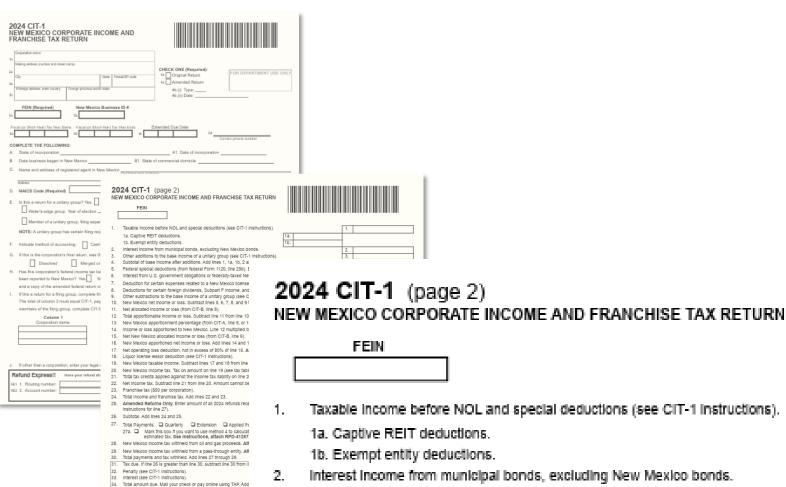
# New Mexico's Federal Conformity Mechanics

Corporate Income Tax

#### Key terms are defined:

- Define "base income" =
   "federal taxable income" with adjustments
- "Base income" ="net income" (combined for a group)
- "Apportioned net income (loss)" =
   "net income" (allocated and apportioned)
- "Taxable income (loss)" ="apportioned net income (loss)"

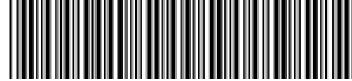
Other terms may also use federal definitions.



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- Taxable Income before NOL and special deductions (see CIT-1 instructions).
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  - Exempt entity deductions.
- Interest Income from municipal bonds, excluding New Mexico bonds.
- Other additions to the base income of a unitary group (see CIT-1 instructions).
- Subtotal of base Income after additions. Add lines 1, 1a, 1b, 2 and 3.
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- Interest from U.S. government obligations or federally-taxed New Mexico bond.
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- Deductions for certain foreign dividends, Subpart F Income, and GILTI (from CIT-C III
- Other subtractions to the base income of a unitary group (see CIT-1 instructions).
- New Mexico net income or loss. Subtract lines 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 from line 4.

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C. "base income" means the federal taxable income or the federal net operating loss of a corporation for the taxable year calculated pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code, after special deductions provided in Sections 241 through 249 of the Internal Revenue Code [so-called special deductions including dividends received] but without any deduction for net operating losses, as if the corporation filed a federal tax return as a separate domestic entity, modified as follows:

- C. "base income" (cont'd)
  - (1) adding to that income:
    - (a) interest received on a state or local bond exempt under the Internal Revenue Code;
  - (b) the amount of any deduction claimed in calculating taxable income for all expenses and costs directly or indirectly paid, accrued or incurred to a captive real estate investment trust;
  - (c) the amount of any deduction, other than for premiums, for amounts paid directly or indirectly to a commonly controlled entity that is exempt from corporate income tax pursuant to Section 7-2A-4 NMSA 1978; and
  - (d) for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2023, an amount equal to the amount of credit claimed and allowed for that year pursuant to Section 7-3A-10 NMSA 1978 with respect to the distributed net income of a pass-through entity;

- C. "base income" (cont'd)
  - (2) subtracting from that income:
  - (a) income from obligations of the United States net of expenses incurred to earn that income;
  - (b) other amounts that the state is prohibited from taxing because of the laws or constitution of this state or the United States net of any related expenses; and
  - (c) an amount equal to one hundred percent of the income of the corporation under Section 951A of the Internal Revenue Code, less the amount deducted pursuant to Section 250 of the Internal Revenue Code [see discussion of international provisions below];

#### C. "base income" (cont'd)

- (3) making other adjustments deemed necessary to properly reflect income of the unitary group, including attribution of income or expense related to unitary assets held by related corporations that are not part of the filing group; and
- (4) for a taxpayer that conducts a lawful business pursuant to the laws of this state, excludes an amount equal to any expenditure that is eligible to be claimed as a federal income tax deduction but is disallowed pursuant to Section 280E of the Internal Revenue Code, as that section may be amended or renumbered;

- M. "net income" means:
- (1) the base income of a corporation properly filing a tax return as a separate entity; or
- (2) the combined base income and losses of corporations that are part of a filing group that is computed after eliminating intercompany income and expense in a manner consistent with the consolidated filing requirements of the Internal Revenue Code and the Corporate Income and Franchise Tax Act;

B. "apportioned net income" or "apportioned net loss" means net income allocated and apportioned to New Mexico pursuant to the provisions of the Corporate Income and Franchise Tax Act or the Uniform Division of Income for Tax Purposes Act, but excluding from the sales factor any sales that represent intercompany transactions between members of the filing group;

X. "taxable income" means a taxpayer's apportioned net income minus the net operating loss deduction for the taxable year;

### What Does Conformity Mean?



When the Internal Revenue Code changes, the changes will affect state taxes. And some changes may take effect immediately (see below).



Interpretation of IRC provisions by the IRS or courts will also affect state taxes.



The IRC contains around 3 million words and the IRS regulations contain about 3 times more than that.



And it's all connected – so that provisions within the IRC reference other provisions.

## What tax provisions are in the OBBBA? (P.L. 119-21)

Bloomberg lists the changes by category – approx. 120 separate items—repealed, extended, added.

Credit provisions – 31 (which do not affect the NM tax system)

A number of provisions apply to compensation & benefits, estate & trust, or exempt organizations.

## Important Individual Provisions

# Changes to IRC §63(c)(7)

The standard deduction increase is made permanent — \$15,750 for individuals, \$23,625 for head of household, and \$31,500 for married filing jointly.

# New IRC §63(f)

Creates a deduction for seniors (age 65 before the end of the taxable year) equal to \$6,000 reduced (not below zero) by 6% of AGI exceeding \$75,000 (\$150,000 joint).

# Changes to IRC §68

Replaces the "Pease" limitation with a new restriction on itemized deductions for taxpayers in the highest (37%) tax bracket starting in 2026.

# Important Individual Provisions

This change limits the tax reduction benefit of most itemized deductions to 35% (rather than 37%) for individuals in the top bracket.

The limitation explicitly excludes the Qualified Business Income (QBI) deduction under IRC 199A.

Also the state and local tax (SALT) deduction is subject to a separate limit.

So this change will primarily affect high-income taxpayers with significant charitable contribution deductions.

# Extends and Amends IRC §170(p)

Important Individual Provisions Makes permanent the nonitemizer partial charitable contribution deduction and increases it to a maximum of \$1,000 (\$2,000 for joint returns). This deduction begins in 2026.

# Change to IRC §164(b)

This is the cap on the deduction for state and local taxes (SALT cap).

# Important Individual Provisions

It increases the cap to \$40,000 for 2025, adjusted upward for inflation, and then reverting to \$10,000 for 2030 and beyond.

This higher limit is phased out at modified AGI amounts over \$500,000 for 2025 and adjusted upward for inflation—back down to the \$10,000 limit.

When the federal government adopted an income tax, it provided a deduction for state and local taxes (including income and property tax) which it continued until 2017.

# Note on the SALT Cap:

The SALT cap proponents in Congress said they did not like the fact that the federal government was effectively "subsidizing" state taxes by giving a federal deduction for those taxes.

But the SALT cap does not apply to pass-through businesses or corporations.

After Congress passed the SALT Cap, most states adopted an elective entity-level tax on pass-through entities (PTEs) so their residents could deduct state business taxes when computing their federal tax.

# Note on the SALT Cap:

Since the deduction for state tax is not capped for those entities, the partners/shareholders can effectively get the benefit of the deduction.

States then allow a partners/shareholders a credit for their share of entity tax to be taken against their own tax.

#### Makes Permanent and Increases IRC §127(c)(1)(B)

Employer Payments of Student Loans – Creates permanent \$5,250 exclusion for employer-provided student loan payments, indexed annually for inflation for taxable years beginning after 2026.

#### Makes Permanent and Amends IRC §163(h)(3)(F)

## Important Individual Provisions

- Mortgage Interest Deduction Permanently restores the Home Mortgage Interest Deduction (HMID), which was scheduled to expire at the end of 2025. Retained the \$750,000 principal limitation.
- Allows the deduction of mortgage insurance premiums and acquisition indebtedness.
- Maintains the non-deductibility of interest on home equity loans.
   Interest on home equity loans on a primary residence continues to be nondeductible under the OBBBA.

## Important Individual Provisions

#### New §163(h)(4) and §62(a)(22)

- Allows deduction of interest on loans to purchase an applicable passenger vehicle (excludes campers and RVs), with final assembly in the U.S.
- Limits the amount of interest taken into account to \$10,000, phased out by \$200 for every \$1,000 of the taxpayer's modified AGI in excess of \$100,000 for single filers or \$200,000 for joint filers.
- This provision applies to loans taken beginning in 2025.

#### IRC §224 and §63(b)(5)

Important Individual Provisions Creates deduction of up to \$25,000 for qualified tips for individuals in traditionally and customarily tipped industries. Excludes highly compensated employees by phasing out deduction for joint filers with AGI over \$300,000 (\$150,000 for others). The deduction is available to both itemizers and non-itemizers. This deduction takes affect for 2025.

#### New IRC §225 and §63(b)(6)

Creates a deduction for qualified overtime compensation (not including qualified tips) beginning in 2025 through 2028. Limits the deduction to \$12,500 of qualified overtime income (\$25,000 for joint returns). The deduction available to itemizers and non-itemizers.

Note on deduction for tips and overtime:

Because these deductions are listed in IRC §63(b), they will presumably not meet the definition of itemized deductions and will therefore not be taken into account in computing "net income" for New Mexico under NMSA 7-2-2(N).

# Some Other Individual Tax Provisions

#### Repealed or Phased Out:

Residential Clean Energy Credit

Previously-Owned Clean Vehicle Credit

Clean Vehicle Credit

New Energy Efficient Home Credit

Bicycle Commuting Reimbursement

#### Extends and Amends IRC §179(b)

Taxpayers can expense up to \$2.5 million in amounts paid for qualifying assets beginning in 2025. This expensing will be phased out for expenditures above \$4 million.

#### **Addition to IRC §142**

Spaceports are now included under the rules for exempt facility bonds. The provisions define a spaceport and add rules for the treatment of ground leases for spaceport property on land leased by a governmental unit and creates an exception from the limitation for federally guaranteed bonds. This applies effective July 4, 2025.

#### Changes to IRC §163(j)

A number of changes may affect the calculation of the limit on business interest deductions—some taking affect in 2025 which will raise the base, and the limit, and others taking effect in the following years which may have the effect of lowering the limit. The changes also effect capitalized interest.

#### Adding IRC §168(n) and §1245(a)(3)(G)

This provision allows 100% bonus depreciation for qualified production property which includes nonresidential real property used in manufacturing, agricultural or chemical production, or refining of a "qualified product." This deduction can be claimed for property purchased on or after July 4, 2025.

#### Extension of IRC §168(k) and §460(c)(6)(B)

This creates a permanent 100% depreciation (immediate expensing) deduction for certain property and allows taxpayers to elect 40% or 60% bonus depreciation for qualified property placed into service starting in 2025. Qualified property includes most new and used tangible personal property with a recovery period of 20 years or less, such as vehicles, furniture, machinery, computers, and equipment, and also includes certain real property, computer software, and film and television productions.

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#### Extends and Amends IRC §174(e) and §174A

Makes permanent the immediate expensing of domestic research and experimental expenditures, with an election to amortize certain expenditures. Any amount paid or incurred in connection with the development of any software is treated as an R&D expenditure. Does not apply to certain expenditures for the acquisition or improvement of land or property, or exploration expenditures. This takes affect in 2025.

### **Note on Immediate Expensing**

Accounting rules use depreciation and amortization to reflect that the money invested in assets is simply converted to useable property which is, then, used up over time.

This is the "matching" principle—which matches the income produced with the assets with the value used up by the production process.

Using depreciation means net income over time is more stable.

Expensing (deducting) the investment in assets in the year spent makes income more volatile—lower, or even losses, in the years when investments are made, and then rising in later years when NOLs are used up.



### **Background:**

- The federal tax system has long been based on international tax rules embodied in tax treaties (which the states are not bound by).
- These international rules, developed long before the economy was global, are based on two traditional assumptions:
  - The country where an entity is formed has the primary right to tax its income.
  - Other countries may tax the entity's income only to the extent it is connected with its place of business in that country.



- Even if the entity is a member of a group conducting a single business, the entity's income may not be taxed if it has no presence of its own.
- And because members of a group may engage in transactions with each other, this creates the possibility of artificial "income shifting" to avoid tax and has led to the adoption of extremely complex transfer-pricing rules.
- The rise in value of intangible assets which are easily moved off-shore has made this problem much worse.



- In addition to transfer-pricing rules, international income sourcing rules are complex and look to the nature the transactions to source each items of income to the country where that item is deemed primarily connected.
- Some general income and expense may then be sourced based on the items of income that are sourced directly to a country—using allocation rules.



- Congress has long had special sourcing rules for certain investment income which is easy to shift overseas and which may generate certain excess profits in those foreign jurisdictions.
- This income is generally referred to as "Subpart F" income (referencing the IRC), and is included in domestic income.
- In 2024, NM enacted a provision to include this income in its base, as well.

- States have long viewed the international system as unworkable (and so, use formulary apportionment), but have agreed to follow the federal determination of domestic income subject to tax.
- In the last decade, the OECD and other international groups have tried to solve the problem of income-shifting.
- One element of that solution is the so-called required "minimum tax."



- In 2017, under the TCJA, Congress adopted provisions to over-ride the traditional sourcing rules and to make certain excess un-taxed profits domestic income.
- The system was called Global Intangible Low-Taxed Income, or GILTI.
- Those provisions have been amended by the OBBBA—retaining and tweaking the approach which the administration asserts meets the minimum tax requirement.



### Changes in Global Intangible Low Taxed Income (GILTI)

#### New NCTI and FDDEI under IRC §§ 951A and 250

- Foreign entities that are part of the calculation of the base have been modified to address ownership structures that might otherwise avoid the tax.
- Calculation of the base is not limited to excess over certain foreign plant and equipment.
- Deduction provided to reduce the base amount was reduced from 50% to 40%.
- The credit for foreign taxes paid, associated with this income, was raised from 80% to 90%.

### Other International Provisions

#### Base Erosion & Anti-Abuse Tax (BEAT) §59A(b) §59A(e)(1)(C)

- This tax also addresses international income shifting.
- It targets domestic MNEs and groups making excessive deductible payments to foreign affiliates.
- These payments can include interest, royalties, and certain service payments.
   BEAT imposes a minimum tax on a modified taxable income that includes these "base erosion payments" back into the tax base.
- The OBBBA retains the tax on Makes 10.5% the new permanent BEAT core rate beginning in 2026 (and retains the current 1% increase for banks and certain financial entities).

# What was **NOT** in the bill.

 Provisions restricting the use of passthrough entity taxes as a workaround to the SALT cap were introduced in the House but removed in the Senate.

 The House bill would have expanded the existing federal preemption of state income taxes on out-of-state businesses that sell tangible personal property into the state. (So-called P.L. 86-272 limitations passed in 1959.)

# What was **NOT** in the bill.

 Changes that have been proposed to fix some of the problems with taxation of partnership income which has been the focus of some in Congress and academia.

# Other Issues to Watch

- Private partnerships and their complexity and income continue to grow.
- Digital assets including crypto-currency are having effects on the economy and international regulation.
- The ability of the IRS to deal with all this is affected by:
  - Increased litigation challenging tax regulations.
  - Backlogs in federal courts.
  - Significant shrinking in IRS workforce (25%).

# Other Issues to Watch

- From the Budget Lab at Yale a nonpartisan policy research center dedicated to providing in-depth analysis of federal policy proposals:
  - Additional revenue for the IRS generally generates more revenue than it costs through improved enforcement, particularly focusing on high-income individuals and corporations. The additional funding increases revenue by increasing the efficiency of the service and helping to close the "tax gap" - the difference between taxes legally owed and taxes collected, which currently totals around \$700 billion per year.

# Other Issues to Watch

- More from the Budget Lab at Yale:
  - The Budget Lab estimates that the expansion of funding (\$80 billion) for the IRS in the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) would have led to a net revenue increase of \$637 billion over the full 10-year budget window.
  - If the IRS shrinks by 50% (a workforce decrease of about 50,000 people), we estimate that this significant reduction in IRS staffing and resulting IRS capacity to collect revenues would result in \$395 billion (\$350 billion net) forgone revenue over the 10-year budget window.
  - If the lack of IRS resources leads to a substantial increase in noncompliance, net forgone revenue could rise by \$2.4 trillion over 10-years.

# Thank you.

Any questions are welcomed.