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# TAX EXPENDITURE REPORT

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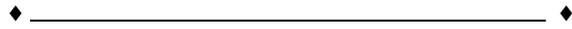
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# GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

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## To the Citizens of Oregon –

I am pleased to submit the 2017-19 version of the biennial Tax Expenditure Report. This document is an important tool in understanding how government supports the achievement of education, social, economic and environmental policies through the use of Oregon's tax structure.

This report, which is a valuable companion to my biennial Governor's Budget, contains extensive information that can help policymakers understand the broad scope of spending by Oregon's public sector. We should ensure the tax expenditures outlined in this report make as much sense for Oregon today as they did when first enacted, particularly in these fiscally tight times.

Because tax expenditures amount to significant spending through our tax system, we must ensure they receive a thorough examination during the 2017 Oregon Legislative session. In so doing, we can make certain they help us reach our policy goals. Moreover, Oregon's citizens and taxpayers deserve full disclosure of how well the system is working. This report provides a factual contribution to a healthy debate regarding our public finance system.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kate Brown', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Governor Kate Brown  
State of Oregon



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# INTRODUCTION

Oregon's 1995 Budget Accountability Act (the Act) requires the governor, with the assistance of the Department of Revenue and the Department of Administrative Services, to produce a tax expenditure report every biennium, along with the Governor's Budget. The report was first prepared in 1996 for the 1997–99 biennium. This report covers tax expenditures for the 2017–19 biennium.

## Tax Expenditure Defined

The Act defines a tax expenditure as:

any law of the Federal Government or of this state that exempts, in whole or in part, certain persons, income, goods, services, or property from the impact of established taxes, including, but not limited to tax deductions, tax exclusions, tax subtractions, tax exemptions, tax deferrals, preferential tax rates, and tax credits.

The term “tax expenditure” derives from the parallel between these tax provisions and direct government expenditures. For example, a program to encourage businesses to purchase pollution abatement equipment could be structured with an incentive in the form of a tax credit or a direct payment by the state to businesses. Tax expenditures can be viewed as: (1) providing financial assistance to certain groups of taxpayers, (2) providing economic incentives that encourage specific taxpayer behavior, or (3) simplifying or reducing the costs of tax administration. While the third of these policy objectives eliminates inefficiencies within the tax code, the first two could be implemented with direct expenditures rather than tax expenditures.

This report describes 367 tax expenditures in 16 Oregon tax programs. Because tax expenditures impart special treatment to groups of taxpayers, it is necessary to begin with a clear definition of the “established” tax base from which that special treatment departs. Because there may be different opinions about the normal base for each tax, a description of the tax base for each of the 16 tax programs begins each chapter.

In some tax programs, an alternative tax or fee is imposed for recipients of a tax expenditure. In the interest of being comprehensive, this report includes all provisions involving tax relief from a specific tax, even if those taxpayers are subject to an alternative tax. The alternative taxes or fees paid are reported as *In Lieu* payments in the descriptive information for each tax expenditure.

## Purpose of the Tax Expenditure Report

The Act declares the necessity of:

a review of the fairness and efficiency of all tax deductions, tax exclusions, tax subtractions, tax exemptions, tax deferrals, preferential tax rates, and tax credits. These types of tax expenditures are similar to direct government expenditures because they provide special benefits to favored individuals or businesses, and thus result in higher tax rates for all individuals. . . It is in the best interest of this state to have prepared a biennial report of tax expenditures that will allow the public and policy makers to identify and analyze tax expenditures and to periodically make criteria-based decisions on whether the expenditures should be continued. The tax expenditure report will allow tax expenditures to be debated in conjunction with on-line budgets and will result in the elimination of inefficient and inappropriate tax expenditures, resulting in greater accountability by state government and a lowering of the tax burden on all taxpayers.

The Act specifies that the report include the following information: a list of the tax expenditures; the statutory authority for each; the purpose for which each was enacted; estimates of the revenue loss for the coming biennium; the revenue loss for the preceding biennium; and a determination of whether each tax expenditure has achieved its purpose, including an analysis of the persons that benefit from the tax expenditure. The report used to evaluate whether each tax expenditure is the most fiscally effective means of achieving its purpose, but that requirement was removed from the criteria of the report in 2016 (SB 1596). Each tax expenditure is to be categorized according to the programs or functions it supports. Finally, for those expenditures that will sunset next biennium, the report is to include the governor's opinion on whether the sunset should be allowed to take effect as scheduled or be revised to a different date.

## **How to Use This Report**

### ***Organization***

This report has been designed to allow a quick overview of Oregon's current tax expenditures as well as a perusal of more extensive details. There are five main sections: the summary, the governor's recommendations on tax expenditures scheduled to sunset in the 2017–19 biennium, an index of all tax expenditures by tax program (Table 1), an index of all tax expenditures by program/function (Table 2), and detailed descriptions of each tax expenditure (Chapters 1–16).

The indexes in Tables 1 and 2 are good starting points to identify those expenditures for which more information is desired. Table 1 provides a list of all tax expenditures sorted by tax. The numbering system can be used as an index to locate the full description of each tax expenditure in Chapters 1–16. Similarly, Table 2 lists all the tax expenditures, but groups them by program/function rather than tax. This categorization has been done so that all tax expenditures related to a particular program area can be viewed together.

The main body of this report, Chapters 1–16, is organized by tax program. Each chapter begins with a description of that chapter's tax and contains detailed descriptions of the tax expenditures associated with that tax program.

Appendices A through C include the full text of the Budget Accountability Act, a list of contributors, including the agencies that evaluated the tax expenditures, and a list of Oregon tax programs that do not contain tax expenditures. Appendix D lists the tax expenditures that are new, modified, or that have been removed since this report was last published in 2014. Appendix E lists the personal income tax expenditures and corporation income tax expenditures separately along with their corresponding revenue impacts.

### ***Program/Function Categories***

Each tax expenditure has been assigned to one of 10 program/function categories. Wherever possible, an expenditure was categorized as one of the budget program areas used in the Governor's Budget: Education, Human Services, Economic and Community Development, Natural Resources, Transportation, and Consumer and Business Services. Those that did not fit one of these program areas were assigned to one of four function categories: Tax Administration, Government, Social Policy, and Federal Law. Because some tax expenditures can fit neatly into more than one category, those who wish to sum the revenue impacts by program or function should be careful that they agree with these assignments or change them accordingly. The tax expenditures are listed by program/function in Table 2.

### ***Evaluations***

Personnel in 29 state agencies contributed to this report, including evaluating whether these tax expenditures achieve their purpose (see Appendix B). Agencies were asked to evaluate tax expenditures if the expenditure related to their program responsibility or if they had appropriate knowledge of the subject matter.

There are several categories of tax expenditures for which an evaluation was not performed including: Oregon's connection to federal law, federal law prohibits state taxation, no one qualifies for the tax

expenditure, there is no specific agency with program responsibility for the tax expenditure, the revenue impact estimate is less than \$100,000, the tax expenditure has already sunset, or the tax expenditure exists for tax administration purposes only.

### ***Revenue Impacts***

The revenue impact of a tax expenditure is intended to measure indirect “spending” through the tax system with respect to that one provision, or alternatively the amount of relief or subsidy being provided through that provision. The revenue impact is generally estimated as the amount of tax not collected due to the tax expenditure, but the dollar impact is NOT the amount of revenue that could be gained by repealing the tax expenditure. There are four main reasons for this:

- Many tax expenditures are taken over a period of years and can also be carried forward if there is insufficient tax liability to offset. In these cases, even if the tax expenditure were eliminated, there would remain some unused multi-year and carried forward tax expenditures that could be claimed over time.
- The estimates do not incorporate behavioral changes that may occur if a tax expenditure were eliminated.
- Each provision is estimated independently. A tax expenditure beneficiary may qualify for a tax reduction under more than one law, thus eliminating one provision might increase the use of another one.
- Administratively, governments may not be able to collect the full liability for some tax expenditures.

**For these reasons, and because tax expenditures interact with each other and the rest of the tax system, caution should be used when summing the revenue impacts.**

The tax expenditures reported here represent revenue loss to the state and local governments. For example, income tax expenditures reduce state General Fund revenue while property tax expenditures reduce revenue to local governments. The property tax is unique in that exempting property from property taxation may result in both a revenue loss to local governments and a shift of taxes to other taxpayers. A complete explanation of revenue loss and shift can be found at the beginning of Chapter 2. For all property tax expenditures, the detailed descriptions report the revenue loss and shift separately. Tables 1 and 2 provide totals of only the tax loss amount.

Revenue impact estimates are rounded to the nearest \$100,000. For tax expenditures with an impact greater than zero but less than \$100,000, the revenue impact is listed as “Less than \$100,000.”

Because tax expenditures reflect income or property that is not taxed, direct data often does not exist when estimating revenue impacts. For income tax expenditures, the primary and secondary data sources were Oregon and federal tax returns, respectively. Where appropriate, estimates of selected federal tax expenditures made by the Joint Committee on Taxation of the U.S. Congress were used as the basis for Oregon estimates. For property tax expenditures, information reported by county assessors was used whenever possible. For all tax programs, data from various federal and state agencies were used where available.

Estimates provided within this book are based upon current law at time of publication. As of mid-November, 2016, it is assumed that federal tax provisions that are scheduled to expire, or have expired in January 2016, will expire (many of these federal tax expenditures are commonly referred to as “tax extenders” as they are frequently extended for temporary periods of time). Modification to those expiring federal provisions could directly affect the revenue impact of the federal tax subtraction (tax expenditure 1.324) and indirectly affect the revenue impacts of the federal provisions to which Oregon connects.

Because of the interactive effects between tax expenditures and the other reasons detailed above, revenue estimates should be viewed as orders of magnitude.

### ***Who Benefits***

Where possible, this report provides information about the beneficiaries of tax expenditures using the most recent tax return data available. For corporation returns, 2013 is the most recent complete tax year available; for personal income tax returns, 2014 is the most recent complete tax year available; and, for property tax information, tax year 2015-16 is the most recent year available. Note that these numbers are a snapshot at the time this report was published and could change very slightly as returns are amended, filed late, or changed as a result of an audit.

Where data is available for individual income tax provisions, we provide distributional tables for claimants. The term filer used in these tables corresponds to a filed return (either single or joint). For example, a return comprised of two people filing jointly would be reflected in the tables as one filer.

### **Acknowledgments**

Although the Department of Revenue coordinated the construction of this report, numerous Oregon state agencies provided important information and analysis regarding the objectives and effectiveness of individual tax expenditures. These agencies are listed in Appendix B. The Congressional Research Service publication, *Tax Expenditures: Compendium of Background Material on Individual Provisions*, is used extensively throughout this report to describe and evaluate the tax expenditures that result from Oregon's connection to the federal income tax. Estimates of federal tax expenditures made by the Joint Committee on Taxation of the U.S. Congress were used to estimate many tax expenditures that result from Oregon's connection to the federal income tax.

## SUMMARY

This report describes 367 individual tax expenditures currently specified in Oregon law. Of those, 190 are related to Oregon’s personal and corporation income taxes and 137 are related to local property taxes. The remaining 40 are related to various other state tax programs. More than half of the 190 income tax expenditures result from Oregon’s connection to the federal income tax code. Oregon is generally tied to the federal definition of taxable income. By adopting the federal definition of income, Oregon also adopts most of the exclusions and deductions from income that are part of the federal personal and corporation income taxes.

It is also important to note that there are several extremely large single tax expenditures in both the property and income tax programs that influence these totals. For example, for 2017–19, roughly \$6.2 billion of the \$10.4 billion of tax expenditures in the property tax program is related to three property tax expenditures: the exemption for state and local property (\$2.9 billion), the exemption of federal property (\$1.9 billion), and the exemption of personal property for personal use (\$1.3 billion). Similarly, the three largest income tax expenditures (the exclusion of employer paid medical benefits, the personal exemption, and the exclusion of pension contributions and earnings) account for about \$4.3 billion of the total \$13.5 billion for all income tax expenditures.

In addition, some tax expenditures included in this report fit the statutory definition of tax expenditure but do not fit as easily into the framework of ‘spending’ through the tax system. For example, the federal government prohibits state and local governments from taxing certain income (such as income earned in Indian country) or property (such as federal property). These ‘tax expenditures’ do not represent the same explicit policy decisions as some of the more direct Oregon subtractions and credits.

<b>SUMMARY OF OREGON TAX PROGRAMS WITH TAX EXPENDITURES (Dollars in Millions)</b>				
<b>Tax Program</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Estimated Revenues 2017-19</b>	<b>Revenue Impact</b>	
			<b>2015-17</b>	<b>2017-19</b>
<b>Income (Personal and Corporate)</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>\$18,443.0</b>	<b>\$12,351.5</b>	<b>\$13,464.7</b>
Federal Exclusions	60		\$5,624.4	\$6,556.8
Federal Adjustments/Deductions	42		\$2,862.9	\$2,888.5
Oregon Subtractions	26		\$1,968.1	\$2,143.1
Oregon Credits	56		\$1,687.5	\$1,633.6
Other Oregon Provisions	6		\$208.6	\$242.7
<b>Property</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>\$13,100.0</b>	<b>\$9,846.3</b>	<b>\$10,446.1</b>
Full Exemption	97		\$8,786.3	\$9,299.2
Partial Exemption	26		\$516.7	\$571.3
Special Assessment	13		\$543.2	\$575.5
Other Assessment	1		\$0.1	\$0.1
<b>All Other State Taxes with Tax Expenditures</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>\$4,136.1</b>	<b>\$326.8</b>	<b>\$351.9</b>
<b>All Taxes with Tax Expenditures</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>\$35,679.1</b>	<b>\$22,524.6</b>	<b>\$24,262.7</b>
<i>Note: The 2015-17 edition included an entry for intangible personal property under property tax that has been removed. It had an estimated revenue impact of around \$14 billion, so its removal has drastically changed how the table summarizes. For reasons explained in the Revenue Impacts section on page 3, there are difficulties with summing tax expenditures. This table is intended only to provide rough orders of magnitudes for large groups of tax expenditures and caution should be exercised when adding revenue impacts.</i>				

# **SUNSETTING TAX EXPENDITURES AND GOVERNOR’S RECOMMENDATIONS**

Many tax laws are explicitly written with a limited period of applicability; the last day the law is in effect is referenced in this book as the sunset date. In addition to explicit sunsets written into statute, ORS 315.037 specifies that many types of tax expenditures have an implicit limit to how long they can be in effect:

(2) Any tax credit enacted by the Legislative Assembly on or after January 1, 2010, shall apply for a maximum of six tax years beginning with the initial tax year for which the credit is applicable, unless the Legislative Assembly expressly provides for another period of applicability.

(3) Any tax expenditure enacted by the Legislative Assembly on or after January 1, 2014, shall apply for a maximum of six tax years beginning with the initial tax year for which the tax expenditure is applicable, unless the Legislative Assembly expressly provides for another period of applicability.

According to Oregon statute “full sunset” means any provision that completely eliminates an existing tax expenditure on a specified date, while “partial sunset” means any provision that reduces the amount of an existing tax expenditure or that alters the eligibility requirements for the expenditure as of a specified date. There are 15 tax expenditures that have a full sunset and one tax expenditure with a partial sunset that will occur during the 2017-19 biennium.

## ***Governor’s Recommendations***

ORS 291.214 requires that the Governor’s Tax Expenditure Report:

Identify each tax expenditure that has a full or partial sunset that, if allowed to take effect, will have a fiscal impact on the state or on school districts for the next biennium, and shall prepare a recommendation as to each tax expenditure identified under this paragraph that indicates the Governor’s opinion on whether the full or partial sunset of the tax expenditure should be allowed to take effect as scheduled or should be revised to a different date.

Following are the tax expenditures that are set to expire during the 2017-19 biennium, and the Governor’s recommendation as to whether the specific tax provision should be allowed to sunset as scheduled, or have the sunset date changed. The table includes the revenue impact the tax expenditure will have under current law, and the additional cost if the tax expenditure were extended through the end of the 2017-19 biennium. For more details on these tax expenditures, see their entries in the full report.

## TAX EXPENDITURES SCHEDULED FOR SUNSET IN 2017–19

As part of the 1995 Budget Accountability Act, the governor is required to identify each tax expenditure that has a full or partial sunset occurring in the coming biennium and prepare a recommendation that indicates whether the full or partial sunset should be allowed to take effect. Below are those tax expenditures.

TAX EXPENDITURE NAME	TYPE	SUNSET	2017-19 REVENUE IMPACT (\$000)*	2017-19 COST TO EXTEND (\$000)*	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION
1.308 Film Production Labor Rebate	Income Tax Subtraction	12/31/2017	200	700	Extend sunset
1.405 Rural Medical Practice	Income Tax Credit	12/31/2017	14,800	1,300	Extend sunset
1.413 Livestock Killed by Wolves	Income Tax Credit	12/31/2018	0	Less than 100	Extend sunset
1.416 Qualified Research Activities	Income Tax Credit	12/31/2017	17,200	3,900	Allow sunset
1.417 Qualified Research Activities (Alternative)	Income Tax Credit	12/31/2017	900	200	Allow sunset
1.418 Long Term Rural Enterprise Zone Facilities (Income Tax)	Income Tax Credit	06/30/2018	Not Available	Not Available	Extend sunset
1.419 Reservation Enterprise Zone (Income Tax)	Income Tax Credit	12/31/2017	Less than 100	Less than 100	Extend sunset
1.420 Electronic Commerce Enterprise Zone (Income Tax)	Income Tax Credit	12/31/2017	2,100	800	Extend sunset
1.435 Alternative Energy Devices (Residential)	Income Tax Credit	12/31/2017	23,900	15,700	Allow sunset
1.438 Renewable Energy Development Contributions	Income Tax Credit	12/31/2017	600	2,400	Allow sunset
1.439 Energy Conservation Projects	Income Tax Credit	12/31/2017	6,300	4,400	Allow sunset
1.440 Transportation Projects	Income Tax Credit	12/31/2017	4,900	1,600	Extend sunset
1.443 Production or Collection of Biomass	Income Tax Credit	Partial Sunset: 12/31/2017	5,400	1,400	Allow sunset
1.448 Fish Screening Devices	Income Tax Credit	01/01/2018	Less than 100	Less than 100	Extend sunset
1.450 Fire Insurance	Income Tax Credit	12/31/2017	3,200	1,200	Extend sunset
2.115 Alternative Energy Systems	Partial Property Tax Exemption	06/30/2018	1,200	1,500	Extend sunset

\* The revenue impact includes the effect of the currently scheduled sunset. The cost to extend is the additional revenue impact if the tax expenditure is extended through 2017-19



# TABLE 1: INDEX OF TAX EXPENDITURES BY TAX PROGRAM

Tax Expenditure	Program or Function	Year Enacted	Oregon Statute	Revenue Impact (\$ Thousands)		
				2015-17	2017-19	
<b>INCOME TAX</b>						
<i>Federal Exclusions</i>						
1.001	Scholarship and Fellowship Income	Education	1954	316.048	17,500	19,200
1.002	Qualified Education Savings (Federal)	Education	1996	316.048	10,000	12,200
1.003	Exclusion of Employer Provided Tuition Reduction	Education	1984	316.048	2,500	2,500
1.004	Certain Foster Care Payments	Human Services	1982	316.048	3,200	3,200
1.005	Employee Adoption Benefits	Human Services	1996	316.048	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.006	Compensatory Damages	Human Services	1918	316.048	13,500	13,800
1.007	Employer Paid Medical Benefits	Human Services	1918	316.048	1,295,000	1,430,700
1.008	Special Benefits for Disabled Coal Miners	Human Services	1969	316.048	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.009	ABLE Account Earnings	Human Services	2014	316.048	Less than 100	300
1.010	Cafeteria Plan Benefits	Human Services	1974	316.048	322,300	348,100
1.011	Pension Contributions and Earnings	Human Services	1921	316.048	1,110,300	1,656,300
1.012	Social Security Benefits (Federal)	Human Services	1938	316.048	652,900	728,500
1.013	Regional Economic Development Incentives	Economic/Community	1993	316.048/317.013	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.014	Income of Controlled Foreign Corporations	Economic/Community	1909	317.013	489,400	530,200
1.015	Exclusion of Gain from Certain Small Business Stock	Economic/Community	1993	316.048	11,000	12,100
1.016	Imputed Interest Rules	Economic/Community	1984	316.048/317.013	5,100	5,600
1.017	Employer Provided Dependent Care	Economic/Community	1981	316.048	8,300	9,400
1.018	Capital Gains on Home Sales	Economic/Community	1997	316.048	322,900	364,000
1.019	Income Earned Abroad by U.S. Citizens	Economic/Community	1926	316.048	65,100	73,400
1.020	Cancellation of Mortgage Debt	Economic/Community	2007	316.048	10,500	0
1.021	Employer Paid Group Life Insurance Premiums	Economic/Community	1920	316.048	28,500	29,400
1.022	Employer Paid Accident and Disability Insurance	Economic/Community	1954	316.048	37,600	41,000
1.023	Miscellaneous Fringe Benefits	Economic/Community	1984	316.048	68,000	71,000
1.024	Employee Meals and Lodging (Nonmilitary)	Economic/Community	1918	316.048	18,800	20,500
1.025	Employee Stock Ownership Plans	Economic/Community	1974	316.048/317.013	9,100	9,700
1.026	Employee Awards	Economic/Community	1986	316.048	2,600	3,000
1.027	Employer Provided Education Benefits	Economic/Community	1997	316.048	10,600	11,400
1.028	Spread on Acquisition of Stock	Economic/Community	1981	316.048	3,200	3,200
1.029	Veterans' Benefits and Services	Economic/Community	1917	316.048	97,000	98,600
1.030	Military and Dependents CHAMPUS/TRICARE Insurance	Economic/Community	1925	316.048	37,800	40,500
1.031	Magazine, Paperback, and Record Returns	Economic/Community	1978	316.048/317.013	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.032	Cash Accounting, Other than Agriculture	Economic/Community	1916	316.048/317.013	16,500	17,300
1.033	Inventory Methods of Valuation	Economic/Community	1938	316.048/317.013	10,600	10,900
1.034	Agriculture Cost-Sharing Payments	Natural Resources	1978	316.048/317.013	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.035	Cancellation of Debt for Farmers	Natural Resources	1986	316.048	800	800
1.036	Energy Conservation Subsidies (Federal)	Natural Resources	1992	316.048	3,000	3,000
1.037	Pass Through Status of Specified Publicly Traded Partnerships	Natural Resources	1987	316.048	10,200	10,300
1.038	Earnings of Certain Environmental Settlement Funds	Natural Resources	2005	317.013	100	100
1.039	Nonprofit's Gain from Brownfield	Natural Resources	2004	317.013	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.040	Employer Paid Transportation Benefits	Transportation	1992	316.048	36,100	39,200
1.041	Contributions in Aid of Construction for Utilities	Consumer and Business Services	1996	317.013	200	200
1.042	Certain Disaster Mitigation Payments	Consumer and Business Services	2005	316.048/317.013	200	200

**Table 1: Index of Tax Expenditures by Tax Program (cont.)**

Tax Expenditure	Program or Function	Year Enacted	Oregon Statute	Revenue Impact (\$ Thousands)		
				2015-17	2017-19	
1.043 Credit Union Income	Consumer and Business Services	1951	317.080(1)	11,700	13,300	
1.044 Elimination of Tax Exempt Interest Allocation for Banks	Consumer and Business Services	2009	317.013	2,400	2,400	
1.045 Workers' Compensation Benefits (Medical)	Consumer and Business Services	1918	316.048	44,300	46,100	
1.046 Workers' Compensation Benefits (Nonmedical)	Consumer and Business Services	1918	316.048	25,700	28,300	
1.047 Gain on Nondealer Installment Sales	Tax Administration	1921	316.048/317.013	45,900	42,200	
1.048 Gain on Like-Kind Exchanges	Tax Administration	1921	316.048/317.013	120,300	127,100	
1.049 Allowances for Federal Employees Abroad	Government	1943	316.048	6,000	6,300	
1.050 Interest on Oregon State and Local Debt	Government	1913	316.048	65,000	61,800	
1.051 Voluntary Employees' Beneficiary Associations	Social Policy	1928	316.048	25,700	26,500	
1.052 Rental Allowances for Clergy Housing	Social Policy	1921	316.048	6,400	6,400	
1.053 Discharge of Certain Student Loan Debt	Social Policy	1984	316.048	1,600	1,600	
1.054 Capital Gains on Inherited Property	Social Policy	1921	316.048	370,000	397,300	
1.055 Capital Gains on Gifts	Social Policy	1921	316.048	100,400	103,000	
1.056 Public Safety Officer Survivor Annuities	Social Policy	1997	316.048	200	200	
1.057 Disability Benefits of Military and Victims of Terrorism	Social Policy	1942	316.048	3,100	3,100	
1.058 Benefits and Allowances of Armed Forces Personnel	Social Policy	1925	316.048	52,500	58,500	
1.059 Combat Pay	Social Policy	Pre-1955	316.048	2,600	2,600	
1.060 Deferral of Interest on Savings Bonds	Social Policy	1951	316.048	10,200	10,300	
<i>Federal Adjustments</i>						
1.101 Teacher Classroom Expenses	Education	2002	316.048	1,500	1,500	
1.102 Interest on Student Loans	Education	1997	316.048	33,100	36,800	
1.103 Qualified Higher Education Expenses	Education	2001	316.048	6,600	0	
1.104 Self-Employment Health Insurance	Human Services	1986	316.048	74,800	79,900	
1.105 Health Savings Accounts	Human Services	1996	316.048	16,500	22,300	
1.106 IRA Contributions and Earnings	Human Services	1974	316.048	162,600	177,100	
1.107 Moving Expenses	Economic/Community	1964	316.048	6,300	7,100	
1.108 Overnight Travel Expenses of National Guard and Reserve Members	Social Policy	2003	316.048	800	800	
<i>Federal Deductions</i>						
1.201 Charitable Contributions: Education	Education	1917	316.695/317.013	53,800	57,200	
1.202 Charitable Contributions: Health	Human Services	1917	316.695/317.013	36,200	38,300	
1.203 Medical and Dental Expenses	Human Services	1942	316.695	203,600	230,800	
1.204 Removal of Architectural Barriers	Human Services	1976	316.048/317.013	Less than 100	Less than 100	
1.205 Deduction of Certain Film and Television Production Costs	Economic/Community	2004	316.048/317.013	Less than 100	0	
1.206 Accelerated Depreciation of Buildings	Economic/Community	1954	316.048/317.013	19,400	6,800	
1.207 Accelerated Depreciation of Equipment	Economic/Community	1954	316.048/317.013	330,000	154,300	
1.208 Research and Development Costs	Economic/Community	1954	316.048/317.013	26,600	29,700	
1.209 Section 179 Expensing Allowances	Economic/Community	1959	316.048/317.013	130,600	66,700	
1.210 Amortization of Business Start-Up Costs	Economic/Community	1980	316.048/317.013	200	200	
1.211 Accelerated Depreciation of Rental Housing	Economic/Community	1954	316.048/317.013	32,200	31,200	
1.212 Home Mortgage Interest	Economic/Community	1913	316.695	929,900	1,096,200	
1.213 Property Taxes	Economic/Community	1913	316.695	433,400	470,600	
1.214 Deferral of Certain Financing Income of Foreign Corporations	Economic/Community	1997	317.013	37,000	34,500	
1.215 Cash Accounting for Agriculture	Natural Resources	1916	316.048/317.013	Less than 100	Less than 100	
1.216 Soil and Water Conservation Expenditures	Natural Resources	1954	316.048/317.013	900	900	

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1.217 Fertilizer and Soil Conditioner Costs	Natural Resources	1960	316.048/317.013	1,500	1,600
1.218 Costs of Raising Dairy and Breeding Cattle	Natural Resources	1916	316.048/317.013	1,800	1,500
1.219 Sale of Stock to Farmers' Cooperatives	Natural Resources	1998	316.048/317.013	600	600
1.220 Extended Carryback of Farming Loss	Natural Resources	1999	316.048	600	600
1.221 Development Costs for Nonfuel Minerals	Natural Resources	1951	316.048/317.013	100	100
1.222 Intangible Development Costs for Fuels	Natural Resources	1978	316.695/317.013	3,100	3,000
1.223 Deferral of Capital Gains From FERC Restructuring Requirements	Natural Resources	2004	317.013	-500	-1,000
1.224 Energy Efficient Commercial Property	Natural Resources	2006	316.695/317.013	1,100	Less than 100
1.225 Special Depreciation for Recycling Equipment	Natural Resources	2008	316.048/317.013	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.226 Mining and Solid Waste Reclamation Reserves	Natural Resources	1984	316.048/317.013	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.227 Amortization of Air Pollution Control Facilities	Natural Resources	2005	317.013	300	200
1.228 Expensing Timber Growing Costs	Natural Resources	1986	316.048/317.013	1,600	1,600
1.229 Expensing and Amortization of Reforestation Costs	Natural Resources	1980	316.048/317.013	1,900	2,100
1.230 Magazine Circulation Expenditures	Tax Administration	1950	316.048/317.013	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.231 Completed Contract Rules	Tax Administration	1986	316.048/317.013	5,200	5,600
1.232 Charitable Contributions: Other	Social Policy	1917	316.695/317.013	308,100	328,200
1.233 Casualty and Theft Losses	Social Policy	1913	316.695	1,400	1,400
1.234 Local Income Taxes	Social Policy	1913	316.695	100	100

*Oregon Subtractions*

1.301 Land Donated to Schools	Education	1999	316.852/317.488	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.302 Oregon 529 College Savings Network	Education	1999	316.699	23,300	28,500
1.303 Scholarship Awards Used for Housing Expenses	Education	1999	316.846	1,200	1,300
1.304 Medical Subtraction for Elderly	Human Services	2013	316.693	59,000	62,700
1.305 Additional Deduction for Elderly or Blind	Human Services	1989	316.695(7)	16,800	17,800
1.306 ABLE Account Contributions	Human Services	2015	316.699	200	500
1.307 Social Security Benefits (Oregon)	Human Services	1985	316.054	726,600	828,100
1.308 Film Production Labor Rebate	Economic/Community	2005	316.698/317.394	900	200
1.309 Artist's Charitable Contribution	Economic/Community	1979	316.838	100	100
1.310 Oregon Investment Advantage	Economic/Community	2001	316.778/317.391	13,300	13,300
1.311 Dividend Received from an IC-DISC	Economic/Community	2013	316.749(1)	10,600	11,700
1.312 Individual Development Accounts (Exclusion and Subtraction)	Economic/Community	1999	316.848	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.313 Mobile Home Park Capital Gain	Economic/Community	2005	Note: 317.401 /Note: 316.792	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.314 Mobile Home Tenant Payment	Economic/Community	2007	316.795/317.092	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.315 Interest from State and Local Government Bonds	Economic/Community	1987	316.056	300	400
1.316 Depletion Costs for Metal Mines	Natural Resources	Pre-1953	317.374	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.317 Energy Conservation Subsidies (Oregon)	Natural Resources	1981	316.744/317.386	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.318 Wet Marine and Transportation Policies	Consumer and Business Services	1995	317.080(8)	400	400
1.319 Hydroelectric Dam and Waterway Workers	Tax Administration	1997	316.127(8)(10)	Not Available	Not Available
1.320 Income Earned in "Indian Country"	Government	1977	316.777	5,700	5,900
1.321 Federal Pension Income	Government	1998	316.680(1)(f)	136,500	138,700
1.322 Legislative Per Diem and Allowance	Government	1967	171.072(7)	100	100
1.323 Oregon State Lottery Prizes	Government	1985	461.560	200	200
1.324 Federal Income Tax Subtraction	Social Policy	1929	316.680(1)(b) /316.685/316.695	870,100	924,400
1.325 Military Active Duty and Related Pay	Social Policy	1969	316.792/316.127(7) /316.027(b)(D)	63,000	69,700

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1.326 Interest and Dividends on U.S. Obligations	Federal Law	1970	316.680	39,800	39,100
<i>Oregon Credits</i>					
1.401 Contributions of Computer Equipment	Education	1985	317.151	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.402 Employer Provided Scholarships	Education	2001	315.237	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.403 Earned Income Credit	Human Services	1997	315.266	101,400	117,600
1.404 Child with a Disability	Human Services	1985	316.099(3)	9,600	10,000
1.405 Rural Medical Practice	Human Services	1989	315.613/315.616/315.619	17,000	14,800
1.406 Volunteer Rural Emergency Medical Technicians	Human Services	2005	315.622	300	300
1.407 Costs In Lieu of Nursing Home Care	Human Services	1979	316.148	Less than 100	0
1.408 Elderly or Permanently Disabled	Human Services	1969	316.087	Less than 100	0
1.409 Loss of Limbs	Human Services	1973	316.079	Less than 100	0
1.410 Severe Disability	Human Services	1985	316.758/316.765	10,600	11,200
1.411 Agriculture Workforce Housing Construction	Economic/Community	1989	315.164	4,000	4,400
1.412 Farmworker Housing Lender's Credit	Economic/Community	1989	317.147	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.413 Livestock Killed by Wolves	Economic/Community	2012	315.174(2)	Less than 100	0
1.414 Film Production Development Contributions	Economic/Community	2003	315.514	22,900	27,500
1.415 Qualified Low Income Community Investments	Economic/Community	2011	315.533(2)	11,400	28,800
1.416 Qualified Research Activities	Economic/Community	1989	317.152	20,100	17,200
1.417 Qualified Research Activities (Alternative)	Economic/Community	1989	317.154	1,000	900
1.418 Long Term Rural Enterprise Zone Facilities (Income Tax)	Economic/Community	1997	317.124	Not Available	Not Available
1.419 Reservation Enterprise Zone (Income Tax)	Economic/Community	2001	285C.309	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.420 Electronic Commerce Enterprise Zone (Income Tax)	Economic/Community	2001	315.507	2,500	2,100
1.421 Renewable Resource Equipment Manufacturing Facilities	Economic/Community	2011	315.341	22,600	1,100
1.422 Public University Venture Development Fund	Economic/Community	2005	315.521	900	1,000
1.423 Child and Dependent Care	Economic/Community	1975	316.078	8,000	700
1.424 Working Family Child Care	Economic/Community	1997	315.262	25,500	0
1.425 Working Family Household and Dependent Care	Economic/Community	2015	315.264	31,400	62,700
1.426 Employer Provided Dependent Care Assistance	Economic/Community	1987	315.204	1,000	500
1.427 Employer Provided Dependent Care Facilities	Economic/Community	1987	315.208	Less than 100	0
1.428 Contributions To Office of Child Care	Economic/Community	2001	315.213	1,000	1,000
1.429 Individual Development Account Donation (Credit)	Economic/Community	1999	315.271	14,300	14,300
1.430 Individual Development Account Withdrawal (Credit)	Economic/Community	2005	315.272	200	0
1.431 Oregon Affordable Housing Lender's Credit	Economic/Community	1989	317.097	8,700	8,700
1.432 Mobile Home Park Closure	Economic/Community	2007	Note: 316.116	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.433 Crop Donation	Natural Resources	1977	315.156	300	300
1.434 Diesel Truck Engine Replacement	Natural Resources	2003	Note: 315.356	Less than 100	0
1.435 Alternative Energy Devices (Residential)	Natural Resources	1977	316.116	35,400	23,900
1.436 Alternative Fuel Stations	Natural Resources	1997	317.115	Less than 100	0
1.437 Business Energy Facilities, Conservation and Renewables	Natural Resources	1979	315.354	125,000	40,600
1.438 Renewable Energy Development Contributions	Natural Resources	2011	315.326(1)	2,700	600
1.439 Energy Conservation Projects	Natural Resources	2011	315.331(1)	4,200	6,300
1.440 Transportation Projects	Natural Resources	2011	315.336(1)	5,700	4,900
1.441 Energy Conservation Lender's Credit	Natural Resources	1981	317.112	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.442 Weatherization Lender's Credit	Natural Resources	1977	317.111	Less than 100	Less than 100

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1.443	Production or Collection of Biomass	Natural Resources	2007	315.141	7,200	5,400
1.444	Alternative Fuel Vehicle Fund Contributions	Natural Resources	2013	Note 2: 315.336	300	Less than 100
1.445	Alternatives to Field Burning	Natural Resources	1975	315.304	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.446	Riparian Lands Removed from Farm Production	Natural Resources	2001	315.113	Less than 100	0
1.447	Pollution Control	Natural Resources	1967	315.304	900	200
1.448	Fish Screening Devices	Natural Resources	1989	315.138	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.449	Reforestation	Natural Resources	1979	315.104	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.450	Fire Insurance	Consumer and Business Services	1969	317.122(1)	6,100	3,200
1.451	Oregon Life and Health IGA Assessments	Consumer and Business Services	1975	734.835	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.452	Political Contributions	Government	1969	316.102	11,700	11,700
1.453	Oregon Cultural Trust	Social Policy	2001	315.675	8,000	8,700
1.454	Personal Exemption	Social Policy	1985	316.085	1,164,300	1,201,800
1.455	Oregon Veterans' Home Physicians	Social Policy	2007	315.624	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.456	Certain Retirement Income	Social Policy	1991	316.157	1,300	1,200
<i>Other</i>						
1.501	Public Warehouse Sales Throwback Exemption	Economic/Community	2005	314.665	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.502	Tax Rates for Certain Pass Through Income	Economic/Community	2013	316.043(2)	205,000	239,000
1.503	Income Averaging for Farmers	Natural Resources	2001	314.297	1,300	1,400
1.504	Capital Gains from Farm Property	Natural Resources	2001	316.045/317.063 /318.020	2,000	2,000
1.505	Nonresident Income from Disaster or Emergency Related Work	Consumer and Business Services	2015	401.690	Not Available	Not Available
1.506	Apportionment for Utility and Telecommunication Companies	Consumer and Business Services	2001	314.280	300	300
<b>PROPERTY TAX</b>						
<i>Full Exemption</i>						
2.001	Academies, Day Care, and Student Housing	Education	1957	307.145	41,600	45,900
2.002	Student Housing Furnishings	Education	1957	307.195	100	100
2.003	Leased Student Housing Publicly Owned	Education	1947	307.110(3)(a)	23,800	26,300
2.004	Higher Education Parking Space	Education	1989	307.110(3)(f)	Incl. in 2.079	Incl. in 2.079
2.005	Private Libraries for Public Use	Education	1854	307.160	Less than 100	Less than 100
2.006	Leased Health Care Property	Human Services	1999	307.110(3)(i)	Less than 100	Less than 100
2.007	Senior Services Centers	Human Services	1993	307.147	200	200
2.008	Land Owned by Nonprofit for Purpose of Building Low-Income Housing	Human Services	2015	307.513	200	200
2.009	Agricultural Housing and Day Care Facilities	Economic/Community	1973	307.485	300	300
2.010	Fairground Leased Storage Space	Economic/Community	1987	307.110(3)(d) and (e)	Less than 100	Less than 100
2.011	Commercial Buildings Under Construction	Economic/Community	1959	307.330	12,500	15,100
2.012	Construction in Process in an Enterprise Zone	Economic/Community	2003	285C.170	Incl. in 2.011	Incl. in 2.011
2.013	Enterprise Zone Businesses	Economic/Community	1985	285C.175	71,900	74,000
2.014	Long Term Rural Enterprise Zone (Property Tax)	Economic/Community	1997	285C.409	56,800	55,100
2.015	Businesses Transferring or Leasing Property	Economic/Community	2007	Note: 285C.175	0	0
2.016	Certain Property Owned by a Port	Economic/Community	2013	307.110(3)(j), Note 2: 307.110	700	700
2.017	Brownfield Development	Economic/Community	2016	Oregon Laws 2016, Chapter 96, Section 1 (1) (a)-(b)	Not Available	Not Available

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2.018	New Industrial Property in Rural Areas	Economic/Community	2016	Oregon Laws 2016, Chapter 112, Section 1 (2)(a) and Section 3 (1)(a)	Not Available	Not Available
2.019	Industry Apprenticeship/Training Trust	Economic/Community	1983	307.580	1,000	1,100
2.020	Rural Renewable Energy Development Zone	Economic/Community	2003	285C.362	1,200	4,100
2.021	Federal Land Under Summer Homes	Economic/Community	1975	307.183/307.184	1,300	1,400
2.022	Housing Authority Rental Units	Economic/Community	1937	307.092	24,500	26,000
2.023	Local Government Owned Low Income Housing	Economic/Community	2013	307.110(3)(h)	100	100
2.024	Defense Contractor With Federal Property	Economic/Community	1965	307.065	0	0
2.025	Federal Land Under Recreation Facility	Economic/Community	1975	307.182	1,800	1,900
2.026	Nonprofit Elderly Housing State Funded	Economic/Community	1977	307.242	*	3,700
2.027	Inventory	Economic/Community	1969	307.400	714,000	766,000
2.028	Business Personal Property Cancellation	Economic/Community	1979	308.250(2)(a)	8,300	8,900
2.029	Cargo Containers	Economic/Community	1979	307.835	Less than 100	Less than 100
2.030	Leased Docks and Airports	Economic/Community	1947	307.120	18,300	19,400
2.031	Ship Repair Facility Materials	Economic/Community	1957	308.256(7)	Incl. in 2.027	Incl. in 2.027
2.032	Aircraft Being Repaired	Economic/Community	1995	308.559	0	0
2.033	Railroad Cars Being Repaired	Economic/Community	1973	308.665	100	100
2.034	Food Processing Equipment	Natural Resources	2005	307.455	3,400	6,000
2.035	Farm Machinery and Equipment	Natural Resources	1973	307.394	78,600	81,500
2.036	Mobile Field Incinerators	Natural Resources	1971	307.390	Incl. in 2.035	Incl. in 2.035
2.037	Crops, Plants, and Fruit Trees	Natural Resources	1957	307.320	18,400	19,500
2.038	Agricultural Products Held by the Farmer	Natural Resources	1965	307.325	Less than 100	Less than 100
2.039	Nursery Stock	Natural Resources	1971	307.315	5,700	6,300
2.040	Leased State and Local Farming and Grazing Land	Natural Resources	1971	307.110(3)(b)	Incl. in 2.079	Incl. in 2.079
2.041	Leased Federal Grazing Land	Natural Resources	1961	307.060	Incl. in 2.096	Incl. in 2.096
2.042	Shellfish Growing on State Land	Natural Resources	1969	622.290	Less than 100	Less than 100
2.043	Center Pivot Irrigation Equipment	Natural Resources	1973	307.398	Incl. in 2.035	Incl. in 2.035
2.044	Other Farm/Aquaculture/Egg Equipment	Natural Resources	1973	307.397	Incl. in 2.035	Incl. in 2.035
2.045	Field Burning Smoke Management Equipment	Natural Resources	1973	307.391	Incl. in 2.035	Incl. in 2.035
2.046	Crab Pots	Natural Resources	1969	508.270	300	300
2.047	Land Leased From State Land Board	Natural Resources	1982	307.168	2,500	2,700
2.048	Natural Gas Pipeline Extension	Natural Resources	2007	307.107	Less than 100	Less than 100
2.049	Solar Projects	Natural Resources	2015	Note 3: 307.175	Not Available	Not Available
2.050	Nonprofit Sewage Treatment Facilities	Natural Resources	1997	307.118	Less than 100	Less than 100
2.051	Property Used for Golf Course and Effluent	Natural Resources	2001	Note: 307.118	0	0
2.052	Riparian Habitat Land	Natural Resources	1981	308A.362	300	300
2.053	Environmentally Sensitive Logging Equipment	Natural Resources	1999	307.827	5,500	5,800
2.054	Skyline and Swing Yarders	Natural Resources	1999	307.831	Incl. in 2.053	Incl. in 2.053
2.055	Federal Standing Timber Under Contract	Natural Resources	1965	307.050	2,500	2,700
2.056	State and Local Standing Timber Under Contract	Natural Resources	1965	307.100	1,800	1,900
2.057	Western Private Standing Timber	Natural Resources	1977	321.272	449,900	481,900
2.058	Eastern Private Standing Timber	Natural Resources	1961	321.829	24,600	26,300
2.059	Private Farm and Logging Roads	Natural Resources	1963	308.236	42,400	45,400
2.060	Forest Fire Protection Association	Natural Resources	1957	307.125	200	200
2.061	Nonprofit Public Park Use Land	Natural Resources	1971	307.115	300	300
2.062	Inactive Mineral Interests	Natural Resources	1997	308.115	Less than 100	Less than 100
2.063	Mining Claims on Federal Land	Natural Resources	1889	307.080	300	300
2.064	Small Watercraft	Natural Resources	1959	830.790(3)	26,800	27,000
2.065	Railroad Right of Way Used for Alternative Transportation	Transportation	1977	307.205	0	0
2.066	Motor Vehicles and Trailers	Transportation	1919	803.585	950,500	988,900

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2.067	ODOT Land Under Use Permit	Transportation	1981	307.110(3)(c)	Less than 100	Less than 100
2.068	Tollways and Related Facilities	Transportation	1995	383.017(7)	0	0
2.069	Foreign Owned Aircraft and Aircraft Not Owned by Air Transportation Companies	Transportation	1987	308.558(4) and (5)	20,500	20,900
2.070	Nonprofit Water Associations	Consumer and Business Services	1937	307.210	400	400
2.071	Nonprofit Electrical Distribution Associations	Consumer and Business Services	1943	308.805	22,800	25,700
2.072	Nonprofit Telephone Associations	Consumer and Business Services	1941	307.220	0	0
2.073	Private Service Telephone Equipment	Consumer and Business Services	1941	307.230	Less than 100	Less than 100
2.074	Beverage Containers Requiring Deposit	Tax Administration	1983	307.402	Less than 100	100
2.075	Low Value Manufactured Structure in Large County	Tax Administration	2010	308.250(2)(b)	1,400	1,500
2.076	Personal Property for Personal Use	Tax Administration	1854	307.190	1,280,000	1,320,000
2.077	Beach Lands	Government	1969	307.450	Not Available	Not Available
2.078	Property of Indians and on Tribal Trust Land	Government	1854	307.180/307.181(1) /307.181(2)	Not Available	Not Available
2.079	State and Local Property	Government	1854	307.090	2,700,000	2,900,000
2.080	Corporations for Irrigation, Drainage, Water Supply or Flood Control	Government	1963	554.320	Incl. in 2.079	Incl. in 2.079
2.081	Local Government Public Ways	Government	1895	307.200	Not Available	Not Available
2.082	Communications Equipment for Maritime Emergency Response	Government	2010	307.197	Less than 100	Less than 100
2.083	Interstate Bridges of Other States or Subdivisions	Government	2014	381.824	0	0
2.084	Indian Property Used Exclusively for Government Services	Government	2012	307.181(3)	400	400
2.085	Federally Leased High-Voltage Electricity Transmission Property	Government	2013	307.040(3)	4,500	1,000
2.086	Charitable, Literary, and Scientific Organizations	Social Policy	1854	307.130	179,800	190,700
2.087	Fraternal Organizations	Social Policy	1961	307.136	14,600	15,500
2.088	Religious Organizations	Social Policy	1854	307.140	116,800	123,900
2.089	Transfer of Land from Cemetery to School	Social Policy	2001	307.157	Less than 100	Less than 100
2.090	Cemeteries, Burial Grounds, and Mausoleums	Social Policy	1854	307.150	6,600	7,000
2.091	Convention Facilities	Social Policy	1985	263.290	0	0
2.092	City Owned Sports Facility	Social Policy	2001	307.171	2,100	2,200
2.093	Exempt Lease from Taxable Owner	Social Policy	1977	307.112	Incl. in others	Incl. in others
2.094	Exempt Lease from Exempt Owner	Social Policy	1973	307.166	Incl. in others	Incl. in others
2.095	Property of LLC Owned by Nonprofit Corporation	Social Policy	2005	307.022	Incl. in others	Incl. in others
2.096	Federal Property	Federal Law	1848	307.040	1,841,700	1,939,900
2.097	Amtrak Passenger Railroad	Federal Law	1983	308.515(3)(d)	2,000	2,100
<i>Partial Exemption</i>						
2.098	Fraternal, Sororities, and Cooperatives	Education	1973	307.471	500	500
2.099	New Rural Health Care Facilities	Human Services	2001	307.804(2)	0	0
2.100	Long Term Care Facilities	Human Services	1999	307.811	100	100
2.101	Strategic Investment Program	Economic/Community	1993	307.123	406,300	447,900
2.102	Cap on Central Assessment for Certain Companies	Economic/Community	2015	308.674	500	1,000
2.103	Gigabit Internet	Economic/Community	2015	308.677	0	Not Available
2.104	Certain Communication Related Property	Economic/Community	2001	308.671	33,600	42,300
2.105	Vertical Housing Development Zone	Economic/Community	2001	307.864	1,300	1,400
2.106	New Single Unit Housing	Economic/Community	1989	307.664	5,400	5,600
2.107	Rehabilitated Housing	Economic/Community	1975	308.459	Less than 100	Less than 100

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2.108 Multi-Unit Rental Housing in City Core	Economic/Community	1975	307.612	7,000	7,100	
2.109 Low Income Multi-Unit Housing	Economic/Community	1999	307.612	Incl. in 2.108	Incl. in 2.108	
2.110 New Housing for Low Income Rental	Economic/Community	1989	307.517/307.518	2,200	2,300	
2.111 Nonprofit Low Income Rental Housing	Economic/Community	1985	307.541	24,600	26,100	
2.112 Disabled Veterans or Their Surviving Spouses	Economic/Community	1921	307.250	28,600	30,900	
2.113 Veterans in Nonprofit Elderly Housing	Economic/Community	1969	307.370	300	300	
2.114 Egg Processing Equipment	Natural Resources	2007	307.462	100	0	
2.115 Alternative Energy Systems	Natural Resources	1975	307.175	1,800	1,200	
2.116 Pollution Control Facilities	Natural Resources	1967	307.405	Less than 100	Less than 100	
2.117 Watercraft Centrally Assessed	Natural Resources	1925	308.515	Not Available	Not Available	
2.118 Aircraft Under 75,000 Pounds Owned by Air Transportation Companies	Transportation	1987	308.558(2),(3)/308.565(5)	2,200	2,300	
2.119 Homestead Exemption for Active Duty Military	Social Policy	2005	307.286	100	100	
2.120 Surviving Spouse of Public Safety Officer	Social Policy	2016	Oregon Laws 2016, Chap. 56	Less than 100	Less than 100	
2.121 Railroad Right of Way in Water District	Social Policy	1943	264.110	Less than 100	Less than 100	
2.122 Railroad Right of Way in Highway Lighting District	Social Policy	1947	372.190	Less than 100	Less than 100	
2.123 Railroad Right of Way in Rural Fire District	Social Policy	1969	478.010(2)(d)	2,100	2,200	
<i>Special Assessment</i>						
2.124 Use-Restricted Multi-Unit Rental Housing	Economic/Community	2001	308.704	5,200	5,500	
2.125 Nonprofit Housing for the Elderly	Economic/Community	1969	308.490	Less than 100	Less than 100	
2.126 Farmland	Natural Resources	1967	308A.062/308A.068	354,200	375,800	
2.127 Farm Homesites	Natural Resources	1987	/308A.128 308A.253	24,400	25,800	
2.128 Historic Property	Natural Resources	1975	358.505	20,700	22,000	
2.129 Wildlife Habitat	Natural Resources	1993	308A.415	1,400	1,600	
2.130 Conservation Easements	Natural Resources	2007	308A.456	700	800	
2.131 Open Space Land	Natural Resources	1971	308A.300	1,500	1,500	
2.132 Forest Homesites	Natural Resources	1989	308A.253	9,100	9,100	
2.133 Western Private Forestland	Natural Resources	1977	321.354	90,900	97,400	
2.134 Eastern Private Forestland	Natural Resources	1971	321.833	9,300	10,000	
2.135 Small Tract Forestland Option	Natural Resources	2003	321.722	22,400	22,600	
2.136 Watercraft Locally Assessed	Natural Resources	1925	308.256	3,400	3,400	
<i>Other Assessment</i>						
2.137 Destroyed or Damaged Property	Social Policy	1971	308.146 and 308.425	100	100	
<b>GAS, USE, AND JET FUEL TAXES</b>						
3.001 Forest Products: Gasoline	Natural Resources	1945	319.320(1)(b) and (d)	Less than 100	Less than 100	
3.002 Forest Products: Other than Gasoline	Natural Resources	1965	319.831(1)(c) and (g)	Less than 100	Less than 100	
3.003 Diesel Fuel Blended with Biodiesel	Transportation	2013	319.530(5)(a)	10,100	10,100	
3.004 Natural Gas and Propane Vehicles	Transportation	2014	319.535	Less than 100	Less than 100	
3.005 Vehicle Used for Testing Emissions (Gas and Use Fuel Taxes)	Transportation	2015	825.475	Less than 100	Less than 100	
3.006 Fuel for Aircraft Departing U.S.	Tax Administration	1959	319.330(2)	Less than 100	Less than 100	
3.007 Public Services	Government	1961	319.831(1)(d-f, h-k)	12,500	13,000	
3.008 Public Transportation	Government	1969	267.200/267.570(2)	400	400	

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Tax Expenditure	Program or Function	Year Enacted	Oregon Statute	Revenue Impact (\$ Thousands)	
				2015-17	2017-19
<b>WEIGHT-MILE TAX</b>					
4.001 Farming Operations	Natural Resources	1983	825.017(4) and 825.024	4,300	4,500
4.002 Forest Products on County Roads	Natural Resources	1977	825.017(8)	Less than 100	Less than 100
4.003 Dealer Vehicle on Test Drive	Transportation	2015	822.040(1)(e)	Less than 100	Less than 100
4.004 Vehicle Used for Testing Emissions (Weight-Mile Tax)	Transportation	2015	825.475	700	700
4.005 Elementary and Secondary School Vehicles	Government	Pre-1953	825.017(1)	3,100	3,200
4.006 Government Owned or Operated Vehicles	Government	Pre-1953	825.017(10) and (11)	6,900	7,200
4.007 Public Mass Transit Vehicles	Government	1977	825.017(11)	2,600	2,700
4.008 Fire Protection	Government	1977	825.017(16)	100	100
4.009 Charitable Organizations	Social Policy	1977	825.017(13)	100	100
<b>CIGARETTE TAX</b>					
5.001 Small Quantity by Consumers	Tax Administration	1965	323.060	Less than 100	Less than 100
5.002 Federal and Veteran Institutions (Cigarette)	Federal Law	1965	323.055	200	200
5.003 Reservation Cigarette Sales	Federal Law	1979	323.401	2,600	2,700
<b>OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS TAX</b>					
6.001 Federal and Veteran Institutions (Other Tobacco Products)	Federal Law	1985	323.515	Less than 100	Less than 100
6.002 Reservation Tobacco Sales	Federal Law	1985	323.615	Less than 100	Less than 100
<b>BEER AND WINE TAX</b>					
7.001 Small Wineries	Economic/Community	1977	473.050(5)	4,400	4,800
7.002 Wine Marketing Activities	Economic/Community	2001	473.047	0	0
<b>911 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS TAX</b>					
8.001 State and Local Subscribers	Government	1981	403.205(1)	5,200	5,400
8.002 Federal Subscribers	Federal Law	1981	403.205(1)	500	500
8.003 Indian Reservation Subscribers	Federal Law	1981	403.205(1)	500	500
<b>FOREST PRODUCTS HARVEST TAX</b>					
9.001 First 25,000 Board Feet	Natural Resources	1953	321.015(6)	400	300
<b>ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE TAX</b>					
10.001 Revenue from Government Leased Lines	Natural Resources	1969	308.805	200	200
<b>OIL AND GAS PRIVILEGE TAX</b>					
11.001 First \$3,000 in Gross Sales Value	Natural Resources	1981	324.080	Less than 100	Less than 100
11.002 Credit for Property Taxes Paid	Natural Resources	1981	324.090(2)	Not Available	Not Available
11.003 State and Local Interests	Government	1981	324.090(1)	Less than 100	Less than 100

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Tax Expenditure	Program or Function	Year Enacted	Oregon Statute	Revenue Impact (\$ Thousands)	
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<b>MEDICAL PROVIDER TAXES</b>					
12.001 Type A and B Hospitals	Human Services	2003	Note: 414.872, Section 2(1)	**	**
12.002 Veterans Affairs and Pediatric Specialty Hospitals	Human Services	2003	Note: 414.872, Section 2(5)	**	**
12.003 Oregon Veterans' Home	Human Services	2003	Note: 409.750, Section 18	**	**
<b>LODGING TAX</b>					
13.001 Exempt Dwelling Units	Social Policy	2005	320.308	Not Available	Not Available
13.002 Federal Employees on Official Business	Federal Law	2004	U.S. Constitution, Article VI, Clause 2	Less than 100	Less than 100
<b>LOCAL CONSTRUCTION TAX</b>					
14.001 Exempt Construction	Social Policy	2007	320.173	Not Available	Not Available
<b>ESTATE TRANSFER TAX</b>					
15.001 Natural Resource and Fishing Property	Natural Resources	2007	118.140	6,700	6,900
<b>MARIJUANA TAX</b>					
16.001 Marijuana Purchased for Medical Use	Human Services	2016	Oregon Laws 2016, Chap. 91	36,800	42,000

\*No revenue loss, taxes paid by State

\*\*No revenue loss, tax expenditure results in a shift in tax liability from exempt to non exempt taxpayers

## TABLE 2: INDEX OF TAX EXPENDITURES BY PROGRAM/FUNCTION

Tax Expenditure	Type	Year Enacted	Oregon Statute	Revenue Impact (\$ Thousands)		
				2015-17	2017-19	
<b>EDUCATION</b>						
<i>Income Tax</i>						
1.001	Scholarship and Fellowship Income	Exclusion	1954	316.048	17,500	19,200
1.002	Qualified Education Savings (Federal)	Exclusion	1996	316.048	10,000	12,200
1.003	Exclusion of Employer Provided Tuition Reduction	Exclusion	1984	316.048	2,500	2,500
1.101	Teacher Classroom Expenses	Adjustment	2002	316.048	1,500	1,500
1.102	Interest on Student Loans	Adjustment	1997	316.048	33,100	36,800
1.103	Qualified Higher Education Expenses	Adjustment	2001	316.048	6,600	0
1.201	Charitable Contributions: Education	Deduction	1917	316.695/317.013	53,800	57,200
1.301	Land Donated to Schools	Subtraction	1999	316.852/317.488	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.302	Oregon 529 College Savings Network	Subtraction	1999	316.699	23,300	28,500
1.303	Scholarship Awards Used for Housing Expenses	Subtraction	1999	316.846	1,200	1,300
1.401	Contributions of Computer Equipment	Credit	1985	317.151	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.402	Employer Provided Scholarships	Credit	2001	315.237	Less than 100	Less than 100
<i>Property Tax</i>						
2.001	Academies, Day Care, and Student Housing	Full	1957	307.145	41,600	45,900
2.002	Student Housing Furnishings	Full	1957	307.195	100	100
2.003	Leased Student Housing Publicly Owned	Full	1947	307.110(3)(a)	23,800	26,300
2.004	Higher Education Parking Space	Full	1989	307.110(3)(f)	Incl. in 2.079	Incl. in 2.079
2.005	Private Libraries for Public Use	Full	1854	307.160	Less than 100	Less than 100
2.098	Fraternalities, Sororities, and Cooperatives	Partial	1973	307.471	500	500
<b>HUMAN SERVICES</b>						
<i>Income Tax</i>						
1.004	Certain Foster Care Payments	Exclusion	1982	316.048	3,200	3,200
1.005	Employee Adoption Benefits	Exclusion	1996	316.048	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.006	Compensatory Damages	Exclusion	1918	316.048	13,500	13,800
1.007	Employer Paid Medical Benefits	Exclusion	1918	316.048	1,295,000	1,430,700
1.008	Special Benefits for Disabled Coal Miners	Exclusion	1969	316.048	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.009	ABLE Account Earnings	Exclusion	2014	316.048	Less than 100	300
1.010	Cafeteria Plan Benefits	Exclusion	1974	316.048	322,300	348,100
1.011	Pension Contributions and Earnings	Exclusion	1921	316.048	1,110,300	1,656,300
1.012	Social Security Benefits (Federal)	Exclusion	1938	316.048	652,900	728,500
1.104	Self-Employment Health Insurance	Adjustment	1986	316.048	74,800	79,900
1.105	Health Savings Accounts	Adjustment	1996	316.048	16,500	22,300
1.106	IRA Contributions and Earnings	Adjustment	1974	316.048	162,600	177,100
1.202	Charitable Contributions: Health	Deduction	1917	316.695/317.013	36,200	38,300
1.203	Medical and Dental Expenses	Deduction	1942	316.695	203,600	230,800
1.204	Removal of Architectural Barriers	Deduction	1976	316.048/317.013	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.304	Medical Subtraction for Elderly	Subtraction	2013	316.693	59,000	62,700
1.305	Additional Deduction for Elderly or Blind	Subtraction	1989	316.695(7)	16,800	17,800
1.306	ABLE Account Contributions	Subtraction	2015	316.699	200	500
1.307	Social Security Benefits (Oregon)	Subtraction	1985	316.054	726,600	828,100
1.403	Earned Income Credit	Credit	1997	315.266	101,400	117,600
1.404	Child with a Disability	Credit	1985	316.099(3)	9,600	10,000
1.405	Rural Medical Practice	Credit	1989	315.613/315.616/315.619	17,000	14,800

**Table 2: Index of Tax Expenditures by Program/Function (cont.)**

Tax Expenditure	Type	Year Enacted	Oregon Statute	Revenue Impact (\$ Thousands)	
				2015-17	2017-19
1.406 Volunteer Rural Emergency Medical Technicians	Credit	2005	315.622	300	300
1.407 Costs In Lieu of Nursing Home Care	Credit	1979	316.148	Less than 100	0
1.408 Elderly or Permanently Disabled	Credit	1969	316.087	Less than 100	0
1.409 Loss of Limbs	Credit	1973	316.079	Less than 100	0
1.410 Severe Disability	Credit	1985	316.758/316.765	10,600	11,200

*Property Tax*

2.006 Leased Health Care Property	Full	1999	307.110(3)(i)	Less than 100	Less than 100
2.007 Senior Services Centers	Full	1993	307.147	200	200
2.008 Land Owned by Nonprofit for Purpose of Building Low-Income Housing	Full	2015	307.513	200	200
2.099 New Rural Health Care Facilities	Partial	2001	307.804(2)	0	0
2.100 Long Term Care Facilities	Partial	1999	307.811	100	100

*Medical Provider Tax*

12.001 Type A and B Hospitals	Exclusion	2003	Note: 414.872, Section 2(1)	**	**
12.002 Veterans Affairs and Pediatric Specialty Hospitals	Exclusion	2003	Note: 414.872, Section 2(5)	**	**
12.003 Oregon Veterans' Home	Exclusion	2003	Note: 409.750, Section 18	**	**

*Marijuana Tax*

16.001 Marijuana Purchased for Medical Use	Exclusion	2016	Oregon Laws 2016, Chap. 91	36,800	42,000
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**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

*Income Tax*

1.013 Regional Economic Development Incentives	Exclusion	1993	316.048/317.013	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.014 Income of Controlled Foreign Corporations	Exclusion	1909	317.013	489,400	530,200
1.015 Exclusion of Gain from Certain Small Business Stock	Exclusion	1993	316.048	11,000	12,100
1.016 Imputed Interest Rules	Exclusion	1984	316.048/317.013	5,100	5,600
1.017 Employer Provided Dependent Care	Exclusion	1981	316.048	8,300	9,400
1.018 Capital Gains on Home Sales	Exclusion	1997	316.048	322,900	364,000
1.019 Income Earned Abroad by U.S. Citizens	Exclusion	1926	316.048	65,100	73,400
1.020 Cancellation of Mortgage Debt	Exclusion	2007	316.048	10,500	0
1.021 Employer Paid Group Life Insurance Premiums	Exclusion	1920	316.048	28,500	29,400
1.022 Employer Paid Accident and Disability Insurance	Exclusion	1954	316.048	37,600	41,000
1.023 Miscellaneous Fringe Benefits	Exclusion	1984	316.048	68,000	71,000
1.024 Employee Meals and Lodging (Nonmilitary)	Exclusion	1918	316.048	18,800	20,500
1.025 Employee Stock Ownership Plans	Exclusion	1974	316.048/317.013	9,100	9,700
1.026 Employee Awards	Exclusion	1986	316.048	2,600	3,000
1.027 Employer Provided Education Benefits	Exclusion	1997	316.048	10,600	11,400
1.028 Spread on Acquisition of Stock	Exclusion	1981	316.048	3,200	3,200
1.029 Veterans' Benefits and Services	Exclusion	1917	316.048	97,000	98,600
1.030 Military and Dependents CHAMPUS/TRICARE Insurance	Exclusion	1925	316.048	37,800	40,500
1.031 Magazine, Paperback, and Record Returns	Exclusion	1978	316.048/317.013	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.032 Cash Accounting, Other than Agriculture	Exclusion	1916	316.048/317.013	16,500	17,300
1.033 Inventory Methods of Valuation	Exclusion	1938	316.048/317.013	10,600	10,900
1.107 Moving Expenses	Adjustment	1964	316.048	6,300	7,100

**Table 2: Index of Tax Expenditures by Program/Function (cont.)**

Tax Expenditure	Type	Year Enacted	Oregon Statute	Revenue Impact (\$ Thousands)	
				2015-17	2017-19
1.205 Deduction of Certain Film and Television Production Costs	Deduction	2004	316.048/317.013	Less than 100	0
1.206 Accelerated Depreciation of Buildings	Deduction	1954	316.048/317.013	19,400	6,800
1.207 Accelerated Depreciation of Equipment	Deduction	1954	316.048/317.013	330,000	154,300
1.208 Research and Development Costs	Deduction	1954	316.048/317.013	26,600	29,700
1.209 Section 179 Expensing Allowances	Deduction	1959	316.048/317.013	130,600	66,700
1.210 Amortization of Business Start-Up Costs	Deduction	1980	316.048/317.013	200	200
1.211 Accelerated Depreciation of Rental Housing	Deduction	1954	316.048/317.013	32,200	31,200
1.212 Home Mortgage Interest	Deduction	1913	316.695	929,900	1,096,200
1.213 Property Taxes	Deduction	1913	316.695	433,400	470,600
1.214 Deferral of Certain Financing Income of Foreign Corporations	Deduction	1997	317.013	37,000	34,500
1.308 Film Production Labor Rebate	Subtraction	2005	316.698/317.394	900	200
1.309 Artist's Charitable Contribution	Subtraction	1979	316.838	100	100
1.310 Oregon Investment Advantage	Subtraction	2001	316.778/317.391	13,300	13,300
1.311 Dividend Received from an IC-DISC	Subtraction	2013	316.749(1)	10,600	11,700
1.312 Individual Development Accounts (Exclusion and Subtraction)	Subtraction	1999	316.848	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.313 Mobile Home Park Capital Gain	Subtraction	2005	Note: 317.401/Note: 316.792	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.314 Mobile Home Tenant Payment	Subtraction	2007	316.795/317.092	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.315 Interest from State and Local Government Bonds	Subtraction	1987	316.056	300	400
1.411 Agriculture Workforce Housing Construction	Credit	1989	315.164	4,000	4,400
1.412 Farmworker Housing Lender's Credit	Credit	1989	317.147	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.413 Livestock Killed by Wolves	Credit	2012	315.174(2)	Less than 100	0
1.414 Film Production Development Contributions	Credit	2003	315.514	22,900	27,500
1.415 Qualified Low Income Community Investments	Credit	2011	315.533(2)	11,400	28,800
1.416 Qualified Research Activities	Credit	1989	317.152	20,100	17,200
1.417 Qualified Research Activities (Alternative)	Credit	1989	317.154	1,000	900
1.418 Long Term Rural Enterprise Zone Facilities (Income Tax)	Credit	1997	317.124	Not Available	Not Available
1.419 Reservation Enterprise Zone (Income Tax)	Credit	2001	285C.309	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.420 Electronic Commerce Enterprise Zone (Income Tax)	Credit	2001	315.507	2,500	2,100
1.421 Renewable Resource Equipment Manufacturing Facilities	Credit	2011	315.341	22,600	1,100
1.422 Public University Venture Development Fund	Credit	2005	315.521	900	1,000
1.423 Child and Dependent Care	Credit	1975	316.078	8,000	700
1.424 Working Family Child Care	Credit	1997	315.262	25,500	0
1.425 Working Family Household and Dependent Care	Credit	2015	315.264	31,400	62,700
1.426 Employer Provided Dependent Care Assistance	Credit	1987	315.204	1,000	500
1.427 Employer Provided Dependent Care Facilities	Credit	1987	315.208	Less than 100	0
1.428 Contributions To Office of Child Care	Credit	2001	315.213	1,000	1,000
1.429 Individual Development Account Donation (Credit)	Credit	1999	315.271	14,300	14,300
1.430 Individual Development Account Withdrawal (Credit)	Credit	2005	315.272	200	0
1.431 Oregon Affordable Housing Lender's Credit	Credit	1989	317.097	8,700	8,700
1.432 Mobile Home Park Closure	Credit	2007	Note: 316.116	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.501 Public Warehouse Sales Throwback Exemption	Other	2005	314.665	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.502 Tax Rates for Certain Pass Through Income	Other	2013	316.043(2)	205,000	239,000

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				2015-17	2017-19	
<i>Property Tax</i>						
2.009	Agricultural Housing and Day Care Facilities	Full	1973	307.485	300	300
2.010	Fairground Leased Storage Space	Full	1987	307.110(3)(d) and (e)	Less than 100	Less than 100
2.011	Commercial Buildings Under Construction	Full	1959	307.330	12,500	15,100
2.012	Construction in Process in an Enterprise Zone	Full	2003	285C.170	Incl. in 2.011	Incl. in 2.011
2.013	Enterprise Zone Businesses	Full	1985	285C.175	71,900	74,000
2.014	Long Term Rural Enterprise Zone (Property Tax)	Full	1997	285C.409	56,800	55,100
2.015	Businesses Transferring or Leasing Property	Full	2007	Note: 285C.175	0	0
2.016	Certain Property Owned by a Port	Full	2013	307.110(3)(j), Note 2: 307.110	700	700
2.017	Brownfield Development	Full	2016	Oregon Laws 2016, Chapter 96, Section 1 (1) (a)-(b)	Not Available	Not Available
2.018	New Industrial Property in Rural Areas	Full	2016	Oregon Laws 2016, Chapter 112, Section 1 (2)(a) and Section 3 (1)(a)	Not Available	Not Available
2.019	Industry Apprenticeship/Training Trust	Full	1983	307.580	1,000	1,100
2.020	Rural Renewable Energy Development Zone	Full	2003	285C.362	1,200	4,100
2.021	Federal Land Under Summer Homes	Full	1975	307.183/307.184	1,300	1,400
2.022	Housing Authority Rental Units	Full	1937	307.092	24,500	26,000
2.023	Local Government Owned Low Income Housing	Full	2013	307.110(3)(h)	100	100
2.024	Defense Contractor With Federal Property	Full	1965	307.065	0	0
2.025	Federal Land Under Recreation Facility	Full	1975	307.182	1,800	1,900
2.026	Nonprofit Elderly Housing State Funded	Full	1977	307.242	*	3,700
2.027	Inventory	Full	1969	307.400	714,000	766,000
2.028	Business Personal Property Cancellation	Full	1979	308.250(2)(a)	8,300	8,900
2.029	Cargo Containers	Full	1979	307.835	Less than 100	Less than 100
2.030	Leased Docks and Airports	Full	1947	307.120	18,300	19,400
2.031	Ship Repair Facility Materials	Full	1957	308.256(7)	Incl. in 2.027	Incl. in 2.027
2.032	Aircraft Being Repaired	Full	1995	308.559	0	0
2.033	Railroad Cars Being Repaired	Full	1973	308.665	100	100
2.101	Strategic Investment Program	Partial	1993	307.123	406,300	447,900
2.102	Cap on Central Assessment for Certain Companies	Partial	2015	308.674	500	1,000
2.103	Gigabit Internet	Partial	2015	308.677	0	Not Available
2.104	Certain Communication Related Property	Partial	2001	308.671	33,600	42,300
2.105	Vertical Housing Development Zone	Partial	2001	307.864	1,300	1,400
2.106	New Single Unit Housing	Partial	1989	307.664	5,400	5,600
2.107	Rehabilitated Housing	Partial	1975	308.459	Less than 100	Less than 100
2.108	Multi-Unit Rental Housing in City Core	Partial	1975	307.612	7,000	7,100
2.109	Low Income Multi-Unit Housing	Partial	1999	307.612	Incl. in 2.108	Incl. in 2.108
2.110	New Housing for Low Income Rental	Partial	1989	307.517/307.518	2,200	2,300
2.111	Nonprofit Low Income Rental Housing	Partial	1985	307.541	24,600	26,100
2.112	Disabled Veterans or Their Surviving Spouses	Partial	1921	307.250	28,600	30,900
2.113	Veterans in Nonprofit Elderly Housing	Partial	1969	307.370	300	300
2.124	Use-Restricted Multi-Unit Rental Housing	Special	2001	308.704	5,200	5,500
2.125	Nonprofit Housing for the Elderly	Special	1969	308.490	Less than 100	Less than 100
<i>Beer and Wine Tax</i>						
7.001	Small Wineries	Exclusion	1977	473.050(5)	4,400	4,800
7.002	Wine Marketing Activities	Exclusion	2001	473.047	0	0

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Tax Expenditure	Type	Year Enacted	Oregon Statute	Revenue Impact (\$ Thousands)		
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<b>NATURAL RESOURCES</b>						
<i>Income Tax</i>						
1.034	Agriculture Cost-Sharing Payments	Exclusion	1978	316.048/317.013	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.035	Cancellation of Debt for Farmers	Exclusion	1986	316.048	800	800
1.036	Energy Conservation Subsidies (Federal)	Exclusion	1992	316.048	3,000	3,000
1.037	Pass Through Status of Specified Publicly Traded Partnerships	Exclusion	1987	316.048	10,200	10,300
1.038	Earnings of Certain Environmental Settlement Funds	Exclusion	2005	317.013	100	100
1.039	Nonprofit's Gain from Brownfield	Exclusion	2004	317.013	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.215	Cash Accounting for Agriculture	Deduction	1916	316.048/317.013	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.216	Soil and Water Conservation Expenditures	Deduction	1954	316.048/317.013	900	900
1.217	Fertilizer and Soil Conditioner Costs	Deduction	1960	316.048/317.013	1,500	1,600
1.218	Costs of Raising Dairy and Breeding Cattle	Deduction	1916	316.048/317.013	1,800	1,500
1.219	Sale of Stock to Farmers' Cooperatives	Deduction	1998	316.048/317.013	600	600
1.220	Extended Carryback of Farming Loss	Deduction	1999	316.048	600	600
1.221	Development Costs for Nonfuel Minerals	Deduction	1951	316.048/317.013	100	100
1.222	Intangible Development Costs for Fuels	Deduction	1978	316.695/317.013	3,100	3,000
1.223	Deferral of Capital Gains From FERC Restructuring Requirements	Deduction	2004	317.013	-500	-1,000
1.224	Energy Efficient Commercial Property	Deduction	2006	316.695/317.013	1,100	Less than 100
1.225	Special Depreciation for Recycling Equipment	Deduction	2008	316.048/317.013	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.226	Mining and Solid Waste Reclamation Reserves	Deduction	1984	316.048/317.013	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.227	Amortization of Air Pollution Control Facilities	Deduction	2005	317.013	300	200
1.228	Expensing Timber Growing Costs	Deduction	1986	316.048/317.013	1,600	1,600
1.229	Expensing and Amortization of Reforestation Costs	Deduction	1980	316.048/317.013	1,900	2,100
1.316	Depletion Costs for Metal Mines	Subtraction	Pre-1953	317.374	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.317	Energy Conservation Subsidies (Oregon)	Subtraction	1981	316.744/317.386	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.433	Crop Donation	Credit	1977	315.156	300	300
1.434	Diesel Truck Engine Replacement	Credit	2003	Note: 315.356	Less than 100	0
1.435	Alternative Energy Devices (Residential)	Credit	1977	316.116	35,400	23,900
1.436	Alternative Fuel Stations	Credit	1997	317.115	Less than 100	0
1.437	Business Energy Facilities, Conservation and Renewables	Credit	1979	315.354	125,000	40,600
1.438	Renewable Energy Development Contributions	Credit	2011	315.326(1)	2,700	600
1.439	Energy Conservation Projects	Credit	2011	315.331(1)	4,200	6,300
1.440	Transportation Projects	Credit	2011	315.336(1)	5,700	4,900
1.441	Energy Conservation Lender's Credit	Credit	1981	317.112	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.442	Weatherization Lender's Credit	Credit	1977	317.111	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.443	Production or Collection of Biomass	Credit	2007	315.141	7,200	5,400
1.444	Alternative Fuel Vehicle Fund Contributions	Credit	2013	Note 2: 315.336	300	Less than 100
1.445	Alternatives to Field Burning	Credit	1975	315.304	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.446	Riparian Lands Removed from Farm Production	Credit	2001	315.113	Less than 100	0
1.447	Pollution Control	Credit	1967	315.304	900	200
1.448	Fish Screening Devices	Credit	1989	315.138	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.449	Reforestation	Credit	1979	315.104	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.503	Income Averaging for Farmers	Other	2001	314.297	1,300	1,400
1.504	Capital Gains from Farm Property	Other	2001	316.045/317.063/318.020	2,000	2,000

*Property Tax*

2.034	Food Processing Equipment	Full	2005	307.455	3,400	6,000
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**Table 2: Index of Tax Expenditures by Program/Function (cont.)**

Tax Expenditure	Type	Year Enacted	Oregon Statute	Revenue Impact (\$ Thousands)	
				2015-17	2017-19
2.035 Farm Machinery and Equipment	Full	1973	307.394	78,600	81,500
2.036 Mobile Field Incinerators	Full	1971	307.390	Incl. in 2.035	Incl. in 2.035
2.037 Crops, Plants, and Fruit Trees	Full	1957	307.320	18,400	19,500
2.038 Agricultural Products Held by the Farmer	Full	1965	307.325	Less than 100	Less than 100
2.039 Nursery Stock	Full	1971	307.315	5,700	6,300
2.040 Leased State and Local Farming and Grazing Land	Full	1971	307.110(3)(b)	Incl. in 2.079	Incl. in 2.079
2.041 Leased Federal Grazing Land	Full	1961	307.060	Incl. in 2.096	Incl. in 2.096
2.042 Shellfish Growing on State Land	Full	1969	622.290	Less than 100	Less than 100
2.043 Center Pivot Irrigation Equipment	Full	1973	307.398	Incl. in 2.035	Incl. in 2.035
2.044 Other Farm/Aquaculture/Egg Equipment	Full	1973	307.397	Incl. in 2.035	Incl. in 2.035
2.045 Field Burning Smoke Management Equipment	Full	1973	307.391	Incl. in 2.035	Incl. in 2.035
2.046 Crab Pots	Full	1969	508.270	300	300
2.047 Land Leased From State Land Board	Full	1982	307.168	2,500	2,700
2.048 Natural Gas Pipeline Extension	Full	2007	307.107	Less than 100	Less than 100
2.049 Solar Projects	Full	2015	Note 3: 307.175	Not Available	Not Available
2.050 Nonprofit Sewage Treatment Facilities	Full	1997	307.118	Less than 100	Less than 100
2.051 Property Used for Golf Course and Effluent	Full	2001	Note: 307.118	0	0
2.052 Riparian Habitat Land	Full	1981	308A.362	300	300
2.053 Environmentally Sensitive Logging Equipment	Full	1999	307.827	5,500	5,800
2.054 Skyline and Swing Yarders	Full	1999	307.831	Incl. in 2.053	Incl. in 2.053
2.055 Federal Standing Timber Under Contract	Full	1965	307.050	2,500	2,700
2.056 State and Local Standing Timber Under Contract	Full	1965	307.100	1,800	1,900
2.057 Western Private Standing Timber	Full	1977	321.272	449,900	481,900
2.058 Eastern Private Standing Timber	Full	1961	321.829	24,600	26,300
2.059 Private Farm and Logging Roads	Full	1963	308.236	42,400	45,400
2.060 Forest Fire Protection Association	Full	1957	307.125	200	200
2.061 Nonprofit Public Park Use Land	Full	1971	307.115	300	300
2.062 Inactive Mineral Interests	Full	1997	308.115	Less than 100	Less than 100
2.063 Mining Claims on Federal Land	Full	1889	307.080	300	300
2.064 Small Watercraft	Full	1959	830.790(3)	26,800	27,000
2.114 Egg Processing Equipment	Partial	2007	307.462	100	0
2.115 Alternative Energy Systems	Partial	1975	307.175	1,800	1,200
2.116 Pollution Control Facilities	Partial	1967	307.405	Less than 100	Less than 100
2.117 Watercraft Centrally Assessed	Partial	1925	308.515	Not Available	Not Available
2.126 Farmland	Special	1967	308A.062/308A.068 /308A.128	354,200	375,800
2.127 Farm Homesites	Special	1987	308A.253	24,400	25,800
2.128 Historic Property	Special	1975	358.505	20,700	22,000
2.129 Wildlife Habitat	Special	1993	308A.415	1,400	1,600
2.130 Conservation Easements	Special	2007	308A.456	700	800
2.131 Open Space Land	Special	1971	308A.300	1,500	1,500
2.132 Forest Homesites	Special	1989	308A.253	9,100	9,100
2.133 Western Private Forestland	Special	1977	321.354	90,900	97,400
2.134 Eastern Private Forestland	Special	1971	321.833	9,300	10,000
2.135 Small Tract Forestland Option	Special	2003	321.722	22,400	22,600
2.136 Watercraft Locally Assessed	Special	1925	308.256	3,400	3,400

*Gas, Use, and Jet Fuel Taxes*

3.001 Forest Products: Gasoline	Exclusion	1945	319.320(1)(b) and (d)	Less than 100	Less than 100
3.002 Forest Products: Other than Gasoline	Exclusion	1965	319.831(1)(c) and (g)	Less than 100	Less than 100

**Table 2: Index of Tax Expenditures by Program/Function (cont.)**

Tax Expenditure	Type	Year Enacted	Oregon Statute	Revenue Impact (\$ Thousands)	
				2015-17	2017-19
<i>Weight-Mile Tax</i>					
4.001 Farming Operations	Exclusion	1983	825.017(4) and 825.024	4,300	4,500
4.002 Forest Products on County Roads	Exclusion	1977	825.017(8)	Less than 100	Less than 100
<i>Forest Products Harvest Tax</i>					
9.001 First 25,000 Board Feet	Exclusion	1953	321.015(6)	400	300
<i>Electric Cooperative Tax</i>					
10.001 Revenue from Government Leased Lines	Exclusion	1969	308.805	200	200
<i>Oil and Gas Privilege Tax</i>					
11.001 First \$3,000 in Gross Sales Value	Exclusion	1981	324.080	Less than 100	Less than 100
11.002 Credit for Property Taxes Paid	Credit	1981	324.090(2)	Not Available	Not Available
<i>Estate Transfer Tax</i>					
15.001 Natural Resource and Fishing Property	Credit	2007	118.140	6,700	6,900
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>					
<i>Income Tax</i>					
1.040 Employer Paid Transportation Benefits	Exclusion	1992	316.048	36,100	39,200
<i>Property Tax</i>					
2.065 Railroad Right of Way Used for Alternative Transportation	Full	1977	307.205	0	0
2.066 Motor Vehicles and Trailers	Full	1919	803.585	950,500	988,900
2.067 ODOT Land Under Use Permit	Full	1981	307.110(3)(c)	Less than 100	Less than 100
2.068 Tollways and Related Facilities	Full	1995	383.017(7)	0	0
2.069 Foreign Owned Aircraft and Aircraft Not Owned by Air Transportation Companies	Full	1987	308.558(4) and (5)	20,500	20,900
2.118 Aircraft Under 75,000 Pounds Owned by Air Transportation Companies	Partial	1987	308.558(2),(3)/308.565(5)	2,200	2,300
<i>Gas, Use, and Jet Fuel Taxes</i>					
3.003 Diesel Fuel Blended with Biodiesel	Exclusion	2013	319.530(5)(a)	10,100	10,100
3.004 Natural Gas and Propane Vehicles	Exclusion	2014	319.535	Less than 100	Less than 100
3.005 Vehicle Used for Testing Emissions (Gas and Use Fuel Taxes)	Exclusion	2015	825.475	Less than 100	Less than 100
<i>Weight-Mile Tax</i>					
4.003 Dealer Vehicle on Test Drive	Exclusion	2015	822.040(1)(e)	Less than 100	Less than 100
4.004 Vehicle Used for Testing Emissions (Weight-Mile Tax)	Exclusion	2015	825.475	700	700

**Table 2: Index of Tax Expenditures by Program/Function (cont.)**

Tax Expenditure	Type	Year Enacted	Oregon Statute	Revenue Impact (\$ Thousands)		
				2015-17	2017-19	
<b>CONSUMER AND BUSINESS SERVICES</b>						
<i>Income Tax</i>						
1.041	Contributions in Aid of Construction for Utilities	Exclusion	1996	317.013	200	200
1.042	Certain Disaster Mitigation Payments	Exclusion	2005	316.048/317.013	200	200
1.043	Credit Union Income	Exclusion	1951	317.080(1)	11,700	13,300
1.044	Elimination of Tax Exempt Interest Allocation for Banks	Exclusion	2009	317.013	2,400	2,400
1.045	Workers' Compensation Benefits (Medical)	Exclusion	1918	316.048	44,300	46,100
1.046	Workers' Compensation Benefits (Nonmedical)	Exclusion	1918	316.048	25,700	28,300
1.318	Wet Marine and Transportation Policies	Subtraction	1995	317.080(8)	400	400
1.450	Fire Insurance	Credit	1969	317.122(1)	6,100	3,200
1.451	Oregon Life and Health IGA Assessments	Credit	1975	734.835	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.505	Nonresident Income from Disaster or Emergency Related Work	Other	2015	401.690	Not Available	Not Available
1.506	Apportionment for Utility and Telecommunication Companies	Other	2001	314.280	300	300
<i>Property Tax</i>						
2.070	Nonprofit Water Associations	Full	1937	307.210	400	400
2.071	Nonprofit Electrical Distribution Associations	Full	1943	308.805	22,800	25,700
2.072	Nonprofit Telephone Associations	Full	1941	307.220	0	0
2.073	Private Service Telephone Equipment	Full	1941	307.230	Less than 100	Less than 100
<b>TAX ADMINISTRATION</b>						
<i>Income Tax</i>						
1.047	Gain on Nondealer Installment Sales	Exclusion	1921	316.048/317.013	45,900	42,200
1.048	Gain on Like-Kind Exchanges	Exclusion	1921	316.048/317.013	120,300	127,100
1.230	Magazine Circulation Expenditures	Deduction	1950	316.048/317.013	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.231	Completed Contract Rules	Deduction	1986	316.048/317.013	5,200	5,600
1.319	Hydroelectric Dam and Waterway Workers	Subtraction	1997	316.127(8)(10)	Not Available	Not Available
<i>Property Tax</i>						
2.074	Beverage Containers Requiring Deposit	Full	1983	307.402	Less than 100	100
2.075	Low Value Manufactured Structure in Large County	Full	2010	308.250(2)(b)	1,400	1,500
2.076	Personal Property for Personal Use	Full	1854	307.190	1,280,000	1,320,000
<i>Gas, Use, and Jet Fuel Taxes</i>						
3.006	Fuel for Aircraft Departing U.S.	Exclusion	1959	319.330(2)	Less than 100	Less than 100
<i>Cigarette Tax</i>						
5.001	Small Quantity by Consumers	Exclusion	1965	323.060	Less than 100	Less than 100
<b>GOVERNMENT</b>						
<i>Income Tax</i>						
1.049	Allowances for Federal Employees Abroad	Exclusion	1943	316.048	6,000	6,300

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Tax Expenditure	Type	Year Enacted	Oregon Statute	Revenue Impact (\$ Thousands)	
				2015-17	2017-19
1.050 Interest on Oregon State and Local Debt	Exclusion	1913	316.048	65,000	61,800
1.320 Income Earned in "Indian Country"	Subtraction	1977	316.777	5,700	5,900
1.321 Federal Pension Income	Subtraction	1998	316.680(1)(f)	136,500	138,700
1.322 Legislative Per Diem and Allowance	Subtraction	1967	171.072(7)	100	100
1.323 Oregon State Lottery Prizes	Subtraction	1985	461.560	200	200
1.452 Political Contributions	Credit	1969	316.102	11,700	11,700
<i>Property Tax</i>					
2.077 Beach Lands	Full	1969	307.450	Not Available	Not Available
2.078 Property of Indians and on Tribal Trust Land	Full	1854	307.180/307.181(1) /307.181(2)	Not Available	Not Available
2.079 State and Local Property	Full	1854	307.090	2,700,000	2,900,000
2.080 Corporations for Irrigation, Drainage, Water Supply or Flood Control	Full	1963	554.320	Incl. in 2.079	Incl. in 2.079
2.081 Local Government Public Ways	Full	1895	307.200	Not Available	Not Available
2.082 Communications Equipment for Maritime Emergency Response	Full	2010	307.197	Less than 100	Less than 100
2.083 Interstate Bridges of Other States or Subdivisions	Full	2014	381.824	0	0
2.084 Indian Property Used Exclusively for Government Services	Full	2012	307.181(3)	400	400
2.085 Federally Leased High-Voltage Electricity Transmission Property	Full	2013	307.040(3)	4,500	1,000
<i>Gas, Use, and Jet Fuel Taxes</i>					
3.007 Public Services	Exclusion	1961	319.831(1)(d-f, h-k)	12,500	13,000
3.008 Public Transportation	Exclusion	1969	267.200/267.570(2)	400	400
<i>Weight-Mile Tax</i>					
4.005 Elementary and Secondary School Vehicles	Exclusion	Pre-1953	825.017(1)	3,100	3,200
4.006 Government Owned or Operated Vehicles	Exclusion	Pre-1953	825.017(10) and (11)	6,900	7,200
4.007 Public Mass Transit Vehicles	Exclusion	1977	825.017(11)	2,600	2,700
4.008 Fire Protection	Exclusion	1977	825.017(16)	100	100
<i>911 Emergency Communications Tax</i>					
8.001 State and Local Subscribers	Exclusion	1981	403.205(1)	5,200	5,400
<i>Oil and Gas Privilege Tax</i>					
11.003 State and Local Interests	Exclusion	1981	324.090(1)	Less than 100	Less than 100
<b>SOCIAL POLICY</b>					
<i>Income Tax</i>					
1.051 Voluntary Employees' Beneficiary Associations	Exclusion	1928	316.048	25,700	26,500
1.052 Rental Allowances for Clergy Housing	Exclusion	1921	316.048	6,400	6,400
1.053 Discharge of Certain Student Loan Debt	Exclusion	1984	316.048	1,600	1,600
1.054 Capital Gains on Inherited Property	Exclusion	1921	316.048	370,000	397,300
1.055 Capital Gains on Gifts	Exclusion	1921	316.048	100,400	103,000
1.056 Public Safety Officer Survivor Annuities	Exclusion	1997	316.048	200	200
1.057 Disability Benefits of Military and Victims of Terrorism	Exclusion	1942	316.048	3,100	3,100
1.058 Benefits and Allowances of Armed Forces Personnel	Exclusion	1925	316.048	52,500	58,500

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Tax Expenditure	Type	Year Enacted	Oregon Statute	Revenue Impact (\$ Thousands)	
				2015-17	2017-19
1.059 Combat Pay	Exclusion	Pre-1955	316.048	2,600	2,600
1.060 Deferral of Interest on Savings Bonds	Exclusion	1951	316.048	10,200	10,300
1.108 Overnight Travel Expenses of National Guard and Reserve Members	Adjustment	2003	316.048	800	800
1.232 Charitable Contributions: Other	Deduction	1917	316.695/317.013	308,100	328,200
1.233 Casualty and Theft Losses	Deduction	1913	316.695	1,400	1,400
1.234 Local Income Taxes	Deduction	1913	316.695	100	100
1.324 Federal Income Tax Subtraction	Subtraction	1929	316.680(1)(b)/316.685 /316.695	870,100	924,400
1.325 Military Active Duty and Related Pay	Subtraction	1969	316.792/316.127(7) /316.027(b)(D)	63,000	69,700
1.453 Oregon Cultural Trust	Credit	2001	315.675	8,000	8,700
1.454 Personal Exemption	Credit	1985	316.085	1,164,300	1,201,800
1.455 Oregon Veterans' Home Physicians	Credit	2007	315.624	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.456 Certain Retirement Income	Credit	1991	316.157	1,300	1,200

*Property Tax*

2.086 Charitable, Literary, and Scientific Organizations	Full	1854	307.130	179,800	190,700
2.087 Fraternal Organizations	Full	1961	307.136	14,600	15,500
2.088 Religious Organizations	Full	1854	307.140	116,800	123,900
2.089 Transfer of Land from Cemetery to School	Full	2001	307.157	Less than 100	Less than 100
2.090 Cemeteries, Burial Grounds, and Mausoleums	Full	1854	307.150	6,600	7,000
2.091 Convention Facilities	Full	1985	263.290	0	0
2.092 City Owned Sports Facility	Full	2001	307.171	2,100	2,200
2.093 Exempt Lease from Taxable Owner	Full	1977	307.112	Incl. in others	Incl. in others
2.094 Exempt Lease from Exempt Owner	Full	1973	307.166	Incl. in others	Incl. in others
2.095 Property of LLC Owned by Nonprofit Corporation	Full	2005	307.022	Incl. in others	Incl. in others
2.119 Homestead Exemption for Active Duty Military	Partial	2005	307.286	100	100
2.120 Surviving Spouse of Public Safety Officer	Partial	2016	Oregon Laws 2016, Chap. 56	Less than 100	Less than 100
2.121 Railroad Right of Way in Water District	Partial	1943	264.110	Less than 100	Less than 100
2.122 Railroad Right of Way in Highway Lighting District	Partial	1947	372.190	Less than 100	Less than 100
2.123 Railroad Right of Way in Rural Fire District	Partial	1969	478.010(2)(d)	2,100	2,200
2.137 Destroyed or Damaged Property	Other	1971	308.146 and 308.425	100	100

*Weight-Mile Tax*

4.009 Charitable Organizations	Exclusion	1977	825.017(13)	100	100
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*Lodging Tax*

13.001 Exempt Dwelling Units	Exclusion	2005	320.308	Not Available	Not Available
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*Construction Tax*

14.001 Exempt Construction	Exclusion	2007	320.173	Not Available	Not Available
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*Income Tax*

1.326 Interest and Dividends on U.S. Obligations	Subtraction	1970	316.680	39,800	39,100
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				2015-17	2017-19
<i>Property Tax</i>					
2.096 Federal Property	Full	1848	307.040	1,841,700	1,939,900
2.097 Amtrak Passenger Railroad	Full	1983	308.515(3)(d)	2,000	2,100
<i>Cigarette Tax</i>					
5.002 Federal and Veteran Institutions (Cigarette)	Exclusion	1965	323.055	200	200
5.003 Reservation Cigarette Sales	Refund	1979	323.401	2,600	2,700
<i>Other Tobacco Products Tax</i>					
6.001 Federal and Veteran Institutions (Other Tobacco Products)	Exclusion	1985	323.515	Less than 100	Less than 100
6.002 Reservation Tobacco Sales	Refund	1985	323.615	Less than 100	Less than 100
<i>911 Emergency Communications Tax</i>					
8.002 Federal Subscribers	Exclusion	1981	403.205(1)	500	500
8.003 Indian Reservation Subscribers	Exclusion	1981	403.205(1)	500	500
<i>Lodging Tax</i>					
13.002 Federal Employees on Official Business	Exclusion	2004	U.S. Constitution, Article VI, Clause 2	Less than 100	Less than 100

\*No revenue loss, taxes paid by State

\*\*No revenue loss, tax expenditure results in a shift in tax liability from exempt to non exempt taxpayers



## CHAPTER 1. INCOME TAX (PERSONAL AND CORPORATION)

This chapter describes tax expenditures in Oregon’s personal and corporation income tax programs. The chapter is divided into sections based on the legal source and form of the tax expenditures. A more complete discussion of how Oregon tax expenditures are identified is available at [www.oregon.gov/DOR/Stats](http://www.oregon.gov/DOR/Stats). The following is a very brief summary of how tax expenditures are identified for the income tax programs.

Oregon law defines a tax expenditure as a reduction in tax resulting from a deviation from the “established tax.” For tax expenditures resulting from Oregon’s connection to federal taxable income, we adopt the definition of the tax expenditures used by the U.S. Congressional Research Service (CRS) and the federal Joint Committee on Taxation (JCT). Under that definition, the tax base is income from all sources, including both monetary and nonmonetary income, less any expenses incurred in earning investment and business income. Monetary income includes wages, salaries, interest, dividends, public assistance payments, and all other monetary income. Examples of nonmonetary income include the value of health benefits provided by employers, the value of gifts received by the individual, and discounts that employees may receive when they buy products from their employer. For business income, the expenses necessary to produce the income are not considered income so deductions that result from economic expenses like wages, and rents are not considered tax expenditures.

For tax expenditures that are specific to Oregon, we report provisions that create specific reductions in taxable income, differential tax rates, and tax credits and other provisions that reduce tax and are explicit in Oregon law.

The starting point for calculating Oregon’s personal and corporate income taxes is income taxable at the federal level, and this connection to the federal tax code has important implications for Oregon’s tax. Using the same definition of income helps simplify the Oregon tax return, reducing the number of calculations taxpayers need to make. The connection to the federal definition of taxable income also makes the tax easier for the state of Oregon to administer.

Oregon has some deviations from federal taxable income. Income taxed federally but not by Oregon is subtracted from federal adjusted gross income (AGI) when computing Oregon tax (called subtractions). There are also additions to federal income; income Oregon taxes but is not taxed federally. After those calculations are complete, Oregon also has tax expenditures expressed as tax credits or preferential tax rates.

### Personal Income Tax

The personal income tax, sometimes called the individual income tax, is the state of Oregon’s largest source of revenue. For the 2015–17 biennium, this revenue is estimated to be \$15.7 billion, or 87 percent of General Fund revenues, and \$17.4 billion for 2017–19. The Department of Revenue publishes an annual report that provides detailed information and statistics on the personal income tax. The most recent edition of *Oregon Personal Income Tax Annual Statistics* is at [www.oregon.gov/DOR/Stats](http://www.oregon.gov/DOR/Stats).

### Corporation Excise and Income Taxes

Oregon’s corporation excise and income taxes are the taxes on corporate profits where net income is the measure of profitability. Virtually all corporate tax filers pay the excise tax, and very few pay the income tax. Because the taxes are nearly identical and the tax base is net income, we refer here to both taxes as the corporation income tax.

## Income Tax

The corporation income tax is the second largest source of revenue for the state General Fund. For the 2015–17 biennium, this revenue is estimated to be \$1,110.8 million, or 6.2 percent of General Fund revenues, and \$1,018.2 million for 2017–19. The Department of Revenue publishes an annual report that provides detailed information and statistics on the corporation income tax. The most recent version of *Oregon Corporate Excise and Income Tax* is at [www.oregon.gov/DOR/Stats](http://www.oregon.gov/DOR/Stats).

## TAX EXPENDITURES IN FEDERAL TAXABLE INCOME

Like many states, Oregon's income tax calculations begin with the definition of taxable income in federal law, with some specific exceptions. Tying to the federal definition of taxable income implicitly adopts many of the tax expenditures that exist in the federal tax code. Special provisions allowed by the federal government that reduce taxable income will flow through to Oregon's tax and result in lower Oregon tax collections.

In this edition of Oregon's Tax Expenditure Report an attempt was made to provide a more comprehensive inventory of Oregon tax expenditures that result from the connection to federal taxable income. The presentation is based on the December 2015 federal tax expenditure estimates prepared by the federal Joint Committee on Taxation<sup>1</sup>. That publication is our primary source of information used to estimate the Oregon revenue reduction associated with federal tax expenditures.

The tax expenditures in this report differ from those reported by JCT in the following ways: (1) Oregon does not have an automatic connection to federal tax credits, federal rates, or taxable income for insurance companies, so related federal tax expenditures are not presented, (2) deviations from a "normal tax structure" that generally result in higher taxes are not listed in this report (JCT refers to these as negative tax expenditures), (3) some related provisions were combined, though an attempt was made to specify which ones have been combined in the descriptions of the tax expenditures, and (4) employment related moving expenses is listed as a tax expenditure.

For federal tax expenditures that reduce Oregon receipts and have an associated revenue impact estimated by JCT, this report provides full descriptions. The descriptions rely heavily on the Congressional Research Service Compendium of Tax Expenditures<sup>2</sup>, which is a good resource to peruse more detailed descriptions and analysis. Tax expenditures resulting from the connection to federal taxable income are categorized into exclusions, adjustments (above-the-line deductions), and deductions.

The first part of the income tax chapter of this report provides estimates and descriptions for 102 federal provisions (exclusions, deductions, and adjustments). Of those, 57 flow through to Oregon's personal income tax, 9 that flow through to corporations, and 36 that flow through to both the personal and corporation income taxes.

We do not provide full descriptions of federal tax expenditures that are listed by JCT as de minimis, or not quantifiable. Nor do we give full descriptions of provisions that Oregon specifically does not connect to. These provisions are listed after the descriptions of itemized deductions.

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<sup>1</sup> Joint Committee on Taxation, *Estimates of Federal Tax Expenditures for Fiscal Years 2015-2019* (JCX-141R-15), December 7, 2015.

<sup>2</sup> Congressional Research Service, *Tax Expenditures: Compendium of Background Material on Individual Provisions* Senate Committee Print 113-32, December 2014, U.S. Government Printing Office.

## 1.001 SCHOLARSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP INCOME

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 117

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 (Connection to federal personal taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1954

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$17,500,000	\$17,500,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$19,200,000	\$19,200,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Scholarships and fellowships are excluded from personal taxable income to the extent that they cover tuition and course related expenses (e.g. books, supplies, fees and equipment) of individuals who are candidates for undergraduate or graduate degrees at colleges, universities, or other educational institutions.

**PURPOSE:** This provision, "...was justified on the grounds that the awards were analogous to gifts. With the development of grant programs based on financial need, which today account for most awards, justification now rests upon the hardship taxation would impose." (Congressional Research Service, *Tax Expenditures: Compendium of Background Material on Individual Provisions: 2014*)

**WHO BENEFITS:** Individuals receiving scholarship or fellowship income or reduced tuition. Students attending schools with higher tuition costs will generally benefit more because tuition and course-related fees are greater.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.002 QUALIFIED EDUCATION SAVINGS (FEDERAL)

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 529 & 530

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 (Connection to federal personal taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1996

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$12,200,000	\$12,200,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Individuals may establish tax-deferred and tax-exempt college savings plans through state-sponsored savings plans, trust or custodial accounts, or prepaid tuition accounts through qualifying educational institutions. These accounts are set up for the purpose of paying education-related expenses or tuition on behalf of a designated beneficiary.

Qualifying distributions from savings or prepaid tuition plans are excluded from taxable income. Nonqualifying distributions are subject to a federal penalty, and the earnings of the nonqualifying distribution are subject to income taxation.

Under federal law, contributions to these accounts are not tax deductible, but the earnings on the account balances are excluded from income. The revenue impact for this expenditure is based on earnings on the accounts. It does not include the value of the subtraction from taxable income allowed for deposits in accounts established

through the Oregon 529 College Savings Networks. That is included in tax expenditure 1.302.

The estimated revenue loss for this tax expenditure considers the following components listed separately by the U.S. Joint Committee on Taxation:

- Prepaid Tuition Programs.
- Savings Account Programs.
- Exclusion of earnings of trust accounts for higher education (“Coverdell ESA’s”).

**PURPOSE:** To increase the affordability of college and increase the ability of families and individuals to save for higher education.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Students and families of students are able to defer and eventually avoid tax on earnings of these accounts and therefore may accumulate savings more quickly for future higher education expenses. Tax benefits are more likely to accrue to higher income families reflecting higher tax rates and means to save for college.

Participants in the Oregon administered plan are described in tax expenditure 1.302, Oregon 529 College Savings Network.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

### 1.003 EXCLUSION OF EMPLOYER PROVIDED TUITION REDUCTION

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 117(d)

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 (Connection to federal personal taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1984

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Tuition reductions for employees of educational institutions may be excluded from federal income taxes provided they do not represent payment for services. The exclusion applies as well to tuition reductions for an employee’s spouse and dependent children. Tuition reductions can occur at schools other than where the employee works, provided they are granted by the school attended, and not paid by the employing school. Tuition reductions cannot discriminate in favor of highly compensated employees.

**PURPOSE:** The Congressional Research Service reports that the reduced cost of education may encourage education and reduce the labor costs and turnover of educational institutions.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Employees of education institutions who receive untaxed tuition reductions.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

### 1.004 CERTAIN FOSTER CARE PAYMENTS

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 131

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 (Connection to federal personal taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1982

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Payments made by a state, local, or qualified foster care placement agency to a foster care provider for caring for a qualified foster individual in the provider’s home are excluded from personal taxable income of the foster care provider. Payments received in excess of actual expenses incurred represent the monies that would be taxable were it not for the exclusion. A qualified foster individual is an individual placed by a qualified foster care placement agency, regardless of age at the time of placement.

**PURPOSE:** According to the Congressional Research Service, this exemption encourages participation in foster care programs, eases tax administration, and relieves foster care providers from maintaining complex records.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Foster care providers for qualified individuals.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

### 1.005 EMPLOYEE ADOPTION BENEFITS

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 137

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 (Connection to federal personal taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1996

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Benefits that employees who adopt children receive under employer sponsored adoption assistance programs are excluded from personal taxable income. The maximum exclusion in 2015 was \$13,400 per child, including special needs children. Expenses may be incurred over several years. Employees who receive employer provided adoption assistance must do so under an established employer sponsored adoption assistance program (see IRS publication 15-B for description of employee program parameters). In 2015, the exclusion was phased out for modified adjusted gross incomes between \$201,010 and \$241,010, at which point no exclusion was allowed. The exclusion limit and the beginning of the income phase-out range are permanently indexed to inflation. The \$40,000 range over which the exclusion is phased-out is not indexed to inflation.

**PURPOSE:** To encourage adoptions and allow more families to afford adoption.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Adoptive parents who received benefits from employer sponsored adoption assistance programs.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.006 COMPENSATORY DAMAGES

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 104(a)(2)-104(a)(5)  
**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 (Connection to federal personal taxable income)  
**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None  
**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1918

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$13,500,000	\$13,500,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$13,800,000	\$13,800,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Payments that a person receives as compensatory damages for physical injury or physical sickness, whether paid in a lump sum or in periodic payments, are excluded from taxable income.

**PURPOSE:** To avoid reducing the value of these payments.

**WHO BENEFITS:** People who have been injured and received compensatory damages.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.007 EMPLOYER PAID MEDICAL BENEFITS

**Internal Revenue Code Sections:** 105, 106 and 125  
**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 (Connection to federal personal taxable income)  
**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None  
**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1918

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$1,295,000,000	\$1,295,000,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$1,430,700,000	\$1,430,700,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Employer payments for health insurance, other employee medical expenses, and long term care insurance are not included in the employee's personal taxable income. Federal law does require that the imputed value of health and other fringe benefits of a domestic partner be included in adjusted gross income when cohabitating couples are not married.

**PURPOSE:** To encourage employers to include health insurance coverage in compensation packages.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Employees, their spouses, and dependents receiving employer paid health benefits.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

### 1.008 SPECIAL BENEFITS FOR DISABLED COAL MINERS

Internal Revenue Service Ruling 72-400, 1972-2 Cumulative Bulletin 75  
**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 (Connection to federal personal taxable income)  
**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None  
**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1969

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Benefits to coal mine workers or their survivors for total disability or death resulting from coal workers’ pneumoconiosis (black lung disease) paid under the Black Lung Benefits Act are not considered taxable. These benefits may be either monthly cash payments or coverage of black lung related medical costs.

**PURPOSE:** To ensure consistent treatment with workers’ compensation.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Oregon taxpayers receiving black lung benefits. The federal Social Security Administration reported 11 Oregon recipients receiving an average of about \$550 per month in 2014.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

### 1.009 ABLE ACCOUNT EARNINGS

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 529A  
**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 (Connection to federal personal taxable income)  
**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None  
**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 2014

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$300,000	\$300,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Under federal law, contributions to ABLE (Achieving a Better Life Experience) accounts are not tax deductible, but the earnings on the account balances are excluded from income. Qualifying distributions from ABLE plans are excluded from taxable income.

Federal legislation in 2014 created the ability for individuals to establish tax-exempt savings plans through state-sponsored savings plans. Oregon passed enabling legislation in 2015 (SB 777), and launched the Oregon ABLE Savings Plan in December 2016. These accounts are intended to help individuals save for qualified disability expenses of a designated beneficiary.

The proceeds of these accounts are meant to be used to pay qualified disability expenses, including education, housing, employment training and support, health care, and financial management, of the designated beneficiary. Individuals diagnosed with a disability before the age of 26 are eligible for an Oregon ABLE Savings Plan account. Up to \$100,000 can be saved within an ABLE account without the assets affecting federal and state benefits, and \$14,000 can be contributed annually.

Nonqualifying distributions are subject to a federal penalty, and the earnings of the nonqualifying distribution are subject to income tax.

The revenue impact for this expenditure is based on earnings on the accounts. It does not include the value of the subtraction from taxable income allowed for deposits into an Oregon ABLE account. That is included in tax expenditure 1.306.

**PURPOSE:** Section 101 of the federal ABLE Act (P.L. 113-295) states the purpose is:

“(1) To encourage and assist individuals and families in saving private funds for the purpose of supporting individuals with disabilities to maintain health, independence, and quality of life.

(2) To provide secure funding for disability-related expenses on behalf of designated beneficiaries with disabilities that will supplement, but not supplant, benefits provided through private insurance, the Medicaid program under title XIX of the Social Security Act, the supplemental security income program under title XVI of such Act, the beneficiary’s employment, and other sources.”

**WHO BENEFITS:** Disabled individuals using ABLE accounts are able to defer and eventually avoid tax on earnings of these accounts and therefore may accumulate savings more quickly for future disability-related expenses. Tax benefits are more likely to accrue to higher income families reflecting higher tax rates and means to save.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.010 CAFETERIA PLAN BENEFITS

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 125

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 (Connection to federal personal taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1974

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$322,300,000	\$322,300,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$348,100,000	\$348,100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Employer-paid benefits under cafeteria plans, which offer employees a choice between taking monetary compensation or qualified benefits such as health insurance, dependent care assistance and adoption assistance are not included in the employee’s personal taxable income. The employee pays no tax when choosing the benefits but does pay tax when choosing the cash.

**PURPOSE:** To encourage employers to provide cafeteria plan benefits as part of a compensation package and to encourage employees to use the qualified benefit options.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Employees receiving employer paid cafeteria plan benefits.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.011 PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS AND EARNINGS

**Internal Revenue Code Sections:** 401–407, 410–418E, and 457

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 (Connection to federal personal taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1921

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$1,110,300,000	\$1,110,300,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$1,656,300,000	\$1,656,300,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Employer contributions to pension plans are not included in the employee’s personal taxable income in the year of contribution, and self-employed individuals are allowed to reduce taxable income for qualified contributions to qualified retirement accounts. In addition, earnings on balances in those accounts are not taxed.

Tax on contributions and earnings is deferred until distribution when withdrawals are included in taxable income. The estimated revenue impact is a net figure; the revenue foregone in a given year offset by the amount of tax paid on withdrawals in that year. The bulk of the revenue impact in most years is from the exclusion on earnings.

This tax expenditure includes the following components listed separately by the federal Joint Committee on Taxation:

- Defined Benefit Plans.
- Defined Contribution Plans.
- Plans covering partners and sole proprietors (sometimes referred to as “Keogh plans”).

More than 90 percent of the estimated revenue loss of this provision is attributable to employer plans.

**PURPOSE:** To promote saving for retirement.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Employees and self-employed individuals with qualified retirement savings or pension benefits. Employers may benefit by paying lower wages than would be paid if these benefits were not offered.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.012 SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS (FEDERAL)

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 86 (and multiple Revenue Rulings)

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 (Connection to federal personal taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1938

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$652,900,000	\$652,900,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$728,500,000	\$728,500,000

**DESCRIPTION:** A portion of Social Security and Railroad Retirement Board benefits are considered nontaxable at the federal level. Oregon extends the tax exemption to the full amount

of benefits. As a result, there are two tax expenditures pertaining to these benefits. This tax expenditure pertains to those benefits that are exempt at the federal level. The tax expenditure pertaining to the portion of benefits that are taxed at the federal level but are exempt in Oregon is 1.307, Social Security Benefits (Oregon).

The amount of benefits subject to federal taxation depends on the amount of “provisional income” above certain thresholds. Provisional income is adjusted gross income plus one-half of Social Security benefits and otherwise tax-exempt interest income (i.e., interest from tax-exempt bonds). Taxpayers with provisional income under \$25,000 (single) or \$32,000 (married filing jointly) pay no tax.

If provisional income is above these thresholds but below \$34,000 (single) or \$44,000 (joint) then the amount of benefits subject to tax is the lesser of: (1) 50 percent of benefits, or (2) 50 percent of income above the first threshold. If income is above the second threshold, the amount of benefits subject to tax is the lesser of: (1) 85 percent of benefits, or (2) 85 percent of income above the second threshold, plus the smaller of \$4,500 (single) or \$6,000 (joint), or 50 percent of benefits. For couples filing separately, taxable benefits are the lesser of 85 percent of benefits or 85 percent of provisional income.

**PURPOSE:** The Congressional Research Service cited three reasons for the original exclusion: (1) Congress did not intend for these benefits to be taxed, (2) the benefits were intended to be in the form of “gifts,” and (3) taxing these benefits would defeat their intended purposes.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Oregon taxpayers who receive federally taxable Social Security or Railroad Retirement Board benefits. For 2014, about 370,370 full-year Oregon filers used this exclusion, or the related Oregon subtraction.

For more detail, see the distributional table presented with the Oregon subtraction, 1.307, Social Security Benefits (Oregon).

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

### 1.013 REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES

**Internal Revenue Code Sections:** 38(b), 39(d), 45A, 168(j), 280C(a), and 1391–1397D

**Oregon Statutes:** 316.048 and 317.013 (Connections to federal personal and corporation taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** 12-31-2016

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1993

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Federal law allowed for the designation of up to 40 empowerment zones, 95 enterprise communities, and 40 renewal communities in the United States to receive special tax benefits. The potential Oregon tax benefit unique to these zones was an additional \$35,000 in capital equipment expensing which may have carried through apportioned business returns to reduce income taxed by Oregon.

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Designated areas must satisfy eligibility criteria including poverty rates, population, and geographic size limits. Designated areas are eligible for benefits through December 31, 2016.

Oregon currently has no areas that qualify for this tax expenditure. The 10-year designation of the two Oregon federal Enterprise Communities in Josephine County and Portland ended on December 31, 2004. To date, there has been no Oregon area designated as a federal Empowerment Zone or Renewal Community.

In addition to empowerment zones, the small impact of tax expenditure considers District of Columbia Tax incentives, which are listed separately by the federal Joint Committee on Taxation.

- PURPOSE:** To revitalize economically distressed areas through expanded business and employment opportunities.
- WHO BENEFITS:** Both businesses and employees within the designated areas may benefit.
- EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

### 1.014 INCOME OF CONTROLLED FOREIGN CORPORATIONS

**Internal Revenue Code Sections:** 11(d), 882 and 951–964

**Oregon Statute:** 317.013 (Connection to federal corporation taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1909

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$489,400,000	Not Applicable	\$489,400,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$530,200,000	Not Applicable	\$530,200,000

**DESCRIPTION:** When a U.S. firm earns income through a foreign subsidiary, the income is exempt from U.S. corporate taxes as long as it is in the hands of the foreign subsidiary. At the time the foreign income is repatriated, the U.S. parent corporation can credit foreign taxes paid by the subsidiary against U.S. taxes owed on the repatriated income. Because U.S. firms can delay paying U.S. taxes by keeping income in the hands of foreign subsidiaries, it provides a tax benefit for firms that invest in countries with low tax rates.

Following a corporate inversion, taxes on foreign subsidiary income may be avoided by essentially repatriating income to the new foreign parent corporation rather than the U.S. corporation (which post inversion becomes a subsidiary of the foreign parent). Loss due to inversions represents a small proportion of the overall revenue estimate.

- PURPOSE:** According to the Congressional Research Service, “Defenders of deferral argue that the provision is necessary to allow U.S. multinationals to compete with firms from foreign countries; they also maintain that the provision boosts U.S. exports” (Congressional Research Service, *Tax Expenditures: Compendium of Background Material on Individual Provisions*: 2012).
- WHO BENEFITS:** U.S. multinational firms with foreign operations in countries with tax rates lower than the United States.
- EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.015 EXCLUSION OF GAIN FROM CERTAIN SMALL BUSINESS STOCK

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 1202

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 (Connection to federal personal taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1993

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$11,000,000	\$11,000,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$12,100,000	\$12,100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Individual and non-corporate business taxpayers (including pass-through entities like partnerships and S corporations) are allowed to exclude from gross income 50 percent or more of gain from the sale or exchange of qualified small business stock. The exclusion is 100 percent for stock acquired after September 27, 2010 if it meets all of the following:

- The stock must be acquired by a noncorporate taxpayer at the time of issue in exchange for money, property, or services; and then held for at least five years.
- The stock must be issues by a C corporation with no more than \$50 million in gross assets, and at least 80 percent of its assets must be employed during the five-year holding period.
- The corporation must be a “specialized small business investment company” or in any line of business excluding: healthcare, law, engineering, architecture, food service, lodging, farming, insurance, finance, and mining.

The exclusion is limited to the greater of \$10 million or ten times the taxpayer’s basis in the stock.

**PURPOSE:** “The partial exclusion for gains on the sale of qualified small business stock seems intended to increase the flow of equity capital to new ventures, small firms, and specialized small business investment companies that are having difficulty raising capital from traditional sources.” (Congressional Research Service, *Tax Expenditures: Compendium of Background Material on Individual Provisions*: 2012)

**WHO BENEFITS:** Individuals who invest in qualified small business stock at the initial offering and later realize gains on that investment. According to the Congressional Research Service, most of the benefits are captured by small business owners and high income individuals.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.016 IMPUTED INTEREST RULES

**Internal Revenue Code Sections:** 163(e), 483, 1274 and 1274A

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 and 317.013 (Connections to federal personal and corporation taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1984

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	\$5,100,000	\$5,100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	\$5,600,000	\$5,600,000

**DESCRIPTION:** For debt instruments that pay less than the market rate of interest, a higher market rate (imputed interest rate) generally must be used to calculate income and expenses for tax purposes. The imputed interest must be included as income to the recipient and is deducted by the payer.

There are several exceptions to the general imputed interest rule. Debt associated with the sale of property when the total sales price is no more than \$250,000, the sale of farms or small businesses by individuals when the sales price is no more than \$1 million, and the sale of a personal residence are not subject to the imputation rules. The reported impact of this provision is the revenue loss caused by the exceptions.

A common example of this exemption is a low interest, no interest, or “gift” loan involved in the sale of property between family members.

**PURPOSE:** According to the Congressional Research Service, the purpose of these exemptions is “to allow more flexibility in structuring sales of personal residences, small businesses, and farms by the owners, and to avoid the administrative problems that might arise in applying the rules to other smaller sales.” (Congressional Research Service, *Tax Expenditures: Compendium of Background Material on Individual Provisions*: 2012)

**WHO BENEFITS:** Sellers of residences, small businesses, and farms who would otherwise pay tax on interest they do not charge and will not receive.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.017 EMPLOYER PROVIDED DEPENDENT CARE

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 129

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 (Connection to federal personal taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1981

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$8,300,000	\$8,300,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$9,400,000	\$9,400,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Employer payments for dependent care through a dependent care assistance program are not included in the employee’s personal taxable income. The maximum exclusion is \$5,000 and may not exceed the employee’s (or employee’s spouse if married) earned income. To qualify, the employer assistance must be provided under a plan

that meets certain conditions, such as eligibility requirements that do not discriminate in favor of certain employees.

- PURPOSE:** To promote the provision of dependent care benefits by employers and to reduce the costs of dependent care for employees.
- WHO BENEFITS:** Employees receiving employer paid dependent care benefits.
- EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.018 CAPITAL GAINS ON HOME SALES

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 121

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 (Connection to federal personal taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1997

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$322,900,000	\$322,900,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$364,000,000	\$364,000,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Homeowners may exclude from personal taxable income up to \$250,000 (single taxpayers) or \$500,000 (married taxpayers filing joint returns) of capital gain realized on the sale of their principal residence. To qualify, the taxpayer must have owned and occupied the home for at least two of the previous five years. The exclusion applies only to the portion of the property associated with the residence, not portions of the property used in business activity. The exclusion is allowed each time a taxpayer meets the eligibility requirements, but generally not more than once every two years.

**PURPOSE:** To promote home ownership by increasing the after-tax proceeds available when homeowners sell their home at a gain. The provision also simplifies income tax administration and record keeping.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Homeowners who sell their principal residences for a gain.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.019 INCOME EARNED ABROAD BY U.S. CITIZENS

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 911

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 (Connection to federal personal taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1926

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$65,100,000	\$65,100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$73,400,000	\$73,400,000

**DESCRIPTION:** U.S. citizens (except U.S. federal employees) who live abroad may exclude from personal taxable income up to \$100,800 earned from employment overseas in 2015. The income level of the foreign earned income exclusion is indexed to inflation. A

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taxpayer must meet foreign residence tests to receive the exclusion. Taxpayers may also exclude a certain amount of employer provided foreign housing expenses.

Oregon law (ORS 316.027) clarifies that individuals qualifying for this federal exemption also generally qualify for exemption in Oregon.

This tax expenditure includes the following components listed separately by the federal Joint Committee on Taxation:

- Exclusion of Foreign Earned Income: Housing.
- Exclusion of Foreign Earned Income: Salary.

**PURPOSE:** To help compensate U.S. citizens working abroad for higher living costs overseas and taxes paid to the foreign country of residence.

**WHO BENEFITS:** U.S. citizens who live and work abroad.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.020 CANCELLATION OF MORTGAGE DEBT

**Internal Revenue Code Sections:** 108(E)

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 (Connection to federal personal)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** 12-31-2016

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 2007

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$10,500,000	\$10,500,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$0	\$0

**DESCRIPTION:** In general, when a “discharge of indebtedness” occurs, the forgiven debt is considered income to the taxpayer. An exception is allowed for debt discharged through 2016 up to \$2 million (\$1 million if married filing separately) if the debt was incurred to acquire, construct, or substantially improve the taxpayer’s principal residence.

This tax expenditure was included in “Exclusion of cancellation of indebtedness income of non-farmers” in the 2015-17 version of this tax expenditure report. This is the only quantified component of that tax expenditure in this version. A provision considered in the prior revenue impact was “Inclusion of income arising from business indebtedness discharged by the reacquisition of a debt instrument,” which is listed as *de minimis* by the federal Joint Committee on Taxation and is no longer reflected in this estimate.

**PURPOSE:** To reduce the tax burden on insolvent taxpayers or those facing severe economic difficulty.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Taxpayers who have had debt discharged.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.021 EMPLOYER PAID GROUP LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUMS

**Internal Revenue Code Sections:** 79

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**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 (Connection to federal personal taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1920

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$28,500,000	\$28,500,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$29,400,000	\$29,400,000

**DESCRIPTION:** The cost of employer provided group term life insurance plans that satisfy “anti-discrimination” provisions, net of employee contributions, above a \$50,000 (not indexed to inflation) coverage threshold is excluded from the employees’ gross income.

**PURPOSE:** To encourage employers and employees to incorporate life insurance benefits into compensation packages without discriminating between type of employee. An example of discriminating between employees would be offering insurance benefits to officers, owners, and/or highly compensated employees only.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Employees who have some life insurance premiums paid by their employer.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.022 EMPLOYER PAID ACCIDENT AND DISABILITY INSURANCE

**Internal Revenue Code Sections:** 105 and 106

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 (Connection to federal personal taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1954

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$37,600,000	\$37,600,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$41,000,000	\$41,000,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Employer payments for employee accident and disability insurance premiums are not included in the employee’s personal taxable income. Benefits paid to employees are generally taxable, however payments that relate to permanent injuries are excluded from taxable income so long as those payments are computed without regard to the amount of time an employee is absent from work.

**PURPOSE:** To encourage employers and employees to incorporate accident and disability insurance into compensation packages.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Employees who have some accident and disability insurance premiums paid by their employer.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

### 1.023 MISCELLANEOUS FRINGE BENEFITS

**Internal Revenue Code Sections:** 132 and 117(d)

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 (Connection to federal personal taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1984

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$68,000,000	\$68,000,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$71,000,000	\$71,000,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Certain fringe benefits are exempt from personal income tax. These benefits include no-additional-cost services (such as free stand by flights for airline employees), qualified employee discounts, working condition fringe benefits, and low value fringe benefits (such as providing coffee to employees or allowing them occasional personal use of an office copy machine). Also included are subsidized parking and eating facilities and provision of on premises athletic facilities. The provision of these fringe benefits must meet certain nondiscrimination rules to qualify. The benefits must be provided solely to employees, their spouses, and dependent children; retired employees; or the widows or widowers of former employees.

**PURPOSE:** To codify the traditional treatment of these benefits as not contributing to taxable income and to avoid the difficulty of monitoring and assigning values to them.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Employees receiving fringe benefits.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

### 1.024 EMPLOYEE MEALS AND LODGING (NONMILITARY)

**Internal Revenue Code Sections:** 119 and 132(e)(2)

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 (Connection to federal personal taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1918

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$18,800,000	\$18,800,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$20,500,000	\$20,500,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Employees do not include in personal taxable income the fair market value of meals furnished by employers if the meals are furnished on the employer’s business premises and for the convenience of the employer. In certain situations, this includes the value of meals provided to an employee at a subsidized eating facility operated by the employer.

Fair market value of lodging provided by the employer can also be excluded from income, if the lodging is furnished on business premises for the convenience of the employer, and if the employee is required to accept the lodging as a condition of employment.

**PURPOSE:** To eliminate record keeping difficulties and to acknowledge that the fair market value of employer provided meals and lodging may be difficult to measure.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Employees who are furnished exempt meals or lodging by their employers.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.025 EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLANS

**Internal Revenue Code Sections:** 401(a)(28), 404(a)(9), 404(k), 415(c)(6), 1042, 4975(e)(7), 4978 and 4979A

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 and 317.013 (Connections to federal personal and corporation taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1974

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$8,200,000	\$900,000	\$9,100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$8,800,000	\$900,000	\$9,700,000

**DESCRIPTION:** An Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) is a defined contribution plan (similar to a 401(k) plan) that is required to invest primarily in the stock of the sponsoring employer. Generally, sponsoring employers provide the funds for the ESOP to purchase the stock for the benefit of their employees—no contribution from the employee is required, but the employees are the owners of the stock.

Employees are not taxed on the employer contributions or the earnings on invested funds until they are distributed. An employer may deduct dividends paid on stock held by an ESOP if the dividends are paid to plan participants, if the dividends are used to repay a loan that was used to buy the stock, or for dividends paid on stock in a retirement plan.

Under certain circumstances, a stockholder may defer the recognition of the gain from the sale of stock to an ESOP. The estimated tax benefit is a net figure; the revenue foregone in a given year is offset by the amount of tax paid on distributions in that year.

**PURPOSE:** According to the Congressional Research Service, the purpose of the tax incentive is to broaden employee stock ownership, provide employees with a source of retirement income, and grant employers a tax favored means of financing.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Employers and employees of participating companies.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.026 EMPLOYEE AWARDS

**Internal Revenue Code Sections:** 74(c) and 274(j)

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 (Connection to federal personal taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1986

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$2,600,000	\$2,600,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Awards given to employees for length of service or for safety are excluded from personal taxable income. The amount of the exclusion is usually limited to \$400 but may be as much as \$1,600 for individual awards given as part of qualified employee achievement rewards plan. There are certain qualification requirements to ensure that the awards do not constitute disguised compensation.

**PURPOSE:** To encourage longevity in employment and safety practices on the job.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Employees who receive length of service or safety awards and employers who save costs related to training and time loss injuries as a result of incentives created by the awards.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.027 EMPLOYER PROVIDED EDUCATION BENEFITS

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 127

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 (Connection to federal personal taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1997

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$10,600,000	\$10,600,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$11,400,000	\$11,400,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Employer provided graduate and undergraduate assistance benefits are excluded from the personal taxable income of the recipient if they are part of an educational assistance program. The limit on the annual exclusion is \$5,250, which is not indexed for inflation. Characteristics of the program must include the following:

- The program must not discriminate in favor of highly compensated employees.
- Assistance provided to employees owning more than 5 percent of the business may not exceed more than 5 percent of the benefits.
- Employees must have reasonable notification of the program's availability and terms.

Educational assistance includes the payment of tuition, fees, books, supplies, and equipment; it excludes items such as meals, lodging, and transportation. The

exclusion does not apply to education pertaining to sports, games, or hobbies unless they involve the employer’s business.

- PURPOSE:** According to the Congressional Research Service, the purpose of the exclusion is to encourage employers to offer educational assistance to employees.
- WHO BENEFITS:** Employees receiving employer provided educational assistance.
- EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.028 SPREAD ON ACQUISITION OF STOCK

**Internal Revenue Code Sections:** 422 and 423

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 (Connection to federal personal taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1981

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Employees who have been granted stock options under a qualified plan are allowed to exercise, or buy, those options within a specified time frame. Generally, these provisions provide options to employees allowing them buy stock for less than the current market price. At the time the employee exercises his or her options, the stock is transferred from the company to the employee, but the difference in value between the market value and the option price is not immediately included in taxable income. The value of this exemption is that the tax is deferred until the employee sells the stock.

Contrary to normal treatment of compensation paid to employees, the employers that grants qualified options are not allowed to deduct the options as an expense. As a result, employers pay higher taxes than they would without these provisions. The Joint Committee on Taxation lists the increased tax paid by employers under these provisions as a “negative tax expenditure.” Oregon’s law defining tax expenditures doesn’t contemplate this type of negative tax expenditure, so an estimate of the impact of the associated tax increase for Oregon corporate tax is not included.

Two related tax expenditures listed separately by the federal Joint Committee on Taxation are included here for qualified plans. They are defined as “incentive stock options” or “employee stock purchase plans.”

- PURPOSE:** “The Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981 (P.L. 97-34) reinstated special rules for qualified stock options with the justification that encouraging the management of a business to have a proprietary interest in its successful operation would provide an important incentive to expand and improve the profit position of the companies involved.” (Congressional Research Service, *Tax Expenditures: Compendium of Background Material on Individual Provisions*: 2012)
- WHO BENEFITS:** Taxpayers who receive stock options as a form of compensation.
- EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

### 1.029 VETERANS' BENEFITS AND SERVICES

U.S. Code Title 38, Section 5301

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 (Connection to federal personal taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1917

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$97,000,000	\$97,000,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$98,600,000	\$98,600,000

**DESCRIPTION:** All benefits provided by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) are excluded from the personal taxable income of recipients, including disability compensation, pensions, and GI bill benefits.

The revenue estimate is based on three provisions listed separately by the federal Joint Committee on Taxation. Death benefits, disability benefits, and readjustment benefits. In the 2015-17 version of this tax expenditure report, the estimate also included burial expenses, but JCT lists burial expenses as *de minimis* so the impact of that provision is not included.

**PURPOSE:** “Many have concluded that the exclusion is in recognition of the extraordinary sacrifices made by armed forces personnel, especially during periods of war.” (Congressional Research Service, *Tax Expenditures: Compendium of Background Material on Individual Provisions*: 2012)

**WHO BENEFITS:** Veterans, their survivors, and dependents and their families receiving benefits from the VA. In addition to the ongoing benefits described above, the Oregon Department of Veterans’ Affairs manages two veterans’ care facilities in Oregon. An Oregon Veterans’ Home opened in November 1997 in The Dalles, and the other opened in 2014 in Lebanon.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

### 1.030 MILITARY AND DEPENDENTS CHAMPUS/TRICARE INSURANCE

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 112 and 134

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 (Connection to federal personal taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1925

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$37,800,000	\$37,800,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$40,500,000	\$40,500,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Military personnel are provided with a variety of in-kind benefits that are not taxed, such as medical and dental benefits. These benefits are also provided to active duty dependents, retired military, and their dependents. Some medical care for such dependents is provided in military facilities and by military doctors on a space available basis.

The Department of Defense (DOD) has implemented TRICARE, in an effort to coordinate the efforts of armed services' medical facilities and civilian providers. Beneficiaries can receive care under one of three options:

- TRICARE Prime, a DOD-managed HMO
- TRICARE Extra, a preferred-provider organization
- TRICARE Standard, formerly known as CHAMPUS.

Under the latter two options, beneficiaries are reimbursed for portions of the costs of health care received from civilian providers. Retirees and their dependents who are eligible for Medicare and participate in Medicare Part B are allowed to retain their TRICARE coverage, which includes pharmaceutical benefits.

The revenue estimate is based on two provisions listed separately by the federal Joint Committee on Taxation. The two provisions arise by differentiating between recipients based on their eligibility for Medicare.

**PURPOSE:** A 1925 court case, *Jones v. United States* [60 CT. CL. 552 (1925)] drew a distinction between the pay and allowances provided for military personnel. The court found that housing and other housing allowances were reimbursements similar to other nontaxable expenses authorized by the executive branch. This exclusion is consistent with the court's reasoning and extends it to military health benefits.

**WHO BENEFITS:** The families and dependents of military personnel.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

### 1.031 MAGAZINE, PAPERBACK, AND RECORD RETURNS

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 458

**Oregon Statutes:** 316.048 and 317.013 (Connections to federal personal and corporation taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1978

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Generally, if a buyer returns goods to the seller, the seller's income is reduced in the year in which the items are returned. This tax expenditure grants an exemption to publishers and distributors of magazines, paperbacks, and records. (Records include discs, tapes, and similar objects that contain prerecorded sounds.) These publishers and distributors may elect to exclude from corporate or personal taxable income any goods sold during a tax year that are returned shortly after the close of the tax year. Specifically, magazines must be returned within two months and 15 days after the end of the tax year. Paperbacks and records must be returned within four months and 15 days. This allows publishers and distributors to sell more copies to wholesalers and retailers than they expect will be sold to consumers.

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**PURPOSE:** According to the Congressional Research Service, the purpose of this special election for publishers and distributors of magazines, paperbacks, and records is to avoid imposing a tax on accrued income when goods that are sold in one tax year are returned after the close of the year.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Publishers and distributors of magazines, paperbacks, and records.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

### 1.032 CASH ACCOUNTING, OTHER THAN AGRICULTURE

**Internal Revenue Code Sections:** 446 and 448  
**Oregon Statutes:** 316.048 and 317.013 (Connections to federal personal and corporation taxable income)  
**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None  
**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1916

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$1,500,000	\$15,000,000	\$16,500,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$1,500,000	\$15,800,000	\$17,300,000

**DESCRIPTION:** This tax expenditure allows employee owned service businesses and small businesses with average annual gross receipts of less than five million dollars for the last three years to choose the cash method of accounting instead of the accrual method. Past Internal Revenue Service rulings have expanded the scope of permissible use of the cash method. As a result, the cash method may be used by most sole proprietorships, S corporations, and partnerships with average annual gross receipts of one million dollars or less in the three previous tax years.

This expenditure changes the timing of reporting earnings and expense, but is classified here as an exclusion of income. Using the cash method of accounting for tax purposes effectively defers corporation and personal income tax by allowing qualified businesses to record income when it is received rather than when it is earned.

See also: 1.215, Cash Accounting for Agriculture.

**PURPOSE:** “Individuals and many businesses are allowed to use the cash method of accounting because it typically requires keeping fewer records than do other methods of accounting.” (Congressional Research Service, *Tax Expenditures: Compendium of Background Material on Individual Provisions: 2012*)

**WHO BENEFITS:** Primarily owners of eligible small businesses and professional service corporations of all sizes benefit.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

### 1.033 INVENTORY METHODS OF VALUATION

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 475, 491–492

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 and 317.013 (Connections to federal personal and corporation taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1938

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$8,100,000	\$2,500,000	\$10,600,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$8,400,000	\$2,500,000	\$10,900,000

**DESCRIPTION:** A taxpayer that sells goods must generally maintain inventory records to determine the cost of goods sold. Inventory can be kept by tracking individual items, or may use several other methods

The method that is considered normal for purposes of this tax expenditure is FIFO (first-in, first-out, assuming the most recent good sold is the earliest one purchased). The method with the largest difference versus FIFO is known as LIFO (last-in, first-out, assuming the most recent good sold is the last one purchased). If using FIFO, a taxpayer with inventory that is valued below cost may choose the lower of cost or market (LCM) method which allows the taxpayer a further tax reduction. Taxpayers may also use a method known as specific-identification to specify which lots are sold and which are valued in inventory.

The federal Joint Committee on taxation lists estimates of the impact of the three alternate methods separately, but the bulk of the impact of this provision is from the LIFO method.

**PURPOSE:** When LIFO was adopted for tax purposes in 1939, “The reason for adopting it was to allow a standard accounting practice.” In 1981 LIFO reporting was simplified, “...to make the method that most effectively mitigates the effects of inflation more accessible to all businesses.” (Congressional Research Service, *Tax Expenditures: Compendium of Background Material on Individual Provisions*: 2012)

**WHO BENEFITS:** Business taxpayers that use alternate methods of valuing their inventory.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

### 1.034 AGRICULTURE COST-SHARING PAYMENTS

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 126

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 and 317.013 (Connections to federal personal and corporation taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1978

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Under certain federal and state programs, governments make payments to taxpayers that represent a share of the costs of certain improvements to the land made by the taxpayer. These programs generally are designed to promote conservation, protect the environment, improve forests, or provide habitats for wildlife. Payments made under

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these programs are not included in the corporation or personal taxable income of the recipient. To qualify for the exclusion, the payment must not produce a substantial increase in the annual income from the property.

- PURPOSE:** To promote the conservation of soil and water resources and the protection of the environment.
- WHO BENEFITS:** Recipients of federal or state cost-sharing payments for environmental improvements to land.
- EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

### 1.035 CANCELLATION OF DEBT FOR FARMERS

**Internal Revenue Code Sections:** 108 and 1017(b)(4)  
**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 (Connection to federal personal taxable income)  
**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None  
**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1986

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$800,000	\$800,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$800,000	\$800,000

**DESCRIPTION:** In general, when a “discharge of indebtedness” occurs the forgiven debt is considered income to the taxpayer. An exception is allowed for the discharge of farm debt that is a direct result of farm operations if at least half of the taxpayer’s gross receipts from the previous three years were from farming. The lender canceling the debt must also meet several qualifications. For instance, the lender cannot be related to the farmer. The amount of canceled debt that can be excluded from tax cannot exceed the sum of adjusted tax attributes and adjusted basis of qualified property.

This exclusion allows solvent farmers to defer the tax on the income resulting from the cancellation of a debt. By electing to offset the canceled debt through reductions in the basis of property, the taxpayer postpones the tax that would have been owed on the canceled debt until the basis reductions in the property are recaptured when the property is sold or through reduced future depreciation of the property.

- PURPOSE:** To reduce the tax burden on farmers who have a debt discharged and to avoid forcing farmers to sell their farmland in order to pay large tax liabilities on income arising from canceled debt.
- WHO BENEFITS:** Solvent farmers who have debt canceled by lenders. Debt cancellations are not often granted, but may be of substantial value when they do occur.
- EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.036 ENERGY CONSERVATION SUBSIDIES (FEDERAL)

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 136

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 (Connection to federal personal taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1992

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Residential energy customers can exclude from personal taxable income subsidies provided by public utilities for the purchase or installation of an energy conservation improvement.

Subsidies paid to corporations are not exempt under this federal provision, but can be subtracted from gross income under 1.317, Energy Conservation Subsidies (Oregon).

**PURPOSE:** According to the Congressional Research Service, the purpose of the exclusion is to encourage residential customers of public utilities to participate in conservation programs, sponsored by the utility. This would enhance energy efficiency of dwelling units and encourage energy conservation in residential buildings.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Homeowners who participate in conservation programs and install energy saving devices.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.037 PASS-THROUGH STATUS OF SPECIFIED PUBLICLY TRADED PARTNERSHIPS

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 7704

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 (Connection to federal personal taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1987

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$10,200,000	\$10,200,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$10,300,000	\$10,300,000

**DESCRIPTION:** With a few exceptions, publicly traded partnerships that receive at least 90 percent of their gross income from qualifying sources are treated as pass-through entities for tax purposes, and are exempt from corporate taxes that would otherwise apply. This is an exception to general rules that subject publicly traded partnerships (those traded on established securities or secondary markets) to corporate taxes.

Qualifying income sources include interest, dividends, property rental income and gain from disposition of real property. In addition, income derived from certain activities related to energy or mining of natural resources. The federal Joint Committee on Taxation classifies this as a tax expenditure affecting personal income taxpayers, and lists one provision for energy and another for mining.

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**PURPOSE:** The Congressional Research Service notes that proponents of these policies may argue, "...that the industries targeted through the definition of qualified income have reason to be subsidized, and government policy should help spur investment and growth" in the energy sector and the exploration of natural resources. (Congressional Research Service, *Tax Expenditures: Compendium of Background Material on Individual Provisions*: 2014)

**WHO BENEFITS:** Owners of publicly traded partnerships that are exempt from corporate-level taxation.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

### 1.038 EARNINGS OF CERTAIN ENVIRONMENTAL SETTLEMENT FUNDS

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 468B(g)  
**Oregon Statute:** 317.013 (Connection to federal corporation taxable income)  
**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None  
**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 2005

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$100,000	Not Applicable	\$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$100,000	Not Applicable	\$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Hazardous waste site cleanup is sometimes funded by environmental settlement funds. These accounts are established in consent decrees between the Environmental Protection Agency and the settling parties under the jurisdiction of a federal district court. This provision allows businesses that contribute to certain environmental settlement funds to exclude the earnings on those contributions from taxable income. Contributions to funds are treated as government owned, so that earnings are not taxable.

**PURPOSE:** According to the Congressional Research Service, this provision is intended to facilitate quick action in cleaning up hazardous waste sites by the owners at their own expense.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Businesses that establish environmental settlement funds during the eligible period.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.039 NONPROFITS GAIN FROM BROWNFIELD

**Internal Revenue Code Sections:** 512 & 514

**Oregon Statute:** 317.013 (Connection to federal corporation taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** 12-31-2010

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 2004

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Not Applicable	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Not Applicable	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** This exclusion applies to nonprofit organizations that have gains from a qualifying sale, exchange or other disposition of a qualifying brownfield property unrelated to the organization's tax-exempt purpose. Without the exclusion, these gains would be taxable as unrelated business income.

The gain on qualified brownfield property acquired from an unrelated party subject to remediation and sold to another unrelated party is exempt if the property was acquired between January 1, 2006 and before January 1, 2011. The federal Environmental Protection Agency defines a brownfield site as, "real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant," with certain legal exclusions and additions.

**PURPOSE:** The Congressional Research Service reports that the sponsor of a similar bill had indicated that tax on unrelated business income interfered with nonprofit corporations' ability to invest in and redevelop contaminated properties.

**WHO BENEFITS:** The exclusion from the tax reduces the cost of remediating and reselling brownfields by tax-exempt organizations using debt finance.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.040 EMPLOYER PAID TRANSPORTATION BENEFITS

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 132(f)

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 (Connection to federal personal taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1992

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$36,100,000	\$36,100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$39,200,000	\$39,200,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Employer payments for employee parking, transportation in a commuter highway vehicle, and transit passes are excluded from the personal taxable income of the employees. Employees can use pretax dollars, if their employer allows, to pay for transit passes, vanpool fares and parking. Parking facilities provided free of charge by the employer are also excludable from income. Employees are allowed to elect taxable cash compensation in lieu of qualified transportation fringe benefits.

For 2016, the maximum exclusion for parking, transit, and commuter transportation is \$255 per month, which is adjusted each year for inflation. The maximum exclusion

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for qualified bicycle commuting expenses is \$20 per month for employees that regularly use a bicycle for commuting and don't receive other commuting benefits. The maximum exclusion for bicycle commuting is not adjusted for inflation.

**PURPOSE:** According to the Congressional Research Service, the exclusions for mass transit and commuter transportation were introduced, "in order to encourage mass commuting, which would in turn reduce traffic congestion and pollution." The parking benefit was given a statutory exclusion in 1984 because some employers had been providing free parking as a fringe benefit, "for many years, and employers, employees, and the Internal Revenue Service had not considered [it] taxable." (Congressional Research Service, *Tax Expenditures: Compendium of Background Material on Individual Provisions*: 2014)

**WHO BENEFITS:** The exclusion benefits both employers and employees. Employees benefit through higher compensation while their employers may benefit through lower wage costs. To the extent this exemption induces employees to use mass transportation, and assuming mass transportation reduces congestion, this exemption may lower commuting costs to all workers in urban areas.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

### 1.041 CONTRIBUTIONS IN AID OF CONSTRUCTION FOR UTILITIES

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 118(c) and (d)

**Oregon Statute:** 317.013 (Connection to federal corporation taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1996

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$200,000	Not Applicable	\$200,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$200,000	Not Applicable	\$200,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Contributions in aid of construction received by regulated water and sewage disposal utilities are not included in the utilities' gross income if the contributions are spent for the construction of new facilities within two years. Contributions in aid of construction are charges paid by utility customers, usually builders or developers, to cover the cost of expanding, improving, or replacing water or sewage disposal facilities. Contributions that are an advance of funds and require repayment are also excluded from the utilities' income. Connection fees charged to customers for installing lines cannot be excluded from income unless the lines will serve multiple customers.

This tax treatment allows the utility to treat the contribution as a tax-free addition to its capital rather than treating it as taxable income.

**PURPOSE:** To encourage the modernization of water and sewage facilities.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Oregon water or sewage disposal utilities benefit because the utilities are able to attract capital through contributions in aid of construction in addition to debt or equity financing sources.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.042 CERTAIN DISASTER MITIGATION PAYMENTS

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 139(g)

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 and 317.013 (Connections to federal personal and corporation taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 2005

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	\$200,000	\$200,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Disaster mitigation payments made to the owner of a property to mitigate hazards to that property, as paid through the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, or the National Flood Insurance Act, are excluded from taxable income.

**PURPOSE:** To retain the value of disaster mitigation payments by not imposing tax on those payments.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Recipients of specified disaster mitigation payments.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.043 CREDIT UNION INCOME

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 501(c)(14), Section 122 Fed. Credit Act (RVSC Sec. 1768)

**Oregon Statute:** 317.080(1)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1951

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$11,700,000	Not Applicable	\$11,700,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$13,300,000	Not Applicable	\$13,300,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Credit unions without capital stock, organized and operated for mutual purposes and without profit are exempt from corporate income taxation. Credit unions are nonprofit cooperatives organized by people with a common bond that distinguishes them from the general public. Members pool their funds to make loans to one another. Credit unions may be more likely to provide services to low income individuals at rates lower than other financial institutions.

Before 1951, the income of mutual banks, savings and loans, and credit unions was not taxed. In 1951, the exemption from mutual banks and savings and loans was removed, but credit unions retained the exemption.

**PURPOSE:** In 1951, at the time that the exemption for mutual banks and savings and loan institutions was removed, no specific reason was given for continuing the exemption of credit unions. "Supporters of the credit union exemption emphasize the uniqueness of credit unions compared to other depository institutions." (Congressional Research Service, *Tax Expenditures: Compendium of Background Material on Individual Provisions*: 2012)

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WHO BENEFITS: Credit unions and their members.

EVALUATION: Not evaluated.

### 1.044 ELIMINATION OF TAX EXEMPT INTEREST ALLOCATION FOR BANKS

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 265(a), 265(b), 291(e) and 141

**Oregon Statute:** 317.013 (Connection to federal corporation taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 2009

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$2,400,000	Not Applicable	\$2,400,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$2,400,000	Not Applicable	\$2,400,000

**DESCRIPTION:** This tax expenditure is a departure from complex rules intended to keep financial institutions from benefiting from two tax exemptions on interest on tax exempt bonds. Financial institutions normally deduct the interest they pay depositors from their income as a business expense. The interest deduction is required to be reduced by the percent of a financial institution's investments that are in tax-free bonds. For bonds issued in 2009 and 2010, the reduced interest deduction does not apply if the financial institution has less than 2 percent of its investments in tax-free bonds, or its tax-free bonds meet certain qualifying criteria.

**PURPOSE:** According to the Congressional Research Service, "The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA, P.L. 111-5) modified these rules for small issuers to encourage public infrastructure investment generally and to assist state and local governments issue debt."

**WHO BENEFITS:** Banks that have qualified investments in tax-free bonds.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

### 1.045 WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS (MEDICAL)

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 104(a)(1)

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 (Connection to federal personal taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1918

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$44,300,000	\$44,300,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$46,100,000	\$46,100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Employees are not taxed on the value of insurance contributions for workers' compensation medical benefits made on their behalf by employers or on the medical benefits or reimbursements they actually receive. These benefits include payments for medical treatment of work related illness or injury. The revenue impact estimates

shown are for workers' compensation medical benefits only; workers' compensation nonmedical benefits are covered in tax expenditure 1.046, Workers' Compensation Benefits (Nonmedical).

- PURPOSE:** To compensate for the economic hardship imposed by work related injury, sickness, or death and to be consistent with the tax treatment of court awarded compensatory damages. See tax expenditure 1.006, Compensatory Damages, for more information.
- WHO BENEFITS:** Any worker covered by the workers' compensation program including injured or ill workers that receive workers' compensation medical benefits.
- EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.046 WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS (NONMEDICAL)

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 104(a)(1)

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 (Connection to federal personal taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1918

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$25,700,000	\$25,700,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$28,300,000	\$28,300,000

- DESCRIPTION:** Workers' compensation nonmedical benefits are not included in personal taxable income. Nonmedical workers' compensation benefits are paid to disabled workers in the case of work related injury or to their families in cases of work related death. The revenue impact estimates shown above are for workers' compensation nonmedical benefits only. These benefits may include cash earnings replacement payments, special payments for physical impairment, and coverage for certain injury or death related expenses (e.g., burial costs). The effect of workers' compensation medical benefits is covered in tax expenditure 1.045, Workers' Compensation Benefits (Medical).
- PURPOSE:** To compensate for the economic hardship imposed by work related injury, sickness, or death, and to be consistent with the tax treatment of court awarded compensatory damages. See tax expenditure 1.006, Compensatory Damages, for more information.
- WHO BENEFITS:** Workers or their families (in cases of work related death) receiving workers' compensation benefits.
- EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

### 1.047 GAIN ON NONDEALER INSTALLMENT SALES

**Internal Revenue Code Sections:** 453 and 453A(b)

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 and 317.013 (Connections to federal personal and corporation taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1921

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$32,900,000	\$13,000,000	\$45,900,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$32,500,000	\$9,700,000	\$42,200,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Persons who do not deal regularly in selling property (nondealers) are allowed to defer the tax on gains from sales of property that are not readily tradable by using the installment method of accounting. Under the installment method, gross profit from the sale is prorated over the years during which the payments are received. The deferral of taxes conveys a tax advantage compared to being taxed in full in the year of sale.

Interest must be paid to the federal government on the deferred taxes attributable to the portion of the installment sales that exceed \$5 million. Oregon law (ORS 314.302) requires that interest also be paid to Oregon for these deferred taxes.

**PURPOSE:** To match the timing of tax payments to the timing of the cash flow generated by the sale of the property. Requiring an up front payment of taxes by a seller who won't receive the bulk of payments for the property until the future can place a heavy burden on infrequent sellers of property.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Infrequent sellers of property who sell on an installment basis. "...the primary benefit probably flows to sellers of farms, small businesses, and small real estate investments." (Congressional Research Service, *Tax Expenditures: Compendium of Background Material on Individual Provisions*: 2012)

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

### 1.048 GAIN ON LIKE-KIND EXCHANGES

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 1031

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 and 317.013 (Connections to federal personal and corporation taxable incomes.)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1921

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$54,300,000	\$66,000,000	\$120,300,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$57,500,000	\$69,600,000	\$127,100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Like-kind exchanges are exchanges of properties that are of the same general type but may be of very different quality and use, such as real estate. Gain at the time of exchange is deferred until the property is ultimately disposed of. In the case of properties being exchanged in a series of transactions, the accumulated gains from each transaction are claimed for tax purposes only in the year the final property in the series is disposed of.

Before 2001, non-Oregon residents were required to claim the accumulated gains on property within Oregon at the time the property was disposed of in exchange for property outside Oregon. Following the passage of HB 2206 in 2001, non-Oregon resident taxpayers are allowed the same benefits as Oregon resident taxpayers in regard to continuing to defer the gains from the Oregon property until the series of like-kind exchanges is ended by the disposal of the final property.

- PURPOSE:** To recognize that the investment in the new property is much like a continuation of the investment in the old and therefore, is not a taxable event.
- WHO BENEFITS:** Taxpayers who engage in exchanges of like properties. This type of activity is concentrated in the real estate sector.
- EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.049 ALLOWANCES FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ABROAD

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 912

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 (Connection to federal personal taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1943

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$6,300,000	\$6,300,000

- DESCRIPTION:** U.S. federal civilian employees working abroad are allowed to exclude from personal taxable income certain special allowances that are primarily for the costs of living abroad, such as the costs of housing, education, and travel.
- PURPOSE:** To offset the extra living costs of working abroad and to encourage employees to accept these assignments.
- WHO BENEFITS:** Federal civilian employees working abroad.
- EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.050 INTEREST ON OREGON STATE AND LOCAL DEBT

**Internal Revenue Code Sections:** 103, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146 and 501(c)(3)

**Oregon Statutes:** 316.048 (Connection to federal personal taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1913

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$65,000,000	\$65,000,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$61,800,000	\$61,800,000

- DESCRIPTION:** Oregon excludes interest income from Oregon state or local government obligations in personal taxable income (it is included in corporation taxable income). These obligations are primarily bonds issued by the state of Oregon and local government

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taxing districts such as cities, counties, and school districts. Interest and dividends on bonds and notes of other states or political subdivisions are taxable in Oregon.

These bonds fall into two categories. First, there are governmental bonds in which the bond proceeds generally are used to build capital facilities that are owned and operated by governmental entities and serve the general public interest, such as highways, schools, and government buildings. The majority of the tax benefit falls in this category.

Second, there are qualified private activity bonds where a portion of the bond benefits accrue to individuals or businesses rather than to the general public. These include the following state and local government bonds: industrial development bonds for energy production facilities, sewage, water, and hazardous waste facilities bonds, bonds for owner-occupied housing, bonds for rental housing, small issue industrial development bonds, bonds for high-speed rail, bonds for private airports, docks, and mass-commuting facilities, student loan bonds, bonds for private nonprofit hospital facilities, and bonds for veterans' housing. Many of these bonds are subject to the state private activity bond annual volume cap set by the federal government.

Interest income on qualified private activity bonds is exempt from federal income tax as well as Oregon income tax. There are other nonqualified private activity bonds. The interest earned on these bonds is taxable at the federal level but not at the state level. See tax expenditure 1.315, Interest from State and Local Government Bonds, for more information.

The tax benefit estimates above are based on the excluded interest income on both the governmental bonds and the qualified private activity bonds as reflected on Oregon tax returns. The federal Joint Committee on Taxation lists many related provisions, but those estimates are not used directly to derive the estimated impact of this provision.

- PURPOSE:** To lower the cost of borrowing for Oregon state and local governments.
- WHO BENEFITS:** In 2011, about 61,000 Oregon taxpayers reported nontaxable interest income from Oregon state or local government debt obligations, saving a total of about \$37.5 million in tax.
- EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

### 1.051 VOLUNTARY EMPLOYEES' BENEFICIARY ASSOCIATIONS

**Internal Revenue Code Sections:** 419, 419A, 501(a), 501(c)(9) and 4976

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 (Connection to federal personal taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1928

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$25,700,000	\$25,700,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$26,500,000	\$26,500,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Voluntary Employees' Beneficiary Associations (VEBAs) generally fund the expenses of life insurance, medical, accident, and other benefits to associations of

employees, their dependents, and their beneficiaries. If certain requirements are met, contributions to and income earned by VEBAs can be exempt from income taxes. Depending on the circumstances, benefit distributions to recipients from VEBAs may or may not be taxable

- PURPOSE:** To promote the provision of life, sickness, accident, and other insurance and fringe benefits and the structuring of benefits in an irrevocable trust fund associated with a VEBA.
- WHO BENEFITS:** Recipients of the program benefits and employers who contribute.
- EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.052 RENTAL ALLOWANCES FOR CLERGY HOUSING

**Internal Revenue Code Sections:** 107 & 265

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 (Connection to federal personal taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1921

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$6,400,000	\$6,400,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$6,400,000	\$6,400,000

- DESCRIPTION:** Clergy members can exclude from personal taxable income the fair rental value of a home owned or rented by a religious organization or a cash housing allowance paid as part of the clergy member’s compensation. While the terms “minister” and “church” are referenced in the internal revenue code, these exclusions apply to clergy in all religions.
- PURPOSE:** “The provision of tax-free housing allowances for ministers was first included in the Internal Revenue Code by passage of the Revenue Act of 1921... With this legislation, Congress may have intended to recognize clergy as an economically deprived group due to their relatively low incomes.” (Congressional Research Service, *Tax Expenditures: Compendium of Background Material on Individual Provisions*: 2012)
- WHO BENEFITS:** Clergy members who receive a housing allowance or who live in a home provided by the religious organization.
- EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

### 1.053 DISCHARGE OF CERTAIN STUDENT LOAN DEBT

**Internal Revenue Code Sections:** 108(f), 20 U.S.C. 1087ee(a)(5) and 42 U.S.C. 2541-1(g)(3)

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 (Connection to federal personal taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1984

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Income for tax purposes generally includes cancelled, forgiven, or debt repaid on the borrower’s behalf. Discharged student loan debt may be excluded if the relevant loan was made by specified types of lenders, borrowed to assist an individual in attending an educational organization, and contained terms providing that some or all of the loan would be cancelled for work performed for a specified period of time, in a certain profession, and for a specified broad class of employers. Specified lenders include the federal government, state and local governments, public benefit corporations, tax-exempt public benefit corporations, and qualified educational institutions.

The major federal loans qualifying for exempt discharge of indebtedness are the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (DL), Federal Perkins Loan, and the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL - no longer available). This provision also excludes repayment of loans on behalf of graduates made under the National Health Service Corps repayment program.

**PURPOSE:** To encourage individuals to work for federal, state or local government agencies and school districts where discharge of a student loan is offered as an incentive.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Individuals with student loans discharged under the program.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

### 1.054 CAPITAL GAINS ON INHERITED PROPERTY

**Internal Revenue Code Sections:** 303, 1001, 1002, 1014, 1023, 1040, 1221 and 1222

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 (Connection to federal personal taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1921

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$370,000,000	\$370,000,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$397,300,000	\$397,300,000

**DESCRIPTION:** A capital gains tax is generally imposed on the increased value of property when it is sold or exchanged. However, when property is transferred at death, unrealized capital gains on the property are excluded from personal taxable income. The new basis for the heir is set to the market value on the date of the decedent’s death. The revenue loss estimates do not reflect any potential tax liability associated with Oregon’s estate tax.

In addition, income from redemption of stock (selling stock back to the corporation) after the decedent's death receives the new basis and is treated as a capital gain if the stock is more than 35 percent of the estate and the redemption value does not exceed the expenses or taxes associated with the estate. This redemption of stock is listed as a separate expenditure by the federal Joint Committee on Taxation, but income from redemption of stock represents a very small part of this tax expenditure.

**PURPOSE:** To provide tax relief to heirs who inherit assets that yield capital gains.  
**WHO BENEFITS:** Recipients of inherited assets with accumulated capital gains.  
**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

### 1.055 CAPITAL GAINS ON GIFTS

**Internal Revenue Code Sections:** 1001, 1002, 1015, 1221 and 1222

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 (Connection to federal personal taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1921

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$100,400,000	\$100,400,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$103,000,000	\$103,000,000

**DESCRIPTION:** When a gift is made, any capital gain accrued on the property while held by the donor is excluded from personal taxable income until the recipient disposes of the property. The recipient is taxed on the capital gains at the time of sale of the property. The tax expenditure is the net value of deferred taxes in a given year, minus the taxes realized gains deferred in prior years. Over some periods of time the tax expenditure can result in increased taxes (due to lower taxes in prior periods), which is displayed as a negative revenue impact.

**PURPOSE:** To allow the transfer of property as a gift without imposing a tax burden on the donor who, without selling the property, may not be able to pay the tax.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Donors and recipients of gifts.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

### 1.056 PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER SURVIVOR ANNUITIES

**Internal Revenue Code Sections:** 101(h)

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 (Connection to federal personal taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1997

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$200,000	\$200,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$200,000	\$200,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Income received as a survivor annuity due to the death of a public safety officer killed in the line of duty is not considered taxable income. The annuity must be

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attributable to the officer’s service as a public safety officer and must be paid to the spouse or child of the officer to qualify for this exclusion.

- PURPOSE:** “Congress believed that surviving spouses of public safety officers killed in the line of duty should be subject to the same rules as survivors of military service personnel killed in combat. This provision was part of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 (P.L. 105-34).” (Congressional Research Service, *Tax Expenditures: Compendium of Background Material on Individual Provisions: 2012*)
- WHO BENEFITS:** Surviving family members of officers killed in the line of duty.
- EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

### 1.057 DISABILITY BENEFITS OF MILITARY AND VICTIMS OF TERRORISM

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 104(a)(4) or (5) and 104(b)  
**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 (Connection to federal personal taxable income)  
**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None  
**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1942

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$3,100,000	\$3,100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$3,100,000	\$3,100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Individuals who were members of the armed forces on or before September 24, 1975, may be eligible for the exclusion of disability pay from personal taxable income. The amount of disability pay is calculated as the greater of:

- The percentage of disability multiplied by the terminal monthly basic pay
- The terminal monthly basic pay multiplied by the number of service years times 2.5.

If the percentage-of-disability method is used, the entire amount is excludable from taxable income. If the years-of-service method is used, only the portion that would have been paid under the percentage-of-disability method is excludable.

Members of the armed forces who joined after September 24, 1975, may exclude Department of Defense disability payments equivalent to disability payments they could have received from the Veterans’ Administration. Otherwise, disability pensions may be excluded only if the disability is combat related.

Under the Victims of Terrorism Tax Relief Act of 2001, any civilian or member of the military whose disability is attributable to terrorism or military action anywhere in the world may exclude disability income from gross income.

- PURPOSE:** To compensate for the economic hardship imposed by injury or sickness and to be consistent with the tax treatment of workers’ compensation payments and court awarded damages, which also are not taxed.
- WHO BENEFITS:** Veterans or victims of terrorism receiving excluded disability payments.
- EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.058 BENEFITS AND ALLOWANCES OF ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL

**Internal Revenue Code Sections:** 112 and 134

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 (Connection to federal personal taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1925

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$52,500,000	\$52,500,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$58,500,000	\$58,500,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Various in-kind benefits received by military personnel are not taxed. These benefits include medical and dental benefits, group term life insurance, professional education and dependent education, moving and storage, premiums for survivor and retirement protection plans, subsistence allowances, uniform allowances, housing allowances, overseas cost of living allowances, evacuation allowances, family separation allowances, travel for consecutive overseas tours, emergency assistance, family counseling and defense counsel, burial and death services, and travel of dependents to a burial site. In addition, payments made to families as death gratuities when members of the armed forces die are tax exempt.

In the 2015-17 version of this report, the revenue impact listed for this tax expenditure included the exclusion of combat pay. That exclusion is now reported as 1.059 Combat Pay.

**PURPOSE:** “For some benefits, the rationale was a specific desire to reduce tax burdens of military personnel during wartime (as in the use of combat pay provisions); other allowances were apparently based on the belief that certain types of benefits were not strictly compensatory, but rather intrinsic elements in the military structure.”...“Compensation paid to active military personnel in a combat zone is increased to reflect the hazards inherent to duty in a combat zone.” (Congressional Research Service, *Tax Expenditures: Compendium of Background Material on Individual Provisions*: 2012)

**WHO BENEFITS:** People serving in the U.S. military.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.059 COMBAT PAY

**Internal Revenue Code Sections:** 112

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 (Connection to federal personal taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** none

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** pre 1955

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$2,600,000	\$2,600,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$2,600,000	\$2,600,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Compensation paid to members of the U.S. armed forces is generally taxable. This provision excludes income earned by active armed forces members in combat zones.

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It also applies to members hospitalized for injury received or a disease contracted in a combat zone for up to two years after termination of combatant activities in the combat zone.

In the 2015-17 version of this report, the revenue impact listed for this tax expenditure was included in 1.064 Benefits and Allowances of Armed Forces Personnel.

**PURPOSE:** “Generally, compensation paid to active military personnel in a combat zone is increased to reflect the hazards inherent to duty in a combat zone. Excluding combat pay from taxation may reflect general public recognition of such military service.” (Congressional Research Service, *Tax Expenditures: Compendium of Background Material on Individual Provisions*: 2014)

**WHO BENEFITS:** Active military personnel serving in a combat zone.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.060 DEFERRAL OF INTEREST ON SAVINGS BONDS

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 454(c)

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 (Connection to federal personal taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1951

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$10,200,000	\$10,200,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$10,300,000	\$10,300,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Owners of U.S. Treasury Series E, Series EE, and Series I savings bonds have the option of either including interest in taxable income as it accrues or excluding interest from taxable income until the bond is redeemed. The revenue loss shown above is the tax that would be due on the deferred interest if it were reported and taxed as it accrued.

The deferral of tax on interest income on savings bonds provides two advantages. The first advantage is the deferral of any tax payment on the accrued interest which is equivalent to receiving an interest free loan. The second advantage results from the taxpayer often being in a lower income tax bracket when the bond is redeemed, such as after the taxpayer has retired.

**PURPOSE:** The Congressional Research Service reports that the purpose is to encourage holding U.S. savings bonds.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Holders of savings bonds that defer the inclusion of earned interest in their taxable income. According to the Congressional Research Service, the primary beneficiaries are middle income taxpayers.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.101 TEACHER CLASSROOM EXPENSES

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 62(a)(2)(D)

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 (Connection to federal personal taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 2002

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Eligible elementary or secondary school employees are allowed to deduct unreimbursed eligible expenses. The deduction was limited to \$250 in 2015. This amount is adjusted each year for inflation and can be taken without itemizing (known as an adjustment or above the line deduction).

Eligible expenses are books, supplies, computer equipment, supplementary materials used in the classroom and professional development. Eligible employees include kindergarten through grade 12 teachers, instructors, counselors, or principals in a school for at least 900 hours during a school year.

This provision was enacted as a temporary provision in 2002, and was temporarily extended several times. The PATH Act of 2015 (P.L. 114-113) made this provision permanent, added an inflation adjustment for the amount, and added professional development as an eligible expense.

**PURPOSE:** To mitigate the expenses incurred by teachers who buy school supplies for students who can't afford them or to supplement those provided by the school.

**WHO BENEFITS:** In 2014, about 38,000 school employees saved an average of \$19 in Oregon tax due to this provision. The table below shows use of this adjustment for tax year 2014.

2014 Personal Income Tax Filers					
Income Group	Number of Filers Taking Adjustment	Average Adjustment	Total Adjusted	Revenue Impact	Percent of Revenue Impact by Income Group
of Full-Year Filers*			(\$ millions)	(\$ millions)	
<b>Below \$13,300</b>	940	\$194	\$0.2	<\$0.1	1%
<b>\$13,300 - \$27,600</b>	2,100	\$203	\$0.4	<\$0.1	5%
<b>\$27,600 - \$49,300</b>	4,640	\$224	\$1.0	\$0.1	13%
<b>\$49,300 - \$87,500</b>	10,830	\$238	\$2.6	\$0.2	33%
<b>Above \$87,500</b>	14,450	\$260	\$3.8	\$0.3	49%
<b>All Full-Year Filers</b>	32,950	\$242	\$8.0	\$0.7	100%
<b>Part-Year and Nonresident Filers</b>	4,890	\$92	\$0.4	<\$0.1	

\*Each income group contains 20 percent of the full-year filers (approximately 336,000)

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.102 INTEREST ON STUDENT LOANS

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 221

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 (Connection to federal personal taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1997

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$33,100,000	\$33,100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$36,800,000	\$36,800,000

**DESCRIPTION:** A taxpayer may deduct interest on qualified higher education loans. The maximum deduction is \$2,500 and is not indexed to inflation. The deduction can be taken without itemizing (known as an adjustment or above-the-line deduction). The deduction is not allowed for individuals who may be claimed as a dependent on another taxpayer's return.

A qualified education loan is indebtedness incurred solely to pay for qualified higher education expenses, such as tuition, fees, and room and board. Interest on loans from relatives or qualified employer plans may not be deducted. The qualifying expenses must be reduced by amounts received from other tax-free education benefits.

For 2015 returns, the deduction was phased out for taxpayers with income between \$65,000 and \$80,000 (single) or \$130,000 and \$160,000 (married), at which point no deduction is allowed. The phase-out range is adjusted for inflation each year.

**PURPOSE:** The deduction is, "...intended to make postsecondary education more affordable for middle-income families who are unlikely to qualify for much need-based federal student aid. The interest deduction is seen as a way to help taxpayers repay education loan debt, which had risen substantially in recent years." (Congressional Research Service, *Tax Expenditures: Compendium of Background Material on Individual Provisions*: 2014)

**WHO BENEFITS:** Taxpayers who incurred indebtedness to pay qualified higher education expenses for themselves, their spouse, or their dependents. In 2014, approximately 196,000 Oregon taxpayers benefited from this adjustment, saving an average of \$81 in Oregon tax. The table below shows usage of this adjustment for tax year 2014.

2014 Personal Income Tax Filers						
Income Group of Full-Year Filers*	Number of Filers Taking Adjustment	Average Adjustment	Total Adjusted (\$ millions)	Revenue Impact (\$ millions)	Percent of Revenue Impact by Income Group	
<b>Below \$13,300</b>	10,790	\$840	\$9.1	\$0.4	2%	
<b>\$13,300 - \$27,600</b>	24,840	\$866	\$21.5	\$1.8	12%	■
<b>\$27,600 - \$49,300</b>	41,320	\$1,045	\$43.2	\$3.8	26%	■
<b>\$49,300 - \$87,500</b>	49,490	\$1,106	\$54.7	\$4.9	33%	■
<b>Above \$87,500</b>	37,660	\$1,146	\$43.1	\$3.9	26%	■
<b>All Full-Year Filers</b>	164,100	\$1,046	\$171.7	\$14.7	100%	
<b>Part-Year and Nonresident Filers</b>	31,970	\$523	\$16.7	\$1.2		

\*Each income group contains 20 percent of the full-year filers (approximately 336,000)

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.103 QUALIFIED HIGHER EDUCATION EXPENSES

**Internal Revenue Code Sections:** 222

**Oregon Statutes:** 316.048 (Connection to federal personal taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** 12-31-2016

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 2001

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$6,600,000	\$6,600,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$0	\$0

NOTE: The revenue impact estimate includes the effect of the federal sunset.

**DESCRIPTION:** A deduction is allowed for qualified higher education expenses paid by the taxpayer through 2016. Qualified expenses included tuition and fees paid as a condition of enrollment or attendance at a postsecondary educational institution.

The deduction can be taken without itemizing (known as an adjustment or above-the-line deduction). The maximum deduction is \$4,000 per taxpayer with income not more than \$65,000 (\$130,000 on a joint return) or \$2,000 if the taxpayer's income was above \$65,000 (\$130,000 on a joint return) but not more than \$80,000 (\$160,000 for joint returns). If adjusted gross income exceeded the limits, then no deduction is allowed. These income limits are not adjusted for inflation and there is no phase-out of the deduction based on income.

The deduction may not be allowed if distributions from certain tax exempt or tax deferred accounts were used to pay the expenses.

This provision was enacted as a temporary measure in 2001, and has been temporarily extended several times. Most recently, the PATH Act of 2015 (P.L. 114-113) extended it through 2016.

**PURPOSE:** To reduce the cost of higher education.

**WHO BENEFITS:** College students or their parents who paid qualified education expenses. In 2014, about 28,000 Oregon returns included this deduction. The average Oregon tax savings was \$118. The table below shows usage of this adjustment for tax year 2014.

2014 Personal Income Tax Filers					
Income Group of Full-Year Filers*	Number of Filers Taking Adjustment	Average Adjustment	Total Adjusted (\$ millions)	Revenue Impact (\$ millions)	Percent of Revenue Impact by Income Group
Below \$13,300	8,380	\$2,939	\$24.6	\$0.8	27%
\$13,300 - \$27,600	2,800	\$2,205	\$6.2	\$0.4	14%
\$27,600 - \$49,300	2,300	\$1,747	\$4.0	\$0.3	11%
\$49,300 - \$87,500	3,560	\$1,576	\$5.6	\$0.5	16%
Above \$87,500	6,340	\$1,680	\$10.6	\$1.0	32%
<b>All Full-Year Filers</b>	<b>23,370</b>	<b>\$2,185</b>	<b>\$51.1</b>	<b>\$3.0</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Part-Year and Nonresident Filers</b>	<b>4,630</b>	<b>\$1,189</b>	<b>\$5.5</b>	<b>\$0.3</b>	

\*Each income group contains 20 percent of the full-year filers (approximately 336,000)

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.104 SELF-EMPLOYMENT HEALTH INSURANCE

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 162(L)

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 (Connection to federal personal taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1986

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$74,800,000	\$74,800,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$79,900,000	\$79,900,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Self-employed individuals may deduct amounts paid for health insurance. The insurance must be for themselves, their spouses, or their dependents. The deduction can be taken without itemizing (known as an adjustment or an above-the-line deduction) and is limited to the taxpayer's earned income. This adjustment is also available to working partners in a partnership and employees of an S corporation who own more than 2 percent of the corporation's stock.

Self-employed individuals may also adjust personal income by amounts paid for qualified long-term care insurance.

**PURPOSE:** To promote the purchase of health insurance by the self-employed and provide some degree of equity between the self-employed and employees covered by employer-sponsored health care insurance.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Self-employed individuals who paid for health and/or long term care insurance, and their immediate family. In 2014, about 83,000 Oregon taxpayers used this adjustment with an average tax savings of \$422. The table below shows usage of this adjustment for tax year 2014.

2014 Personal Income Tax Filers						
Income Group of Full-Year Filers*	Number of Filers Taking Adjustment	Average Adjustment	Total Adjusted (\$ millions)	Revenue Impact (\$ millions)	Percent of Revenue Impact by Income Group	
<b>Below \$13,300</b>	7,490	\$3,174	\$23.8	\$0.3	1%	
<b>\$13,300 - \$27,600</b>	7,630	\$3,103	\$23.7	\$1.5	4%	
<b>\$27,600 - \$49,300</b>	10,190	\$3,934	\$40.1	\$3.3	10%	
<b>\$49,300 - \$87,500</b>	14,260	\$5,006	\$71.4	\$6.3	19%	
<b>Above \$87,500</b>	29,840	\$8,053	\$240.3	\$22.3	66%	
<b>All Full-Year Filers</b>	69,410	\$5,751	\$399.2	\$33.7	100%	
<b>Part-Year and Nonresident Filers</b>	14,080	\$1,382	\$19.5	\$1.5		

\*Each income group contains 20 percent of the full-year filers (approximately 336,000)

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.105 HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 223

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 (Connection to federal personal taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1996

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$16,500,000	\$16,500,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$22,300,000	\$22,300,000

<b>DESCRIPTION:</b>	<p>Contributions to health savings accounts (HSAs) by qualified individuals, or by a qualified individual’s employer on behalf of the employee, are deductible from federal gross income. The deduction can be taken without itemizing (known as an adjustment or above-the-line deduction). Withdrawals from HSAs are exempt from income taxes if used for qualified medical expenses. HSA account earnings are tax-exempt and unused balances may accumulate without limit. The revenue loss numbers provided above include the losses related to both the adjustment and exclusion connected to HSAs.</p> <p>The accounts are used to pay medical costs incurred until an insurance deductible amount is met. To qualify for 2016, individuals must have high deductible (at least \$1,300 for individual coverage and \$2,600 for families) health insurance with limited maximum out-of-pocket expenses. Contributions are limited to \$3,350 for individual coverage and \$6,650 for a family. Individuals who are 55 or older and not yet covered by Medicare may contribute an additional \$1,000 in each year.</p> <p>Unused HSA account balances can accrue over years without limit. Both the deductible amounts and maximum out-of-pocket expenses amount are adjusted annually.</p> <p>In the 2015-17 version of this report, the revenue loss estimate included the loss associated with Archer Medical Savings Accounts, which the federal Joint Committee on Taxation lists as <i>de minimis</i> so it is not longer included.</p>
<b>PURPOSE:</b>	<p>“...HSAs were advanced as a way to slow the growth of health care costs by reducing reliance on insurance, to encourage more cost consciousness in obtaining health care services, and to help individuals and families finance future health care costs.” (Congressional Research Service, <i>Tax Expenditures: Compendium of Background Material on Individual Provisions</i>:2012)</p>
<b>WHO BENEFITS:</b>	<p>Taxpayers who use health savings plans.</p>
<b>EVALUATION:</b>	<p>Not evaluated.</p>

## 1.106 IRA CONTRIBUTIONS AND EARNINGS

**Internal Revenue Code Sections:** 219 and 408

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 (Connection to federal personal taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1974

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$162,600,000	\$162,600,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$177,100,000	\$177,100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** There are two types of Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) from which taxpayers may enjoy a tax benefit: Traditional and Roth. The Traditional IRA allows for tax deductible contributions, while the Roth IRA allows for tax-free withdrawals. The revenue impact consists of the tax benefits from the deductibility of traditional IRAs, the tax-deferred earnings of traditional IRAs, and the tax-free earnings of Roth IRAs. This deduction can be taken without itemizing (known as an adjustment or above-the-line deduction).

The federal Joint Committee on Taxation lists the two account types as separate tax expenditures, but their estimated impact is combined here.

**PURPOSE:** To provide an incentive for taxpayers to save for retirement, education, and homeownership, and to provide a savings incentive for workers who do not have employer provided pension plans.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Taxpayers who contribute to eligible IRAs, or have earnings within an eligible IRA.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.107 MOVING EXPENSES

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 217

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 (Connection to federal personal taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1964

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$6,300,000	\$6,300,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$7,100,000	\$7,100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Taxpayers may take qualified moving expenses as an adjustment to personal taxable income. This deduction can be taken without itemizing (known as an adjustment or an above-the-line deduction). The expenses include costs of moving household goods and traveling expenses while moving. The move must be in conjunction with a new job or business at least 50 miles farther from one's former home than one's old job location was from their former home. For example, if the old job location was 3 miles from the former home, the new job location must be at least 53 miles from that former home.

**PURPOSE:** To reduce employment related moving costs.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Employees incurring moving expenses related to a new job or business. The number of taxpayers claiming this adjustment in 2014 was about 19,000. The average tax savings from this provision was \$139. The table below shows usage of this adjustment for tax year 2014.

2014 Personal Income Tax Filers					
Income Group of Full-Year Filers*	Number of Filers Taking Adjustment	Average Adjustment	Total Adjusted (\$ millions)	Revenue Impact (\$ millions)	Percent of Revenue Impact by Income Group
Below \$13,300	730	\$2,100	\$1.5	<\$0.1	4%
\$13,300 - \$27,600	1,420	\$1,513	\$2.1	\$0.2	13%
\$27,600 - \$49,300	1,810	\$1,595	\$2.9	\$0.2	19%
\$49,300 - \$87,500	1,870	\$2,131	\$4.0	\$0.3	29%
Above \$87,500	1,520	\$3,064	\$4.7	\$0.4	35%
<b>All Full-Year Filers</b>	<b>7,350</b>	<b>\$2,070</b>	<b>\$15.2</b>	<b>\$1.2</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Part-Year and Nonresident Filers</b>	<b>11,970</b>	<b>\$3,377</b>	<b>\$40.4</b>	<b>\$1.5</b>	

\*Each income group contains 20 percent of the full-year filers (approximately 336,000)

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.108 OVERNIGHT TRAVEL EXPENSES OF NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE MEMBERS

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 162(p)

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 (Connection to federal personal taxable income)

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 2003

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$800,000	\$800,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$800,000	\$800,000

**DESCRIPTION:** A deduction is allowed for all unreimbursed overnight travel, meals, and lodging expenses of National Guard and Reserve members. This deduction can be taken without itemizing (known as an adjustment or above-the-line deduction). To qualify, recipients must have traveled more than 100 miles away from home and stayed overnight as part of an activity while on official duty. No deduction is permitted for commuting expenses to and from drill meetings, and the amount of expenses may not exceed the general federal government per diem rate applicable to that locale.

**PURPOSE:** To offer a partial reimbursement to National Guard and Reserve members for unreimbursed overnight travel expenses incurred in the line of duty.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Members of the National Guard and Reserve.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.201 CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS: EDUCATION

**Internal Revenue Code Sections:** 170 and 642(c)

**Oregon Statutes:** 316.695 and 317.013 (Connections to federal personal and corporation deductions)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1917 (personal) and 1935 (corporation)

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$1,900,000	\$51,900,000	\$53,800,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$1,900,000	\$55,300,000	\$57,200,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Contributions to educational organizations are allowed as itemized deductions from personal taxable income of amounts up to 50 percent of adjusted gross income. Corporations can deduct from corporate taxable income contributions up to 10 percent of adjusted taxable income. Taxpayers who donate property may deduct the current market value of the property up to 30 percent of adjusted gross income and do not need to pay tax on any capital gains realized on the property. Contributions in excess of the limits may be applied up to five future tax years until the contributions are completely deducted. See tax expenditure 1.301, Land Donated to Schools, for the related Oregon subtraction.

Due to the passage of HB 2060 in 2013, an Oregon deduction is not allowed for contributions to a charitable organization that does not spend at least 30 percent of its total annual functional expenses on program services. Affected organizations are required to notify donors in writing that donations are not deductible for Oregon tax purposes.

This is one of three categories of charitable contributions. The others are 1.202, Charitable Contributions: Health and 1.232, Charitable Contributions: Other.

**PURPOSE:** To encourage donations to qualifying educational organizations.

**WHO BENEFITS:** In 2013, approximately 574,000 Oregon personal income tax returns had a deduction for charitable contributions in one or more of the three categories. The average tax savings for taxpayers who claimed a donation to any charity was about \$327. See the table below for details on the use of the deduction by income level.

2013 Personal Income Tax Filers						
Income Group of Full-Year Filers*	Number of Filers Taking Deduction	Average Deduction	Total Deducted (\$ millions)	Revenue Impact (\$ millions)	Percent of Revenue Impact by Income Group	
Below \$12,800	13,800	\$1,330	\$18.3	\$0.1	<1%	
\$12,800 - \$26,700	29,100	\$2,030	\$58.9	\$2.1	1%	
\$26,700 - \$47,600	61,400	\$2,190	\$134.5	\$9.1	5%	
\$47,600 - \$84,300	142,100	\$2,520	\$358.3	\$30.0	17%	
Above \$84,300	249,700	\$5,810	\$1,451.5	\$134.0	76%	
<b>All Full-Year Filers</b>	<b>496,200</b>	<b>\$4,070</b>	<b>\$2,021.6</b>	<b>\$175.3</b>	<b>100%</b>	
<b>Part-Year and Nonresident Filers</b>	<b>77,300</b>	<b>\$1,830</b>	<b>\$141.3</b>	<b>\$12.0</b>		

\*Each income group contains 20 percent of the full-year filers (approximately 327,000)

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.202 CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS: HEALTH

**Internal Revenue Code Sections:** 170 and 642(c)

**Oregon Statutes:** 316.695 and 317.013 (Connections to federal personal and corporation deductions)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1917 (personal) and 1935 (corporation)

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$9,400,000	\$26,800,000	\$36,200,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$9,900,000	\$28,400,000	\$38,300,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Contributions to health organizations are allowed as itemized deductions from personal taxable income of amounts up to 50 percent of adjusted gross income. Corporations can deduct from corporate taxable income contributions up to 10 percent of pretax income. Taxpayers who donate property may deduct the current market value of the property and do not need to pay tax on any capital gains realized on the property.

Due to the passage of HB 2060 in 2013, an Oregon deduction is not allowed for contributions to a charitable organization that does not spend at least 30 percent of its total annual functional expenses on program services. Affected organizations are required to notify donors in writing that donations are not deductible for Oregon tax purposes.

This is one of three categories of charitable contributions. The others are 1.201, Charitable Contributions: Education; and 1.232, Charitable Contributions: Other.

**PURPOSE:** To encourage donations to designated health organizations.

**WHO BENEFITS:** In 2013, approximately 574,000 Oregon personal income tax returns had a deduction for charitable contributions in one or more of the three categories. The average tax savings for taxpayers who claimed a donation to any charity was about \$327. See the table displayed in 1.201, Charitable Contributions: Education, for detailed on beneficiaries by income level.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.203 MEDICAL AND DENTAL EXPENSES

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 213

**Oregon Statute:** 316.695 (Connection to federal personal deductions)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1942

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$203,600,000	\$203,600,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$230,800,000	\$230,800,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Most medical expenses paid for by an individual but not reimbursed by an employer or insurance company are deductible from taxable income to the extent they exceed:

- 7.5 percent of adjusted gross income (AGI) for tax filers 65 and older (increasing to 10 percent in 2017)

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- 10 percent of AGI for tax filers under the age of 65

The deduction includes amounts paid for such things as:

- Health insurance premiums
- Diagnosis, treatment, mitigation, or prevention of disease
- Prescription drugs and insulin (not over-the-counter medication)
- Transportation for and/or essential to medical care.

See 1.304, Medical Subtraction for Elderly; which provides a description of Oregon’s provision allowing certain qualified taxpayers to subtract medical and dental expenses.

**PURPOSE:** To compensate for large medical expenses that are viewed as involuntary expenses that reduce the ability of the person to pay taxes.

**WHO BENEFITS:** In 2013, approximately 180,000 individual taxpayers took a deduction for medical expenses. The average tax savings was about \$448. The total tax savings was \$80.2 million. The table below shows the use of this deduction for 2013.

2013 Personal Income Tax Filers						
Income Group of Full-Year Filers*	Number of Filers Taking Deduction	Average Deduction	Total Deducted (\$ millions)	Revenue Impact (\$ millions)	Percent of Revenue Impact by Income Group	
<b>Below \$12,800</b>	24,100	\$9,250	\$222.9	\$1.0	1%	
<b>\$12,800 - \$26,700</b>	27,900	\$8,450	\$235.7	\$7.5	10%	█
<b>\$26,700 - \$47,600</b>	35,200	\$7,910	\$278.4	\$15.5	20%	█
<b>\$47,600 - \$84,300</b>	45,200	\$8,160	\$369.0	\$26.8	34%	█
<b>Above \$84,300</b>	32,800	\$9,850	\$323.0	\$27.1	35%	█
<b>All Full-Year Filers</b>	165,200	\$8,650	\$1,429.0	\$77.9	100%	
<b>Part-Year and Nonresident Filers</b>	13,900	\$3,370	\$46.9	\$2.4		

\*Each income group contains 20 percent of the full-year filers (approximately 327,000)

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.204 REMOVAL OF ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 190

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 and 317.013 (Connections to federal personal and corporation taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1976

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** A deduction from corporation or personal taxable income of up to \$15,000 is allowed for the removal of architectural and transportation barriers. Eligible expenses include those necessary to make facilities or transportation vehicles, for use in trade or business, more accessible to the disabled and people 65 and over.

**PURPOSE:** To reduce physical barriers for both employees and customers who are disabled or age 65 and over.

**WHO BENEFITS:** The taxpayers incurring the costs of making the structural changes and the elderly and disabled who have access to areas they may not have had without the deduction.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.205 DEDUCTION OF CERTAIN FILM AND TELEVISION PRODUCTION COSTS

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 181

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 and 317.013 (Connections to federal personal and corporation taxable incomes)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** 12-31-2016

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 2004

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$0	\$0	\$0

NOTE: The revenue impact estimate includes the effect of the federal sunset.

**DESCRIPTION:** The cost of producing films and television programs is usually depreciated over a period of time using the income forecast method (which allows deductions based on the pattern of expected earnings). This federal tax provision allows production costs to be deducted when incurred. Eligible productions are restricted to those with a cost of \$15 million or less (\$20 million if produced in certain designated low income areas) and in which at least 75 percent of the compensation is for services performed in the United States. Only the first 44 episodes of a television series qualify, and sexually explicit productions are not eligible.

This provision was enacted temporarily in 2004, and has been extended several times. The 2015 PATH Act (P.L. 114-113) extended it through 2016.

**PURPOSE:** To encourage film production in the United States.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Taxpayers with eligible film and television production costs.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.206 ACCELERATED DEPRECIATION OF BUILDINGS

**Internal Revenue Code Sections:** 167 and 168

**Oregon Statutes:** 316.048 and 317.013 (Connections to federal personal and corporation taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** “Bonus depreciation” provisions not available after December 2019 or 2020 (see description).

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1954

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$11,400,000	\$8,000,000	\$19,400,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$3,600,000	\$3,200,000	\$6,800,000

**DESCRIPTION:**

In general, taxpayers may deduct from corporation and personal taxable income the depreciation of buildings based on a straight-line method where equal amounts are deducted in each period. This tax expenditure permits the use of accelerated depreciation methods, which allow for faster write-offs than the straight-line method. The revenue impact of this tax expenditure represents the additional tax that would have been paid if straight-line depreciation had been used. Note: The tax expenditure associated with rental housing is covered separately in 1.211, Accelerated Depreciation of Rental Housing.

The PATH Act of 2015 (P.L. 114-113) made several changes to depreciation allowances. In terms of the estimated revenue impact, the extension of “bonus depreciation” was the most substantive. Bonus depreciation generally allows an additional percentage depreciation of an asset’s cost in the first year it is in service. If an asset is placed in service in 2016 or 2017 the bonus depreciation rate is 50 percent. The rate for most property changes to 40 percent in 2018 and 30 percent in 2019. Bonus depreciation was scheduled to end for assets placed into service after December 31, 2014 for most eligible property; or December 31, 2015 for some property depreciated over 10 years along with some transportation property. The PATH Act extended the expiration to December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2020, respectively.

Accelerated depreciation of any type of capital does not change the cumulative amount of depreciation over all years. Therefore, this provision allows a taxpayer to deduct more in the first year of the investment and subsequently less in the later years of the capital life cycle resulting in a potential net increase in tax revenue from this provision in the years following accelerated depreciation of the building(s) (reported as a negative revenue impact).

Oregon law differed from federal law for property acquired in 2009 or 2010. For property acquired after January 1, 2011, treatment of property acquisitions is the same under Oregon and Federal law.

The federal Joint Committee on Taxation lists a small federal impact for the federal provision allowing a seven-year recovery period for motorsports entertainment complexes. The impact of that provision is thought to be small in Oregon and is not included in the estimate presented here.

**PURPOSE:**

To promote investment in buildings.

**WHO BENEFITS:**

This expenditure benefits owners of buildings used in a trade or business.

**EVALUATION:**

Not evaluated.

## 1.207 ACCELERATED DEPRECIATION OF EQUIPMENT

**Internal Revenue Code Sections:** 167 and 168

**Oregon Statutes:** 316.048 and 317.013 (Connections to federal personal and corporation taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** “Bonus depreciation” provisions not available after December 2019 or 2020 (see description).

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1954

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$206,700,000	\$123,300,000	\$330,000,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$122,000,000	\$32,300,000	\$154,300,000

**DESCRIPTION:** In general, taxpayers may deduct from corporation and personal taxable income the depreciation of equipment based on a straight-line method where equal amounts are deducted in each period. This tax expenditure permits the use of accelerated depreciation methods, which allow for faster write-offs than the straight-line method. The tax expenditure is the additional tax that would have been paid if straight-line depreciation had been used.

The PATH Act of 2015 (P.L. 114-113) made several changes to depreciation allowances. In terms of the estimated revenue impact, the extension of “bonus depreciation” was the most substantive. Bonus depreciation generally allows an additional percentage depreciation of an asset’s cost in the first year it is in service. If an asset is placed in service in 2016 or 2017 the bonus depreciation rate is 50 percent. The rate for most property changes to 40 percent in 2018 and 30 percent in 2019. Bonus depreciation was scheduled to end for assets placed into service after December 31, 2014 for most eligible property; or December 31, 2015 for some property depreciated over 10 years along with some transportation property. The PATH Act extended the expiration to December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2020, respectively.

Accelerated depreciation of any type of capital does not change the cumulative amount of depreciation over all years. Therefore, this provision allows a taxpayer to deduct more in the first year of the investment and subsequently less in the latter years of the capital life cycle resulting in a potential net increase in tax revenue from this provision in the years following accelerated depreciation of the equipment (reported as a negative revenue impact).

Oregon law differed from federal law for property acquired in 2009 or 2010. For property acquired after January 1, 2011, treatment of property acquisitions is the same under Oregon and Federal law.

This tax expenditure includes the following components listed separately by the federal Joint Committee on Taxation:

- Depreciation of equipment in excess of the alternative depreciation system.
- Five-year MACRS for certain energy property (solar, wind, etc.).
- 10-year MACRS for smart electric distribution property.
- 10-year MACRS for certain electric transmission property.
- 15-year MACRS for natural gas distribution line.
- Accelerated depreciation for business property on an Indian reservation. (sunset 12/31/16)

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- 15-year straight-line cost recovery for qualified leasehold improvements, qualified restaurant improvements, and qualified retail improvements.
- Classification of certain race horses as three-year property (sunset 12/31/16)

PURPOSE: To promote investment in business equipment.  
WHO BENEFITS: Owners of equipment used in a trade or business.  
EVALUATION: Not evaluated.

## 1.208 RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COSTS

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 174 and 59(e)

**Oregon Statutes:** 316.048 and 317.013 (Connections to federal personal and corporation taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1954

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$25,800,000	\$800,000	\$26,600,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$28,900,000	\$800,000	\$29,700,000

DESCRIPTION: To be consistent with the treatment of other investments with multi-year benefits, research and development expenditures would be depreciated over their useful life. Instead, this provision allows two alternative ways in which research and development costs may be deducted. The first way allows research and development expenditures to be fully expensed in the first year for purposes of computing corporation and personal taxable income. The second allows a company to amortize eligible research expenses over ten years beginning with the tax year in which research and development costs are incurred.

PURPOSE: To encourage investment in research and development and to avoid the difficulty of determining the length of useful life of any assets created through the research and development process.

WHO BENEFITS: Firms with certain research and development expenditures.

EVALUATION: Not evaluated.

## 1.209 SECTION 179 EXPENSING ALLOWANCES

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 179

**Oregon Statutes:** 316.048 and 317.013 (Connections to federal personal and corporation taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1959

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$37,000,000	\$93,600,000	\$130,600,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$19,300,000	\$47,400,000	\$66,700,000

**DESCRIPTION:** In general, the cost of business property must be deducted from personal and corporation income as it depreciates over its useful life. Section 179 allows a taxpayer to elect to take an immediate deduction for qualifying property.

The limits for Oregon differed from federal limits in 2009 and 2010, but are the same for property acquired in 2011 or later. For 2015, an immediate deduction is allowed up to \$500,000 and is phased out for total expenditures exceeding \$2 million. The limits had been subject to expirations and reauthorizations for many years, but the 2015 PATH Act (P.L. 114-113) removed the expiration and added indexing for inflation after tax year 2015.

Immediate expensing of any type of property for tax purposes is in lieu of depreciating the property over a number of years, and does not change the cumulative amount of depreciation over all years. Therefore, this provision allows a taxpayer to deduct more in the first year of the investment and subsequently less in the later years of the capital life cycle resulting in a potential net increase in tax from this provision (reported as a negative revenue impact).

**PURPOSE:** To promote investment in equipment, specifically by smaller businesses.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Businesses with qualified property purchases.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.210 AMORTIZATION OF BUSINESS START-UP COSTS

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 195

**Oregon Statutes:** 316.048 and 317.013 (Connections to federal personal and corporation taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1980

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	\$200,000	\$200,000

**DESCRIPTION:** This provision allows a taxpayer to deduct from personal or corporation taxable income eligible start-up expenditures of up to \$10,000 and to amortize any remaining amount over 15 years. The limit is reduced dollar for dollar when start-up expenses exceed \$60,000. Start-up expenditures must satisfy two requirements to qualify for this treatment. First, they must be paid in connection with creating or investigating a

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trade or business before the taxpayer begins an active business. Second, they must be an expenditure that would have been deductible for an active business.

- PURPOSE:** To encourage the formation of new businesses and to clarify the tax treatment of start-up expenditures.
- WHO BENEFITS:** New businesses that incur start-up costs.
- EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.211 ACCELERATED DEPRECIATION OF RENTAL HOUSING

**Internal Revenue Code Sections:** 168(c)

**Oregon Statutes:** 316.048 and 317.013 (Connections to federal personal and corporation taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1954

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$2,000,000	\$30,200,000	\$32,200,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$1,900,000	\$29,300,000	\$31,200,000

- DESCRIPTION:** In general, taxpayers may deduct from corporation and personal taxable income the depreciation of rental housing based on a straight-line method where equal amounts are deducted in each period over 27.5 years.
- This tax expenditure measures the revenue loss due to deductions in excess of those allowed under a 40-year straight-line depreciation allowed under the Alternative Minimum Tax. Rental housing properties placed in service before 1986 continue depreciation according to the method they started with, which may allow the property to depreciate faster than under a straight-line method.
- PURPOSE:** To promote investment in rental housing by effectively deferring taxes paid on those investments.
- WHO BENEFITS:** Owners of rental housing.
- EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.212 HOME MORTGAGE INTEREST

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 163(h)

**Oregon Statute:** 316.695 (Connection to federal personal deductions)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** 12-31-16 (deduction of mortgage insurance premiums)

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1913

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$929,900,000	\$929,900,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$1,096,200,000	\$1,096,200,000

NOTE: The revenue impact estimate includes the effect of the federal sunset on the deductibility of mortgage insurance premiums.

**DESCRIPTION:** Mortgage interest paid by owner-occupants on their primary and secondary residences is deductible from the personal taxable income for taxpayers who itemize deductions. Interest may be deducted on loans up to \$1 million (\$500,000 if married filing separately) for the purchase of the residence and on loans up to \$100,000 (\$50,000 if married filing separately) for home equity loans.

For 2007 through 2016, mortgage insurance premiums are also deductible as interest for insurance contracts issued after 2006. Taxpayers with adjusted gross income under \$100,000 (\$50,000 if married filing separately) can deduct the full amount of their premiums, with the deduction phased out at 10 percent for every \$1,000 (\$500 if married filing separately) in income above \$100,000. Deductible mortgage insurance premiums are listed as a separate tax expenditure by the federal Joint Committee on Taxation, but are included here as small part of this expenditure.

**PURPOSE:** To promote home ownership by lowering the cost of mortgages.

**WHO BENEFITS:** The benefit peaked in 2007, when about 660,000 Oregon taxpayers lowered their taxes by a total of about \$588 million using this itemized deduction. In 2013, the numbers had dropped to about 565,000 Oregon taxpayers saving about \$380 million, as shown in the table below.

### 2013 Personal Income Tax Filers

Income Group of Full-Year Filers*	Number of Filers Taking Deduction	Average Deduction	Total Deducted (\$ millions)	Revenue Impact (\$ millions)	Percent of Revenue Impact by Income Group
<b>Below \$12,800</b>	16,800	\$7,970	\$133.9	\$0.5	<1%
<b>\$12,800 - \$26,700</b>	24,600	\$6,560	\$161.3	\$7.1	2%
<b>\$26,700 - \$47,600</b>	63,200	\$6,710	\$424.0	\$32.7	9%
<b>\$47,600 - \$84,300</b>	147,800	\$7,580	\$1,120.3	\$97.2	27%
<b>Above \$84,300</b>	237,500	\$10,140	\$2,407.2	\$218.3	61%
<b>All Full-Year Filers</b>	489,900	\$8,670	\$4,246.7	\$355.9	100%
<b>Part-Year and Nonresident Filers</b>	74,800	\$3,720	\$278.3	\$22.1	

\*Each income group contains 20 percent of the full-year filers (approximately 327,000)

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.213 PROPERTY TAXES

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 164

**Oregon Statute:** 316.695 (Connection to federal personal deductions)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1913

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$433,400,000	\$433,400,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$470,600,000	\$470,600,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Property taxes on nonbusiness property paid to state or local governments for services or benefits for the general public welfare are deductible from personal taxable income for taxpayers who itemize deductions. The taxes must be based on the assessed value of the property and be charged uniformly across all property in the jurisdiction of the governing entity.

**PURPOSE:** To promote home ownership by reducing the after-tax cost.

**WHO BENEFITS:** In 2013, approximately 640,000 filers saved a total of \$184 million in Oregon tax because of this itemized deduction. The average tax savings was about \$287.

### 2013 Personal Income Tax Filers

Income Group of Full-Year Filers*	Number of Filers Taking Deduction	Average Deduction	Total Deducted (\$ millions)	Revenue Impact (\$ millions)	Percent of Revenue Impact by Income Group
<b>Below \$12,800</b>	23,500	\$4,650	\$109.2	\$2.8	<1%
<b>\$12,800 - \$26,700</b>	32,900	\$2,790	\$91.7	\$3.4	2%
<b>\$26,700 - \$47,600</b>	73,000	\$2,760	\$201.6	\$14.6	8%
<b>\$47,600 - \$84,300</b>	163,000	\$3,000	\$489.3	\$42.0	24%
<b>Above \$84,300</b>	267,100	\$4,620	\$1,233.5	\$112.0	64%
<b>All Full-Year Filers</b>	559,500	\$3,800	\$2,125.2	\$174.8	100%
<b>Part-Year and Nonresident Filers</b>	82,700	\$1,520	\$125.9	\$9.2	

\*Each income group contains 20 percent of the full-year filers (approximately 327,000)

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.214 DEFERRAL OF CERTAIN FINANCING INCOME OF FOREIGN CORPORATIONS

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 953 and 954

**Oregon Statutes:** 317.013 (Connection to federal corporate taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1997

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$37,000,000	Not Applicable	\$37,000,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$34,500,000	Not Applicable	\$34,500,000

**DESCRIPTION:** When a U.S. firm earns income through a foreign subsidiary, the income is exempt from U.S. corporate taxes as long as it is in the hands of the foreign subsidiary (see 1.014, Income of Controlled Foreign Corporations). Although U.S. tax laws generally exclude income from passive activities from this deferral, this tax expenditure expands the deferral principle to financial corporations. Income of companies derived in the active conduct of banking, financing, or similar business operations overseas may defer taxes on income earned abroad until that income is repatriated to the U.S.

Following a corporate inversion, taxes on foreign subsidiary income may be avoided by essentially repatriating income to the new foreign parent corporation rather than the U.S. corporation (which post inversion becomes a subsidiary of the foreign parent). Loss due to inversions represents a small proportion of the overall revenue estimate.

This provision was enacted as a temporary provision in 1997, and was temporarily extended several times. The PATH Act of 2015 (P.L. 114-113) made this provision permanent.

**PURPOSE:** To give financial and manufacturing businesses operating abroad similar tax benefits.

**WHO BENEFITS:** U.S. firms conducting financial business abroad. These firms are not liable for Oregon corporate income tax until they actually repatriate taxable income back to the United States.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.215 CASH ACCOUNTING FOR AGRICULTURE

**Internal Revenue Code Sections:** 162, 175, 180, 446– 448, 461, 464 and 465

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 and 317.013 (Connections to federal personal and corporation income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1916

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** For income tax purposes, cash accounting typically results in a deferral of taxes relative to the accrual method, which is considered the standard. Most farmers, with the exception of some corporations, may use the cash method of accounting to deduct

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costs attributable to goods held for sale and in inventory at the end of the year. These farms also can expense some costs of developing assets that will produce income in future years. Both of these rules allow deductions to be claimed in the calendar year the expense occurred, while income associated with the deductions may be realized in later years. This expenditure is classified here as a deduction because the primary impact is believed to be the acceleration of expense reporting.

- PURPOSE:** “The Revenue Act of 1916 established that a taxpayer may compute personal income for tax purposes using the same accounting methods used to compute income for business purposes. At the time, because accounting methods were less sophisticated and the typical farming operation was small, the regulations were apparently adopted to simplify record keeping for farmers.” (Congressional Research Service, *Tax Expenditures: Compendium of Background Material on Individual Provisions*: 2012)
- WHO BENEFITS:** Small farmers who use cash accounting and are able to accelerate deductions relative to accrual accounting.
- EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

### 1.216 SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION EXPENDITURES

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 175  
**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 and 317.013 (Connections to federal personal and corporation taxable income)  
**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None  
**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1954

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$100,000	\$800,000	\$900,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$100,000	\$800,000	\$900,000

- DESCRIPTION:** For corporation and personal income tax purposes, certain investments in soil and water conservation projects that produce benefits over a number of years can be expensed rather than depreciated. The expensing of these costs represents a departure from the typical practice of depreciating improvements and represents a tax expenditure because deductions can be claimed before the income associated with the deductions is realized.
- PURPOSE:** To promote soil and water conservation and to reduce the tax burden on farmers.
- WHO BENEFITS:** Farmers who engage in projects that conserve soil and water. In many cases these improvements are made to land or water areas that may not provide any return on investment to the farmer.
- EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.217 FERTILIZER AND SOIL CONDITIONER COSTS

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 180 (Reg. S1.180-1 and S1.180-2)

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 and 317.013 (Connections to federal personal and corporation taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1960

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000

**DESCRIPTION:** For corporation and personal income tax purposes, certain investments in soil fertilization and conditioning projects that produce benefits over a number of years can be expensed rather than depreciated. The expensing of these costs represents a departure from typical practice and represents a tax expenditure because deductions can be claimed before the income associated with the deductions is realized.

**PURPOSE:** To promote activities that maintain and improve the fertility of the soil.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Farmers who invest in projects to fertilize and condition their soil.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.218 COSTS OF RAISING DAIRY AND BREEDING CATTLE

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 263A(d)(1)(A)(i)

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 and 317.013 (Connections to federal personal and corporation taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1916

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Costs incurred in the raising of dairy and breeding cattle can be expensed rather than depreciated in calculating taxable income. Generally, expenses that provide benefits over a number of years must be depreciated. This approach includes dairy and breeding cattle because they generate income over an extended period of time. The expensing of these costs represents a departure from typical practice and represents a tax expenditure because deductions can be claimed before the income associated with the deductions is realized. Producers generally borrow funds to purchase these animals and expenses accrue from the date of purchase for feed, care, etc. Breeding stock and dairy cattle are generally kept for five to eight years or longer. Income is generated from the sale of byproduct (milk) or offspring rather than from the original stock. This expenditure enables producers to expense the purchase along with the costs associated with the animal rather than waiting until the animal is sold.

**PURPOSE:** To simplify record keeping for farmers and ranchers.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Farmers who raise dairy or breeding cattle.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.219 SALE OF STOCK TO FARMERS' COOPERATIVES

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 1042(g)

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 and 317.013 (Connections to federal personal and corporation taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1998

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	\$600,000	\$600,000

**DESCRIPTION:** The sale of stock of qualified agricultural refiners and food processors to eligible farm cooperatives are exempt from long term capital gains taxes if the taxpayer (seller) purchases replacement property. If the replacement property value is less than the sale price of the original property, then long term capital gains will be recognized only to the extent that the original sale price exceeds the replacement cost.

**PURPOSE:** To encourage the purchase of food processing facilities by farm cooperatives.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Both the buyer and the seller of qualified food processing facilities.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.220 EXTENDED CARRYBACK OF FARMING LOSS

**Internal Revenue Code Sections:** 172(G)

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 (Connection to federal personal taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1999

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$600,000	\$600,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$600,000	\$600,000

**DESCRIPTION:** This tax expenditure is an exception to a general limit imposed on loss carrybacks. When an individual taxpayer has a net operating loss (operating expenses exceed revenue), the taxpayer may generally elect to subtract the loss amount from income that was taxed in up to two previous years. This provision allows farming losses to be carried back up to five years.

Oregon does not allow net operating loss carrybacks for Oregon corporate taxpayers.

**PURPOSE:** According to the Congressional Research Service, congressional committee reports indicated that an extension of time to carry back losses was considered appropriate for the farm industry because of the volatility of farm income.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Farmers with losses large enough to carry back more than the standard two years.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.221 DEVELOPMENT COSTS FOR NONFUEL MINERALS

**Internal Revenue Code Sections:** 263, 291, 616–617, 56 and 1254

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 and 317.013 (Connections to federal personal and corporation taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1951

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$100,000	Less than \$100,000	\$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$100,000	Less than \$100,000	\$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Entities engaged in mining are allowed to expense, rather than capitalize, certain exploration and development costs when computing corporation and personal taxable income. Expensing allows full deduction in the year the expenses are incurred, while capitalization requires the deduction to be taken over a number of years.

**PURPOSE:** To encourage mining and reduce ambiguity in its tax treatment.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Mining companies that expense, rather than capitalize, certain costs.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.222 INTANGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS FOR FUELS

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 263(c), 291, 616-617, 57(a)(2), 59(e) and 1254

**Oregon Statutes:** 316.695 and 317.013 (Connections to federal personal and corporation deductions)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1978

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$3,100,000	Less than \$100,000	\$3,100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$3,000,000	Less than \$100,000	\$3,000,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Intangible drilling and development costs incurred in oil, gas, and geothermal wells may be expensed. Intangible drilling and development costs include amounts paid for fuel, labor, materials, hauling, or repair to drilling equipment. Costs associated with determining the precise location and potential size of a mineral deposit are amortized over two years by independent businesses, and over five years by major oil companies.

Though relatively few oil, gas and geothermal wells exist in Oregon, corporations' income is apportioned to Oregon after these costs are expensed.

This tax expenditure includes the following components listed separately by the federal Joint Committee on Taxation:

- Expensing of Exploration and Development Costs for Oil and Gas.
- Expensing of Exploration and Development Costs for Other Fuels.
- Amortization of geological/geophysical expenditures associated with oil/gas exploration.

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**PURPOSE:** To encourage development of petroleum, natural gas, and geothermal wells.  
**WHO BENEFITS:** The owners incurring the specified expenses for qualified activities.  
**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.223 DEFERRAL OF CAPITAL GAINS FROM FERC RESTRUCTURING REQUIREMENTS

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 451(i)  
**Oregon Statute:** 317.013 (Connection to federal corporate taxable income)  
**Federal Sunset Date:** 12-31-2016  
**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 2004

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$-500,000	Not Applicable	\$-500,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$-1,000,000	Not Applicable	\$-1,000,000

NOTE: The revenue impact estimate includes the effect of the federal sunset.

**DESCRIPTION:** In general, the sale of a depreciable asset for more than the depreciated value creates a taxable capital gain in the year of the sale. This provision allows the gain from sale of qualified electric transmission property to an independent transmission company to be taken in equal amounts over eight years. This deferral of taxes is available if the sale results from a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) restructuring policy. Sale proceeds must be reinvested in other electricity assets within four years.

Deferral of capital gains does not change the cumulative amount of capital gains to be recognized over all years. Therefore, this provision allows a taxpayer to realize a smaller gain in the year of the sale and subsequently larger gains in later years resulting in potentially increased net taxes from this provision (reported as a negative revenue impact).

This was enacted in 2004 as a temporary provision, and has been extended several times since. Most recently, the 2015 PATH act (P.L. 114-113) extended the provision through 2016.

**PURPOSE:** “The deferral of gain on the sale of transmission assets was enacted in order to encourage energy transmission infrastructure reinvestment and assist those in the industry who are restructuring. It is intended to foster a more competitive industry by facilitating the unbundling of transmission assets held by vertically integrated utilities.” (Congressional Research Service, *Tax Expenditures: Compendium of Background Material on Individual Provisions: 2012*)

**WHO BENEFITS:** Corporations that sold electricity property to comply with FERC requirements.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.224 ENERGY EFFICIENT COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 179D

**Oregon Statute:** 316.695 and 317.013 (Connections to federal personal and corporation deductions)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** 12-31-2016

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 2006

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$400,000	\$700,000	\$1,100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000

NOTE: The revenue impact estimate includes the effect of the federal sunset.

- DESCRIPTION:** For commercial building owners or leaseholders, a deduction is available for expenditures made on energy efficient commercial property after December 31, 2005 and before January 1, 2016. The deduction is based on a formula with a maximum of \$1.80 per square foot of commercial building space. The owner may allocate the deduction to the primary building designer if the building is government owned.
- PURPOSE:** To promote energy efficiency by encouraging businesses to retrofit their buildings with energy conserving equipment.
- WHO BENEFITS:** Businesses that make investments in energy efficient property benefit from this provision.
- EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.225 SPECIAL DEPRECIATION FOR RECYCLING EQUIPMENT

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 168(m)

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 and 317.013 (Connections to federal personal and corporation taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 2008

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000

- DESCRIPTION:** Certain reuse and recycling property is eligible for a special depreciation allowance that allows 50 percent of the cost to be expensed when incurred. The remainder is depreciated based as usual. Qualifying property includes machinery, equipment, and software necessary to operate the equipment, used exclusively to collect, distribute, or recycle qualified reuse and recyclable materials. Buildings and equipment used to transfer recycled materials do not qualify.
- Qualifying materials for reuse or recycle include scrap plastic, scrap glass, scrap textiles, scrap rubber, scrap packaging, recovered fiber, scrap ferrous and nonferrous metals, or electronic scrap generated by an individual or business. Electronic scrap includes cathode ray tubes, flat panel screens, or similar video display devices with a screen size greater than 4 inches measured diagonally, or central processing units. Property must have a useful life of at least five years. The special depreciation provisions apply to property placed into service (or with construction begun in the case of self-constructed property) after August 31, 2008.

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**PURPOSE:** The Congressional Research Service reports that bills intended to enact this provision referred to the energy savings of recycling as their purpose.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Owners of reuse or recycling property who use the special depreciation rules.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.226 MINING AND SOLID WASTE RECLAMATION RESERVES

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 468  
**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 and 317.013 (Connections to federal personal and corporation taxable income)  
**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None  
**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1984

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Current value equivalents of reclamation and closing costs for mining and solid waste disposal sites are deductible from corporation and personal taxable income at the beginning of the project, even though these costs are typically incurred at the end of a project. This provision allows for the deduction of these expenses before they are paid.

**PURPOSE:** To encourage mine and solid waste disposal site reclamation activities and to compensate companies for the cost of reclamation.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Mining and solid waste disposal companies with reclamation costs.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.227 AMORTIZATION OF AIR POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITIES

**Internal Revenue Code Sections:** 169(d)(5)  
**Oregon Statute:** 317.013 (Connection to federal corporation taxable income)  
**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None  
**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 2005

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$300,000	Not Applicable	\$300,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$200,000	Not Applicable	\$200,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Coal-fired electric generation plants may amortize investments in certified pollution control equipment over shorter periods than the life of the equipment. A pollution control facility placed in service after April 11, 2005 qualifies for a 5-year (for plants placed in service prior to 1976) or 7-year amortization (newer plants) if the useful life of the facility is 15 years or less. The amount available for this amortization is reduced for facilities with useful lives in excess of 15 years.

**PURPOSE:** For installations in coal-fired electric generation plants that were in operation prior to 1976, the provision was added in 1969 to compensate for loss of the investment tax credit. (Congressional Research Service, *Tax Expenditures: Compendium of Background Material on Individual Provisions*: 2014)

**WHO BENEFITS:** Owners of coal-fired electric generation plants who install certified pollution control equipment.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.228 EXPENSING TIMBER GROWING COSTS

**Internal Revenue Code Sections:** 162 and 263(d)(1)  
**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 and 317.013 (Connections to federal personal and corporation taxable income)  
**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None  
**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1986

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$1,500,000	\$100,000	\$1,600,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$1,500,000	\$100,000	\$1,600,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Most of the production costs (e.g. interest, property taxes, disease and pest control, clearing brush etc.) of growing timber may be expensed rather than capitalized when computing corporation and personal taxable income. Expensing allows full deduction in the year the expenses are incurred, while capitalization requires the deduction to be taken over a number of years. In most other industries, these expenses must be capitalized.

**PURPOSE:** To provide tax relief to the timber growers in recognition of the long growing periods for timber during which no revenue is produced.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Taxpayers who have timber growing expenses that are not connected with a timber harvest or reforestation activity.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.229 EXPENSING AND AMORTIZATION OF REFORESTATION COSTS

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 194 and 263A(c)(5)  
**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 and 317.013 (Connections to federal personal and corporation taxable income)  
**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None  
**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1980

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$700,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,900,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$900,000	\$1,200,000	\$2,100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Qualified reforestation costs incurred after October 31, 2004, can be expensed up to \$10,000 annually with the remainder amortized (deducted) over seven years. Costs

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that qualify for amortization are those for site preparation, seed or seedlings, labor and tools. The limitation on expensing is for each qualifying property.

Without this provision, reforestation costs would be capitalized into the property's cost basis and deducted when sold.

Reforestation costs do not include any costs for which the taxpayer has been reimbursed under any governmental reforestation cost-sharing program unless the amounts reimbursed have been included in the gross income of the taxpayer.

PURPOSE: To lower the annual after-tax cost of reforestation.

WHO BENEFITS: Business taxpayers who are reforesting forest lands.

EVALUATION: Not evaluated.

### 1.230 MAGAZINE CIRCULATION EXPENDITURES

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 173

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 and 317.013 (Connections to federal personal and corporation taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1950

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000

DESCRIPTION: This provision allows publishers of periodicals to deduct expenditures to establish, maintain, or increase circulation in the year that the expenditures are made. The revenue impact of this tax expenditure is the difference between the current deduction of costs and the recovery that would have been allowed if these expenses were capitalized and deducted over time.

PURPOSE: To reduce the cost of tax compliance.

WHO BENEFITS: Publishers of periodicals.

EVALUATION: Not evaluated.

### 1.231 COMPLETED CONTRACT RULES

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 460

**Oregon Statute:** 316.048 and 317.013 (Connections to federal personal and corporation taxable income)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1986

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$4,400,000	\$800,000	\$5,200,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$4,800,000	\$800,000	\$5,600,000

DESCRIPTION: Some taxpayers with construction or manufacturing contracts extending for more than one tax year are allowed to use the completed contract method of accounting.

Under this method, income and costs pertaining to the contract are reported when the contract is completed; however, some indirect costs may be deducted from corporation and personal taxable income in the year paid or incurred. This mismatching of income and expenses results in a deferral of tax payments.

This provision is restricted to apply mostly to long-term home construction contracts. Other real estate construction contracts may qualify if the average annual gross receipts of the contractor do not exceed \$10 million (averaged over the three previous years), and the contract is estimated to be completed within two years.

- PURPOSE:** According to the Congressional Research Service, this tax reporting method was allowed because these contracts may involve “so many uncertainties that profit or loss was undeterminable until the contract was completed” (Congressional Research Service, *Tax Expenditures: Compendium of Background Material on Individual Provisions*: 2012)
- WHO BENEFITS:** Residential construction contractors are the main beneficiaries.
- EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.232 CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS: OTHER

**Internal Revenue Code Sections:** 170 and 642(c)

**Oregon Statutes:** 316.695 and 317.013 (Connections to federal personal and corporation deductions)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1917 (personal) and 1935 (corporation)

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$5,300,000	\$302,800,000	\$308,100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$5,300,000	\$322,900,000	\$328,200,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Contributions to charitable, religious and certain other nonprofit organizations are allowed as itemized deductions from personal taxable income of amounts up to 50 percent of adjusted gross income. Corporations can deduct from corporate taxable income contributions up to 10 percent of pre-tax income. Taxpayers who donate property may deduct the current market value of the property and do not need to pay tax on any capital gains realized on the property.

Due to the passage of HB 2060 in 2013, an Oregon deduction is not allowed for contributions to a charitable organization that does not spend at least 30 percent of its total annual functional expenses on program services. Affected organizations are required to notify donors in writing that donations are not deductible for Oregon tax purposes.

This is one of three categories of charitable contributions. The others are 1.201, Charitable Contributions: Education; and 1.202, Charitable Contributions: Health.

**PURPOSE:** To encourage donations to designated charitable organizations.

Income Tax  
Federal Deductions

**WHO BENEFITS:** In 2013, approximately 574,000 Oregon personal income tax returns had a deduction for charitable contributions in one or more of the three categories. The average tax savings for taxpayers who claimed a donation to any charity was about \$337. See the table displayed in 1.201, Charitable Contributions: Education, for detail on beneficiaries by income level.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

### 1.233 CASUALTY AND THEFT LOSSES

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 165(c)(3), 165(e) and 165(h)-165(k)

**Oregon Statute:** 316.695 (Connection to federal personal deductions)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1913

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Taxpayers who itemize deductions may deduct from personal taxable income nonbusiness casualty and theft losses that are not reimbursed through insurance. Taxpayers may deduct only losses of more than \$100 each, but only to the extent that the total of such losses exceed 10 percent of adjusted gross income (AGI).

**PURPOSE:** To reduce the tax burden for taxpayers who experience large casualty and theft losses.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Approximately 950 taxpayers had their taxes reduced by a total of about \$800 thousand due to reported casualty and theft losses that were not covered by insurance in 2013 as shown in the table below. The impact has been decreasing for many years. The largest impact was in 1996, at about \$2.8 million, while the recent peak was in 2007 at \$1.3 million in total tax reduction.

2013 Personal Income Tax Filers					
Income Group of Full-Year Filers*	Number of Filers Taking Deduction	Average Deduction	Total Deducted (\$ millions)	Revenue Impact (\$ millions)	Percent of Revenue Impact by Income Group
Below \$12,800	110	\$10,180	\$1.1	<\$0.1	<1%
\$12,800 - \$26,700	130	\$8,320	\$1.1	<\$0.1	4%
\$26,700 - \$47,600	170	\$34,810	\$5.9	\$0.1	13%
\$47,600 - \$84,300	210	\$15,110	\$3.2	\$0.2	26%
Above \$84,300	160	\$38,480	\$6.2	\$0.4	56%
<b>All Full-Year Filers</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>\$22,370</b>	<b>\$17.4</b>	<b>\$0.7</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Part-Year and Nonresident Filers</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>\$6,560</b>	<b>\$1.1</b>	<b>\$0.1</b>	

\*Each income group contains 20 percent of the full-year filers (approximately 327,000)

**EVLUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.234 LOCAL INCOME TAXES

**Internal Revenue Code Section:** 164

**Oregon Statute:** 316.695 (Connection to federal personal deductions)

**Federal Law Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted in Federal Law:** 1913

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$100,000	\$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$100,000	\$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Income taxes paid to cities and other local governments are deductible from personal taxable income for taxpayers who itemize deductions for state income tax.

The Arts Tax imposed by the City of Portland qualifies for this deduction. Taxes paid to local governments in other states may also qualify.

**PURPOSE:** To avoid taxing income that is obligated to another government.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Taxpayers who pay income taxes to local governments. Portland reported over \$10 million in receipts from the Arts Tax in 2015.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## **OTHER FEDERAL PROVISIONS (UNQUANTIFIED OR DISCONNECTED)**

### **Tax Expenditures listed by federal Joint Committee on Taxation as “Quantitatively *de minimis*”**

These are tax expenditures that flow through to Oregon through the connection to federal taxable income, but JCT has estimated that their impact is lower than \$50 million in federal tax for federal fiscal years 2015 through 2019.

- Miscellaneous nonresident individual income tax exclusions (certain gambling winnings, ship or aircraft operation income, certain exchange or training programs compensation, bond income of residents of the Ryukyu Islands, certain wagering income) (IRC 871(j), 872(b))
- Miscellaneous foreign corp income tax exclusions (ship or aircraft operation income, foreign railroad rolling stock earnings, certain communication satellite earnings (IRC 883)
- Expensing of Investment in Advanced Mine Safety Equipment (IRC 179E)
- Expensing of Tertiary Injectants (IRC 193)
- Exclusion of income in Structured Settlement Accounts (IRC 72(u)(3)(C), 130)
- Inclusion of income arising from business indebtedness discharged by the reacquisition of a debt instrument (IRC 108(i)) This was included as part of the tax expenditure Cancellation of Debt for Nonfarmers in the 2015-17 version of the Tax Expenditure Report.
- Additions to Bad Debt Reserves of Small Financial Institutions (IRC 585)
- Electing Alaska Native Settlement Trusts (IRC 646)
- Deferral of gain on sales of property to comply with conflict-of-interest requirements (IRC 1043)
- Exclusion of Indian general welfare benefits (IRC 139E)
- Exclusion of interest on savings bonds redeemed to finance educational expenses (IRC 135)
- Exclusion of payments received by victims of the Nazi regime and the victims' heirs and estates (Section 803 of Public Law 107-16)
- Archer Medical savings account (IRC 220) This was included as part of the tax expenditure Health Savings Accounts in the 2015-17 version of the Tax Expenditure Report.
- Burial expenses for veterans (IRC Section 134 and 38 USC 5301) This was included as part of the tax expenditure Veterans' Benefits and Services in the 2015-17 version of the Tax Expenditure Report.
- 50-percent expensing of cellulosic biofuel plant property (IRC 168(l))
- Seven-year MACRS for Alaska natural gas pipeline (IRC 168(e)(3)(C))

### **Tax Expenditures listed by federal Joint Committee on Taxation as “Not Quantifiable”**

These are tax expenditures that flow through to Oregon through the connection to federal taxable income, but JCT has noted that projected revenue changes due to these provisions are not available.

- Deduction for US employment tax paid under section 3121(l) agreements for employees of foreign affiliates
- Accelerated deductions for nuclear decommissioning costs (IRC 468A)
- Fossil fuel capital gains treatment (IRC 631(C) )
- Exception to partial interest rule for qualified conservation (IRC 170(h))
- Ten-year MACRS for single purpose agricultural or horticultural structures (IRC 168(e)(3),(i)(13))
- Exceptions from dealer disposition definition (IRC 453(1)(2)(A))
- Exceptions from interest calculation on installment sales for small dispositions (IRC 453A(b)(3))
- Amortization of organizational expenditures (IRC 248)
- Deferral of prepaid subscription income (IRC 455)
- Deferral of prepaid dues of certain membership organizations (IRC 456)

- Amortization of partnership organization and syndication fees (IRC 709)
- Unrecaptured section 1250 gain rate (section 1(h)), which applies to depreciation taken on real property
- Nonrecognition of in-kind distributions by regulated investment companies in redemption of their stock (IRC 852(b)(6))
- Special discount rate rule for certain debt instruments where stated principal amount is \$2.8 million or less (IRC 1274A)
- Tax treatment of convertible bonds (Treasury Reg. sect. 1.1275-4; Revenue Ruling 2002-31)
- Treatment of loans under life insurance and annuity contracts and 401(k) plans (IRC 72(e), 72(p), and 7702)
- Exemption for cemetery companies (IRC 501(c)(13))
- Certain exceptions to the UBTI rules - Passive income gains, Income from certain research, Trade shows and fairs, Bingo games, Pole rentals, Sponsorship payments, Real estate exception to the debt-financed income rules (IRC 512-514)
- Specific identification of sold equities (IRC 1012 (and Treasury Reg. sect. 1012-1))
- Losses on small business stock (IRC 1242-1244)
- Three-year carryback of small businesses' and farmers' casualty losses attributable to Presidentially declared disaster (IRC 172(b)(1)(F))
- Allowance of 80-percent deduction for right to purchase tickets or stadium seating (IRC 170(l))
- Exclusion of Guam, American Samoa, Northern Mariana Islands income (sec 931) (IRC 931)
- Exclusion of U.S. Virgin Islands income (IRC 932(c)(4))

**Oregon law is not connected to Federal law**

These are federal tax expenditures but not Oregon tax expenditures because of specific modifications to federal taxable income in Oregon law.

- Interest expense allocation: Separate grouping of affiliated financial companies (IRC 864). ORS 317.625 disconnects from federal treatment in sections 861 to 864 of IRC.
- Inventory property sales source rules exception (IRC 861, 862, 863, and 865). ORS 317.625 disconnects from federal treatment in sections 861 to 864 of IRC.
- Excess of percentage over cost depletion for Oil and Gas (IRC 611, 612, 613, 613A, and 291). ORS 317.374 disconnects from federal treatment in IRC 611 and requires a "reasonable" Oregon depletion allowance in calculating Oregon taxable income.
- Excess of percentage over cost depletion for Other Fuels (IRC 611, 612, 613, 613A, and 291). ORS 317.374 disconnects from federal treatment in IRC 611 and requires a "reasonable" Oregon depletion allowance in calculating Oregon taxable income.
- Excess of percentage over cost depletion for nonfuel minerals (IRC 611, 612, 613, and 291). ORS 317.374 disconnects from federal treatment in IRC 611 and requires a "reasonable" Oregon depletion allowance in calculating Oregon taxable income.
- Deduction for income attributable to domestic production (QPAI) (IRC 199). ORS 316.836 and 317.398 require that taxpayers add the amount deducted from federal taxable income based on IRC 199 to calculate Oregon taxable income.
- Deferral of tax on capital construction funds of shipping companies (IRC 7518). ORS 317.319 requires that taxpayers add the amount deferred be added to Oregon taxable income.
- Special rules for interest-charge domestic international sales corporations (IRC 991-997). ORS 317.283 does not recognize transactions related to IC-DISCs formed after January 1, 2014. It does impose special treatment for IC-DISCs formed on or before January 1, 2014 (as described in TE 1.311 in this report).



## TAX EXPENDITURES FROM OREGON INCOME TAX PROVISIONS

Oregon has many provisions in its income tax law that reduce tax. Some provisions, known as subtractions, reduce federal taxable income, the starting point for calculating Oregon's personal and corporate income taxes. Other provisions, known as tax credits, directly reduce the tax. Finally, there are a small number of provisions that reduce tax through other mechanisms, such as reduced tax rates. Not all of these provisions are tax expenditures, as some exist, for example, to prevent double taxation.

Some tax expenditures only affect the personal income tax or corporate income tax, but many apply to both. Some tax expenditures specifically apply to businesses. The structure of a business determines how the income and hence the tax expenditure is reported. For C-corporations, tax expenditures are reported on their corporate income tax returns. For sole proprietorships, partnerships and S-corporations, tax expenditures are reported on the business owners' personal income tax returns.

This report lists 26 Oregon specific subtractions (24 apply to the personal income tax and seven apply to the corporate income tax), 56 Oregon specific credits (53 apply to the personal income tax and 38 apply to the corporate income tax), and six other provisions that reduce Oregon tax. See Appendix E.

### Subtractions

Subtractions represent income included in federal taxable income that is not taxed by Oregon and deductions allowed by Oregon that are not included in federal taxable income. An example of the former is a subtraction for certain military related income. An example of the latter is a subtraction for medical expenses for elderly taxpayers beyond the deduction allowed at the federal level.

### Credits

Tax credits reduce taxpayers' tax liability on a dollar-for-dollar basis. For a typical tax credit, the tax credit can only reduce the tax liability to zero. For some credits, if there is an excess portion more than the tax liability, that portion is lost and cannot be used. For other credits that additional portion can be carried forward to future tax years. Oregon has a small number of special credits called "refundable" credits where the taxpayer receives a payment for any portion of the credit that is more than the tax liability. Some credits have the feature that the credit may be transferred from one taxpayer to another qualified taxpayer at a specified rate. Typically, a taxpayer will transfer a credit when they do not have the tax liability to use it. To help the reader of this report, additional information has been included in the header of each Oregon tax credit to indicate if the credit has a carryforward, is refundable, and is transferable.

### Other Provisions

A small number of other provisions in Oregon tax law also reduce income tax. These provisions include reduced tax rates for certain types of income, rules that determine how income is apportioned to Oregon for certain companies, and averaging a certain type of income over several years.

### 1.301 LAND DONATED TO SCHOOLS

**Oregon Statute:** 316.852 and 317.488

**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2007

**Year Enacted:** 1999

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** The Land Donated to Schools subtraction expired as of December 31, 2007. Nevertheless, there are revenue impacts for the 2015-17 and 2017-19 biennia due to unused subtraction amounts carried forward to succeeding years. Carryforward of unused amounts in excess of the limitations may be subtracted from taxable income for up to 15 succeeding years after the donation. A taxpayer who made a donation in the year of the sunset, 2007, may carry forward unused amounts through 2022.

A subtraction was allowed from corporate and personal taxable income for land donated or sold at below-market price on or after January 1, 2000, and before January 1, 2008, to a public school district, a nonprofit private school, or a public or nonprofit private community college, college, or university. For a donation, the subtraction was the fair market value of the land. For a sale, the subtraction was the difference between the fair market value and the sale price of the land. The subtraction was limited depending on whether the transfer was a donation or sale. In the case of a donation, the maximum subtraction in a given tax year was 50 percent of the taxpayer’s taxable income in that year. When the land was sold, the maximum subtraction was 25 percent of the taxpayer’s taxable income.

Oregon law was more generous than federal law in that federal law specified that the unadjusted fair market value of the donation may be deducted only up to 30 percent of income, but Oregon allowed the subtraction up to 50 percent of income. Any amount taken as a charitable contribution deduction is to be added to income on the Oregon return so that the taxpayer does not receive a double deduction. The federal deduction is described in tax expenditure 1.201, Charitable Contributions: Education.

**PURPOSE:** The statutes that allowed this expenditure did not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose was, by encouraging developers to donate land, to help schools meet the challenge of providing facilities when faced with rapid student enrollment growth.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Taxpayers who donated land to educational institutions receive the main benefit. For tax year 2014, very few taxpayers claimed this subtraction.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.302 OREGON 529 COLLEGE SAVINGS NETWORK

**Oregon Statute:** 316.699

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1999

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$23,300,000	\$23,300,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$28,500,000	\$28,500,000

**DESCRIPTION:** A subtraction is allowed from individual taxable income for contributions made to Oregon 529 College Savings Network accounts for higher education. The maximum allowable subtraction amount for 2016 is \$4,620 on a joint return or \$2,310 on all other returns and is annually adjusted for inflation. Before 2008, the subtraction amount was limited to \$1,000 for married filing separate returns or \$2,000 for all other filers.

The proceeds of these accounts are meant to be used to pay higher education related expenses for a designated beneficiary. Total contributions to these accounts are allowed up to the amount necessary to cover the qualified higher education expenses of the beneficiary or limits specified by the Oregon 529 Savings Board. Contributions over the annual limit may be carried forward for up to four years. Beginning with tax year 2012, taxpayers may make direct deposit contributions of personal income tax refunds into accounts.

The revenue impact above includes only the impact of the state allowed subtraction for contributions. Under federal law, contributions to these accounts are not tax deductible. However, qualifying distributions from the accounts are excluded from federal tax. The revenue impact and complete description of federal tax benefits applicable to Oregon 529 College Savings Network accounts are detailed in tax expenditure 1.002, Qualified Education Savings (Federal).

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to increase the ability of families and individuals to save for higher education.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Oregon personal income taxpayers who contribute to Oregon 529 College Savings Network accounts. The table below shows usage of this subtraction for tax year 2014.

2014 Personal Income Tax Filers						
Income Group of Full-Year Filers*	Number of Filers Taking Subtraction	Average Subtraction	Total Subtracted (\$ millions)	Revenue Impact (\$ millions)	Percent of Revenue Impact by Income Group	
Below \$13,300	390	\$1,836	\$0.7	<\$0.1	<1%	
\$13,300 - \$27,600	530	\$1,726	\$0.9	<\$0.1	<1%	
\$27,600 - \$49,300	1,400	\$1,702	\$2.4	\$0.2	2%	
\$49,300 - \$87,500	5,660	\$1,942	\$11.0	\$0.9	10%	
Above \$87,500	28,460	\$3,141	\$89.4	\$8.2	87%	
<b>All Full-Year Filers</b>	<b>36,440</b>	<b>\$2,865</b>	<b>\$104.4</b>	<b>\$9.4</b>	<b>100%</b>	
<b>Part-Year and Nonresident Filers</b>	<b>1,050</b>	<b>\$2,786</b>	<b>\$2.9</b>	<b>\$0.2</b>		

\*Each income group contains 20 percent of the full-year filers (approximately 336,000)

Income Tax  
Oregon Subtractions

EVALUATION: *by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission*

This tax expenditure is a fiscally effective method of achieving its purpose, which is to increase the ability of families and individuals to save for higher education. The program facilitates spreading the cost of higher education over a longer payment period that may extend prior to the student’s enrollment. This expenditure contributes to higher education access and affordability by providing an additional funding mechanism for Oregonians of all income levels.

### 1.303 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS USED FOR HOUSING EXPENSES

**Oregon Statute:** 316.846

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1999

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000

**DESCRIPTION:** A subtraction from taxable income is allowed for scholarship and fellowship income used to pay for housing expenses. This provision extends the federal exclusion described in tax expenditure 1.001, Scholarship and Fellowship Income, for income received from scholarships and fellowships that is used for tuition and course-related expenses only. The scholarship recipient must be either the taxpayer or a dependent of the taxpayer and must be attending an accredited community college, college, university, or other institution of higher education. A subtraction may not be allowed under this section if the amounts are not included in the taxpayer's federal gross income for the tax year or are taken as a deduction on the taxpayer's federal income tax return for the tax year.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to help students meet the financial challenges of attending college.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Individuals receiving scholarship or fellowship income to pay for housing expenses. The table below shows usage of this subtraction for tax year 2014.

2014 Personal Income Tax Filers						
Income Group	Number of Filers Taking Subtraction	Average Subtraction	Total Subtracted (\$ millions)	Revenue Impact (\$ millions)	Percent of Revenue Impact by Income Group	
Below \$13,300	1,020	\$2,876	\$2.9	\$0.1	20%	
\$13,300 - \$27,600	800	\$4,118	\$3.3	\$0.2	41%	
\$27,600 - \$49,300	370	\$4,467	\$1.6	\$0.1	25%	
\$49,300 - \$87,500	170	\$3,584	\$0.6	\$0.1	10%	
Above \$87,500	70	\$3,694	\$0.3	<\$0.1	4%	
<b>All Full-Year Filers</b>	<b>2,430</b>	<b>\$3,602</b>	<b>\$8.8</b>	<b>\$0.6</b>	<b>100%</b>	
<b>Part-Year and Nonresident Filers</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>\$3,915</b>	<b>\$0.7</b>	<b>&lt;\$0.1</b>		

\*Each income group contains 20 percent of the full-year filers (approximately 336,000)

EVALUATION: *by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission*

This tax expenditure is a fiscally effective method of achieving its purpose, which is to reduce the cost of higher education. It makes more funding available to these students, allowing them to complete their education with less debt or need to extend the time in school. The economic and societal returns on the investment are very high.

### 1.304 MEDICAL SUBTRACTION FOR ELDERLY

**Oregon Statute:** 316.693

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 2013

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$59,000,000	\$59,000,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$62,700,000	\$62,700,000

DESCRIPTION: For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2013, the amount paid for medical care of an individual and not compensated for by insurance or otherwise may be subtracted from federal taxable income for purposes of calculating Oregon personal income tax liability.

This subtraction is only available if the individual taxpayer has attained the age of:

- 62 before the end of the tax year for 2013
- 63 before the end of the tax year for 2014 and 2015
- 64 before the end of the tax year for 2016 and 2017
- 65 before the end of the tax year for 2018 and 2019
- 66 before the end of the tax year for 2020 and later.

The maximum allowable subtraction of medical expenses attributable to each individual taxpayer meeting the age requirement depends on filing status and income:

Filing status	Federal adjusted gross income	Maximum allowable subtraction per taxpayer
Single, married or Registered Domestic Partner filing separately	Below \$25,000	\$1,800
	\$25,000 - \$49,999	\$1,400
	\$50,000 - \$99,999	\$1,000
	Above \$100,000	\$0
Married or Registered Domestic Partner filing jointly, Head of household, or qualifying widow(er)	Below \$50,000	\$1,800
	\$50,000 - \$99,999	\$1,400
	\$100,000 - \$199,999	\$1,000
	Above \$200,000	\$0

Income Tax  
Oregon Subtractions

Legislation in 2013 (HB 3601) created this expenditure to replace the former Oregon Additional Medical Deduction for Elderly, which, when combined with the federal deduction, allowed taxpayers age 65 and older to deduct the full amount of, and taxpayers age 62 through 65 to deduct most of, their medical and dental expenses from Oregon taxable income.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to offset the costs of medical and dental expenses for older taxpayers. The itemized deduction of the former expenditure was converted to a subtraction so that it would be available to all eligible taxpayers, whether they use the standard deduction or itemize their deductions.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Older taxpayers with medical and dental expenses. Approximately 268,350 taxpayers used the subtraction for tax year 2014. The average subtracted amount per tax return was approximately \$1,600, resulting in a tax savings of about \$100 per taxpayer.

The table below shows usage of this subtraction for tax year 2014.

2014 Personal Income Tax Filers					
Income Group of Full-Year Filers*	Number of Filers Taking Subtraction	Average Subtraction	Total Subtracted (\$ millions)	Revenue Impact (\$ millions)	Percent of Revenue Impact by Income Group
Below \$13,300	38,740	\$935	\$36.2	\$0.7	2%
\$13,300 - \$27,600	46,960	\$1,443	\$67.8	\$3.3	12%
\$27,600 - \$49,300	48,630	\$1,804	\$87.7	\$5.7	21%
\$49,300 - \$87,500	69,120	\$1,676	\$115.9	\$9.1	34%
Above \$87,500	54,150	\$1,711	\$92.6	\$8.1	30%
<b>All Full-Year Filers</b>	<b>257,600</b>	<b>\$1,554</b>	<b>\$400.2</b>	<b>\$26.9</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Part-Year and Nonresident Filers</b>	<b>10,750</b>	<b>\$1,492</b>	<b>\$16.0</b>	<b>\$0.7</b>	

\*Each income group contains 20 percent of the full-year filers (approximately 336,000)

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Human Services*

This tax measure seems to meet its purpose in allowing older individuals to deduct expenses for their medical and dental care from their Oregon taxable income. This allows individuals to keep or have more income available to them to support them remaining independent and less likely to use other state and federal programs.

### 1.305 ADDITIONAL DEDUCTION FOR ELDERLY OR BLIND

**Oregon Statute:** 316.695(7)

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1989

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$16,800,000	\$16,800,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$17,800,000	\$17,800,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Taxpayers who are age 65 or over and those who are blind receive a larger Oregon standard deduction from personal taxable income based on their filing status. For taxpayers who are single or head of household, the additional amount is \$1,200 per

qualifying condition. For all other filers, the additional amount is \$1,000 per qualifying condition. For example, the additional deduction amount is \$2,400 if a single taxpayer is age 65 or over and blind. This tax expenditure does not benefit taxpayers who itemize deductions for Oregon because they do not use the standard deduction. Taxpayers can take advantage of both this expenditure and 1.304, Medical Subtraction for Elderly, which replaced the former Oregon Additional Medical Deduction for Elderly in 2013 and required taxpayers to itemize their Oregon deductions to be eligible for the deduction.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to provide tax relief to Oregon taxpayers who are elderly or blind.

**WHO BENEFITS:** The table below shows usage of this subtraction for tax year 2014.

2014 Personal Income Tax Filers					
Income Group of Full-Year Filers*	Number of Filers Taking Subtraction	Average Subtraction	Total Subtracted (\$ millions)	Revenue Impact (\$ millions)	Percent of Revenue Impact by Income Group
<b>Below \$13,300</b>	30,750	\$1,361	\$41.9	\$0.7	10%
<b>\$13,300 - \$27,600</b>	19,870	\$1,401	\$27.8	\$1.8	24%
<b>\$27,600 - \$49,300</b>	16,070	\$1,405	\$22.6	\$1.7	22%
<b>\$49,300 - \$87,500</b>	16,550	\$1,462	\$24.2	\$1.9	26%
<b>Above \$87,500</b>	9,660	\$1,599	\$15.4	\$1.4	18%
<b>All Full-Year Filers</b>	92,900	\$1,420	\$131.9	\$7.5	100%
<b>Part-Year and Nonresident Filers</b>	7,050	\$513	\$3.6	\$0.2	

\*Each income group contains 20 percent of the full-year filers (approximately 336,000)

Since both taxpayers can claim this deduction on a joint return, the 99,950 filers taking the subtraction in the above table represent approximately 131,200 personal income taxpayers claiming the additional deduction. The majority, about 129,000, are elderly individuals.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Human Services*

This tax expenditure achieves its purpose and is effective in promoting independence among its recipients. The deduction allows for greater disposable income for eligible individuals and helps build individual self-sufficiency. This money enables individuals to avoid needing other services offered by the state Department of Human Services. It is most beneficial to those people who are on the margin between self-reliance and reliance on the state.

### 1.306 ABLE ACCOUNT CONTRIBUTIONS

**Oregon Statute:** 316.699

**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2021

**Year Enacted:** 2015 (SB 777)

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$200,000	\$200,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$500,000	\$500,000

**DESCRIPTION:** A subtraction is allowed from individual taxable income for contributions made to an Oregon ABLE (Achieving a Better Life Experience) account when the contributions are made before the designated beneficiary of the account is 21 years old. The maximum allowable subtraction amount for 2016, the first year the subtraction is available, is \$4,620 on a joint return or \$2,310 on all other returns and is annually adjusted for inflation. If a contribution of more than the maximum allowable subtraction is made in one year, the amount not subtracted may be carried forward over the next four years.

The proceeds of these accounts are meant to be used to pay qualified disability expenses, including education, housing, employment training and support, health care, and financial management, of the designated beneficiary. Individuals diagnosed with a disability before the age of 26 are eligible for an Oregon ABLE Savings Plan account. Up to \$100,000 can be saved within an ABLE account without the assets affecting federal and state benefits, and \$14,000 can be contributed annually.

Because the legislation enacting this statute did not explicitly set a sunset for this tax expenditure, ORS 315.037(3) establishes the sunset as six years after the first effective tax year. In this case, the last effective tax year is 2021.

The revenue impact above includes only the impact of the state allowed subtraction for contributions. Under federal law, contributions to these accounts are not tax deductible. However, qualifying distributions from the accounts are excluded from federal tax. The revenue impact and complete description of federal tax benefits applicable to ABLE accounts are detailed in tax expenditure 1.009, ABLE Account Earnings.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. According to the legislative staff revenue impact statement for SB 777, the purpose "...is to help people with disabilities to save money for necessary expenses to meet the challenges of life."

**WHO BENEFITS:** Disabled individuals and their families.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Human Services*

The ABLE Act allows individuals experiencing a disability and their families to set up special savings account for disability-related expenses. The earnings on this ABLE account are not be taxed and funds would generally not be considered for federal programs such as SSI and Medicaid. While this is still being implemented in Oregon, this program is set to assist individuals who become disabled before 26 to be able to pay for items out of these accounts that allow them to be more self-sufficient. While data is limited about the effect in Oregon at this time, there are over 50 million individuals in the United States that this could help, allowing individuals the opportunity to save for items later in life seems to have value and we believe will achieve the outcomes expected for this program.

## 1.307 SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS (OREGON)

**Oregon Statute:** 316.054

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1985

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$726,600,000	\$726,600,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$828,100,000	\$828,100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Social Security and Railroad Retirement Board benefits are exempt from Oregon personal income tax. A portion of Social Security and Railroad Retirement Board benefits are considered nontaxable at the federal level. Oregon extends the tax exemption to the full amount of benefits. As a result, there are two tax expenditures pertaining to these benefits. This tax expenditure pertains to those benefits that are exempt only in Oregon (i.e., they are taxable at the federal level). The tax expenditure pertaining to those benefits that are exempt at both the federal level and in Oregon is 1.012, Social Security Benefits (Federal).

**PURPOSE:** To comply with Oregon's Constitution.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Oregon taxpayers who receive federally taxable Social Security or Railroad Retirement Board benefits.

For tax year 2014, the table below shows the combined usage of this subtraction and the federal exclusion, 1.012, Social Security Benefits (Federal).

### 2014 Personal Income Tax Filers

Income Group of Full-Year Filers*	Number of Filers with SS Benefits	Average SS Benefit	Total SS Benefits (\$ millions)	Revenue Impact (\$ millions)	Percent of Revenue Impact by Income Group
<b>Below \$13,300</b>	79,210	\$18,113	\$1,434.6	\$68.8	11%
<b>\$13,300 - \$27,600</b>	66,080	\$19,477	\$1,286.9	\$94.5	16%
<b>\$27,600 - \$49,300</b>	61,050	\$20,451	\$1,248.5	\$100.2	17%
<b>\$49,300 - \$87,500</b>	82,750	\$21,088	\$1,744.9	\$148.5	25%
<b>Above \$87,500</b>	81,290	\$26,367	\$2,143.5	\$192.3	32%
<b>All Full-Year Filers</b>	370,370	\$21,218	\$7,858.5	\$604.3	100%
<b>Part-Year and Nonresident Filers</b>	32,040	\$6,792	\$217.6	\$15.4	

\*Each income group contains 20 percent of the full-year filers (approximately 336,000)

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Human Services*

This tax expenditure achieves its purpose; however, the issue continues to be the focus of significant national discussion and debate. While this tax subtraction provides the recipients with more disposable income, some are concerned over the viability of the Social Security benefits system in the long term. Retirement index data forecasts that retirement programs and savings patterns of persons aged 30–48 years are not adequate to maintain these individuals at a living standard commensurate with their current living standards. Projections suggest that the rate of

retirement savings must increase threefold from present standards in order to accomplish this future parity. The inability to achieve this parity will cause greater numbers of people to look to government service programs to assist them. The present population of those ages 30–48 years is substantial, and this program could have a dramatic impact when they reach the retirement age.

### 1.308 FILM PRODUCTION LABOR REBATE

**Oregon Statute:** 316.698 and 317.394

**Sunset Date:** Taxpayers must receive certification by 12-31-2017

**Year Enacted:** 2005

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	\$900,000	\$900,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	\$200,000	\$200,000

NOTE: The revenue impact estimate includes the effect of the sunset

**DESCRIPTION:** Labor rebate payments are excluded from taxation for individuals or corporations that incur \$1 million or more in actual expenses for film, commercial or television show production in Oregon. For S-corporations and other pass-through entities that have qualifying income for the subtraction, the subtraction is shared by the shareholders and subtracted from their Oregon personal income tax. The Oregon Film and Video Office (OFVO) certifies persons or businesses engaging in qualifying film production as eligible for the labor rebate, commonly known as the Greenlight Oregon Labor Rebate, if it is reasonably likely that the person or business will incur actual expenses of at least \$1 million. Upon completion of the film production, OFVO verifies actual expenses and disallows the rebate if actual expenses are less than \$1 million.

The labor rebate is equal to 6.2 percent of the payroll, for which Oregon personal income tax withholding applies, paid during qualifying film production. The amounts withheld are paid to the Department of Revenue and then transferred to the Greenlight Oregon Labor Rebate Fund (GOLRF).

Legislation in 2011 extended the scheduled sunset of the provision from December 31, 2011 to December 31, 2017.

**PURPOSE:** The statutes that allow this expenditure do not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose of this expenditure is to encourage more film, television and television commercial production in the state of Oregon.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Individuals and businesses engaging in film production with expenses over \$1 million who receive labor rebate payments from the GOLRF. The Department transferred more than \$4.5 million to the GOLRF in fiscal year 2015 and almost \$5.0 million in fiscal year 2016.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Oregon Film and Video Office*

This tax expenditure achieves its purpose of recruiting film production in the state and generating associated spending and employment. Without this program, there would undoubtedly be a drop in activity for Oregon's film, television and commercial industry.

The GOLRF, in tandem with the Oregon Production Investment Fund (OPIF), is integral in Oregon's ability to compete with the more than 30 other US states that

offer production incentives and is directly responsible for the \$325 million of direct film, television and commercial production spending that was recorded in the 2013-2015 biennium. This number was the highest number to date.

In addition to helping recruit out-of-state productions into Oregon, this program also supports Oregon's indigenous production industry. Oregon based commercial production companies utilize GOLRF to increase their competitive edge to both create work here in the state for export and to attract work into the state, creating a more sustained workforce and a stronger company foundation. Combined, GOLRF and OPIF have accounted for a more than 20x increase in direct production spending in Oregon over the last 10 years, a 69% increase in media sector employment and now account for over 3000 jobs and more than 350 Oregon-based companies.

GOLRF has been integral to creating a balanced system that imports work into the state as much as creates work from established companies and individuals already here in the state. In fact, GOLRF was an instrumental tool in recruiting a California animation company to move its operations to Oregon; creating a permanent studio and workforce to produce animated series for national and international distribution. Oregon's media incentive programs are instrumental in making media work more competitive here in Oregon in a national landscape that includes many states offering better Film & Media incentive programs.

### 1.309 ARTIST'S CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION

**Oregon Statute:** 316.838

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1979

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$100,000	\$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$100,000	\$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Under section 170 of the federal Internal Revenue Code, artists can deduct the costs of materials used to produce artworks donated as charitable contributions. Oregon law is more generous than the federal provision for charitable contributions, as it allows artists liable for Oregon personal income taxes to subtract from taxable income the fair market value of the art, not just the costs of materials.

Due to the passage of HB 2060 in 2013, artists cannot use this subtraction if the donation was to a charitable organization disqualified from receiving tax deductible contributions due to not spending at least 30 percent of its total annual functional expenses on program services.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to encourage the donation of artists' works to charitable organizations.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Artists who donate their art to charitable organizations, the charitable organizations themselves, and the organizations' patrons all benefit. For tax year 2014, approximately 530 personal income taxpayers claimed an average subtraction of about \$1,030, resulting in a tax savings of about \$75 per taxpayer.

EVALUATION: *by the Oregon Business Development Department*

This tax expenditure has benefited both artists and charitable organizations. It is plainly evident that artworks carry a value beyond the cost of materials. As producers of that value, artists benefit when their donations reflect the “fair market value” of their work. The policy encourages the donation of artworks to charitable organizations and some donations of artists’ work to nonprofits may not be made without this tax incentive.

While establishing a fair market value for artworks is more subjective than with mass produced goods, the industry has a known set of best practices that guide artists and organizations to fairly value specific works. Using prior sales of work from the donating or similarly recognized artist is a reasonable test for "market value." As with any rare or unique object, there is some possibility of inflated values being placed on donated works of art for the purpose of obtaining larger income tax subtractions. However, the benefits of this tax expenditure outweigh those potential risks.

### 1.310 OREGON INVESTMENT ADVANTAGE

**Oregon Statutes:** 316.778 and 317.391

**Sunset Date:** None (6/30/2016 of broader county eligibility criteria)

**Year Enacted:** 2001

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$8,600,000	\$4,700,000	\$13,300,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$8,600,000	\$4,700,000	\$13,300,000

DESCRIPTION: Income from certified business operations may be subtracted from Oregon taxable personal and corporate income. For S-corporations and other pass-through entities that have qualifying income for the subtraction, the subtraction is shared by the shareholders and subtracted from their Oregon personal income tax. To claim the subtraction, the business must receive preliminary certification from the Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) before hiring or any construction work is done. To qualify for preliminary certification, all of the following must be true:

- The proposed facility site is in an eligible county, and
  - (i) inside the urban growth boundary of a city of 15,000 or fewer residents, or
  - (ii) on industrially zoned land in a larger city or unincorporated area.
- The proposed facility is intended to operate for at least 10 years.
- The business intends to hire five or more full-time year-round employees at a wage that is at least 50 percent higher than the per capita personal income for the county, or at the per capita personal income for the county and provide health insurance (wage and benefit requirements do not apply if preliminary certification was issued before 2011).
- The proposed operations at the facility constitute new business operations, unlike what the business does anywhere else in Oregon.
- These operations do not compete with existing employers in the city, port or county where the facility is located.
- The city, port or county does not officially object.

Legislation in 2005 temporarily changed the unemployment and income criteria that determine county eligibility, allowing the program in several more counties. These unemployment and income criteria reverted back to the original, effectively narrower definitions after the 2010 calendar year.

Legislation in 2011 then reinstated the broader county eligibility criteria on July 1, 2011, through to June 30, 2016: Currently, therefore, businesses may apply to receive preliminary certification for locations in 15 counties: Baker, Coos, Crook, Curry, Douglas, Grant, Harney, Jefferson, Josephine, Klamath, Lake, Lincoln, Linn, Malheur, and Umatilla. The former, generally broader criteria, besides excluding Lincoln County, would have also included six other counties that are no longer eligible: Columbia, Jackson, Polk, Union, Wallowa and Wheeler.

In order to claim the subtraction once facility operations have begun, a preliminarily certified business applies annually to OBDD for certification and indicates compliance with the above hiring and compensation requirements. If the business does not comply in a particular year when seeking annual certification, it is disqualified from the program for that year and any subsequent year.

To offset the revenue impact of reinstating broader county eligibility criteria for five years, the 2011 legislation (HB 3672) permanently delayed a business's first annual certification application until not less than 24 months after facility operations had commenced, for any business applying for preliminary certification on or after July 1, 2011. This generally reduces the period of the subtraction from 10 to 8 years, but depending on the timing of operations respective to the business's tax year, a business might claim the subtraction over nine years.

For a corporation, the amount of subtracted income is determined by multiplying the corporation's taxable income by the sum of:

- Fifty percent of the ratio of the payroll of the business from employment at the certified facility to total statewide payroll of the business
- Fifty percent of the ratio of the value of the property of the business at the certified facility to the value of the property of the business statewide.

For a personal income taxpayer who qualifies for a subtraction as a shareholder of an S-corporation or other pass-through entity with a business that operates a certified facility, the amount of subtracted income is determined by multiplying the taxpayer's federal taxable income by the product of:

- The ratio of the taxpayer's portion of federal adjusted gross income due to the business to their total of the total of their Oregon-based federally adjusted gross income
- The ratio of the business' income derived from the business' sales at the certified facility to its sales from all the business's activities.

**PURPOSE:** The statutes that allow this expenditure do not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to encourage business development in low income areas with high unemployment rates or generally rural areas.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Businesses investing in new facilities in areas with low income or high unemployment rates. Ten corporate income taxpayers claimed the subtraction for tax year 2013. About 30 S-corporation shareholders claimed this subtraction on their personal income tax return for tax year 2014. During the 2015-16 fiscal year, OBDD

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issued annual certifications for 12 businesses, the number of which can vary from year to year relative to who seeks certification.

EVALUATION: *by the Oregon Business Development Department*

Having substantially more eligible counties across the state as eligible after 2005 improved marketing and local appreciation of the program, which led to a diverse pool of applicants, who still maintain nearly 1,000 new jobs, notably in parts of the state that struggle economically, even as one facility accounts for more than half of the total (see Economic Development at Oregon Transparency website).

Depending on a business's state income tax situation and the nature of the facility, this exemption may seem quite enticing for developments ranging from those by small business owners to very large corporate projects in many parts of rural Oregon, where it is otherwise challenging to spur economic activity and diversity. It is, however, a complex incentive, requiring sophisticated tax knowledge to actually estimate the probable, medium-term savings in any given case, but as a type of direct tax holiday, it can be quite appealing to the tax savvy business investor.

The five-year reinstatement of broader eligibility criteria (for reasons that never materialized) in 2011 did not increase the number of participating counties quite as much as it had previously. In addition, the concurrent, permanent legislative change to delay and reduce the years, over in which newer businesses can use the exemption, has significantly complicated and compromised the program's marketing and attractiveness. Since that change took effect, only seven preliminary certifications have been issued – three in 2016, in counties exiting the program.

The now reduced number of eligible counties is expected to further constrain future use of the program, so that this tax expenditure will be even less able to achieve its purpose.

Relative to an income tax credit, which would nevertheless be simpler to communicate, the taxes abated by this expenditure and any additionally generated state tax revenues might connect more directly with each other, making it less comparable to a direct government expenditure. Other advantages over a direct expenditure include individual business people's determining where and what investments are economically cost-effective under the current tax structure, market conditions and so forth, as well as avoiding bureaucratic-administrative costs, complications and resource-allocation inefficiencies, although it is not as finely controllable as a direct expenditure would potentially be for policy purposes.

Other than its policy bias toward rural locations and against straightforward expansions by existing business operations, this tax expenditure does not favor one group of industries in Oregon over another. Finally, while its effectiveness as an incentive depends on the taxpayer's (having) Oregon tax liability, like a regular income tax credit, the connection of the tax savings to incremental taxable income would tend to alleviate that issue.

## 1.311 DIVIDEND RECEIVED FROM AN IC-DISC

**Oregon Statute:** 316.749(1)

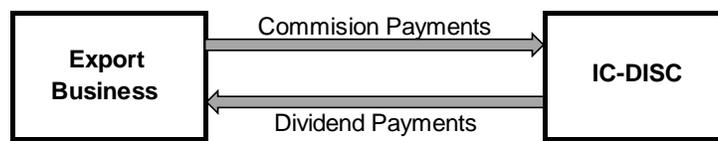
**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 2013 (HB 3601)

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not applicable	\$10,600,000	\$10,600,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not applicable	\$11,700,000	\$11,700,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Taxpayers may subtract from Oregon taxable income any dividend received from an Interest Charge – Domestic International Sales Corporation (IC-DISC) that was formed on or before January 1, 2014. An IC-DISC is defined in section 992 of the Internal Revenue Code and is not subject to federal income taxation.

As a simple overview, an export-oriented business creates an IC-DISC. The business then makes commission payments to the IC-DISC in an amount driven by the amount of their export sales. This income to the IC-DISC is then returned to the business shareholders as dividends. In most cases, the amount of commission payments is exactly equal to the amount of dividend payments. The diagram below shows this flow of funds.



At the state level, first, the commission payments are deductible for the business. Second, income of the IC-DISC is taxed at a rate of 2.5 percent. Third, a subtraction is allowed for the dividend to the shareholders of the business, who report the income on their personal income tax return. The subtraction represents this tax expenditure with an in lieu tax from the IC-DISC based on an income tax rate of 2.5 percent.

The net effect of the flow of payments is that the income from the export business that would normally be distributed directly to its shareholders and taxed at the standard state personal income tax rate (typically a marginal rate of 9 or 9.9 percent) is instead taxed at a rate of 2.5 percent.

For export businesses that have created IC-DISCs, for tax years before 2013 or for those businesses that have created IC-DISCs after January 1, 2014, at the state level the IC-DISC is disregarded and dividends from the business to the shareholders are taxed at the standard state personal income tax rate.

A special tax treatment of IC-DISCs at the federal level also exists and is similar to what happens at the state level, except the IC-DISC is not subject to any federal income tax and the dividend payments are taxed at the lower capital gains tax rate rather than the standard federal personal income tax rate.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. According to the legislative staff revenue impact statement for HB 3601 (2013), the purpose of this provision “...is to encourage export activity of Oregon based businesses.”

**WHO BENEFITS:** Taxpayers with taxable personal income who receive a dividend from an IC-DISC that was formed on or before January 1, 2014. In tax year 2014, about 260 personal income taxpayers saved approximately \$17,500, on average, using this subtraction.

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The table below shows usage of this subtraction for tax year 2014.

2014 Personal Income Tax Filers						
Income Group of Full-Year Filers*	Number of Filers Taking Subtraction	Average Subtraction	Total Subtracted (\$ millions)	Revenue Impact (\$ millions)	Percent of Revenue Impact by Income Group	
Below \$13,300	<10	\$1,684,097	\$11.8	\$0.0	0%	
\$13,300 - \$27,600	<10	\$5,456	<\$0.1	<\$0.1	<1%	
\$27,600 - \$49,300	<10	\$1,510	<\$0.1	<\$0.1	<1%	
\$49,300 - \$87,500	<10	\$14,602	\$0.1	<\$0.1	<1%	
Above \$87,500	200	\$157,794	\$32.2	\$3.1	99.8%	
All Full-Year Filers	220	\$197,642	\$44.1	\$3.1	100%	
Part-Year and Nonresident Filers	40	\$412,322	\$14.8	\$1.4		

\*Each income group contains 20 percent of the full-year filers (approximately 336,000)

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An IC-DISC is taxed on income at a rate of 2.5 percent. For tax year 2013, approximately 140 IC-DISCs paid a total of \$1.6 million in income tax.

EVALUATION:

*by the Oregon Business Development Department*

This tax expenditure may bolster foreign sales activity for certain Oregon exporters that work with IC-DISCs formed before 2014 – including during the brief period following the initial legislation – which could benefit the Oregon economy. Nationally, this is the intent of the federal laws that provide for IC-DISCs, although Oregon provisions for affected taxpayers operate quite differently compared to those on federal tax returns. The department, however, lacks the data or direct experience to address this expenditure further.

### 1.312 INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNTS (EXCLUSION AND SUBTRACTION)

**Oregon Statute:** 316.848

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1999, Modified in 2015 (HB 2171)

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000

DESCRIPTION:

Contributions, matching deposits (from fiduciary organizations), and account earnings of individual development accounts (IDAs) for low income households are exempt from state income tax if funds are withdrawn for approved purposes. Contributions to the accounts by the account holder are subtracted from federal taxable income of the account holder as they are made, and the matching deposits and account earnings are exempt from taxation until withdrawn. If withdrawals from the account are for a qualified purpose, the entire withdrawal is exempt from taxation. For this subtraction, low income households are defined as those having a net worth less than \$20,000 and income no greater than 80 percent of the area median household income as determined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The Oregon Housing and Community Services Department (OHCS) administers the Oregon IDA Initiative through the Neighborhood Partnership Fund, which selects fiduciary organizations to manage the IDAs. These fiduciary organizations may establish lower thresholds for income and net worth of account holders than prescribed by statute. Approved purposes for which withdrawals may be made include: acquiring postsecondary education; the first time purchase of a primary residence; certain improvements and repairs to a primary residence; purchase of equipment or training needed to obtain or maintain employment, saving for retirement; and capitalization of a small business. Account holders may not accrue more than \$3,000 of matching funds in any 12-month period. OHCS establishes a maximum total amount of state directed resources that may be used as matching funds for asset purchase for each individual development account.

Amounts remaining in accounts after asset purchase may be rolled over into qualified tuition savings program accounts. See 1.302, Oregon 529 College Savings Network. Legislation in 2015 (HB 2171) provided that, beginning with tax year 2016, accounts established for retirement savings may be rolled over into an individual retirement account, a retirement plan, or a similar account or plan established under the Internal Revenue Code.

There are two other tax expenditures closely related to this program: 1.429, Individual Development Account Donation (Credit), provides a credit for individuals or businesses that make contributions to the Oregon IDA Initiative through Neighborhood Partnerships to support IDA programs; and 1.430, Individual Development Account Withdrawal (Credit), provided a credit for IDA withdrawals to be used to fund closing costs associated with the purchase of a primary residence. The withdrawal credit expired on December 31, 2015.

- PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to help lower income Oregonians obtain the assets needed to become economically more resilient by instituting an asset-based prosperity strategy that promotes improved personal financial management and savings and the accumulation of key assets.
- WHO BENEFITS:** In tax year 2014, about 160 personal income taxpayers saved approximately \$100, on average, using this subtraction.
- EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

### 1.313 MOBILE HOME PARK CAPITAL GAIN

**Oregon Statute:** Note following 317.401 and note following 316.792

**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2019

**Year Enacted:** 2005, Modified in 2015 (HB 3016)

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** For tax years beginning January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2019, individuals or corporations that sell a manufactured dwelling park may subtract the taxable gain from Oregon taxable income if the sale was made to a corporate entity formed by

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tenants of the park, or a nonprofit corporation or housing authority as described in ORS 90.844.

Legislation in 2015 (HB 3016) made some modifications to what types of organizations could be sold a park for the seller to qualify for this subtraction.

- PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to encourage sales of manufactured dwelling parks to the specified types of organizations as an alternative to closure.
- WHO BENEFITS:** Owners of manufactured dwelling parks who sell to one of the listed organizations and have a gain as a result of the sale. Few taxpayers have used this expenditure.
- EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

### 1.314 MOBILE HOME TENANT PAYMENT

**Oregon Statute:** 316.795 and 317.092

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 2007

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Under state law, an owner of a manufactured dwelling park is required to pay each manufactured dwelling homeowner between \$5,000 and \$9,000 if the homeowner is forced to relocate or abandon their property due to the park’s closure. This subtraction allows the homeowner to subtract the payment from Oregon taxable income.

The payment amount depends on the size of the dwelling. The owner of a single-wide manufactured dwelling will receive \$5,000; the owner of a double-wide manufactured dwelling will receive \$7,000; and the owner of a triple-wide manufactured dwelling will receive \$9,000.

- PURPOSE:** The statutes that allow this expenditure do not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to provide tax relief to manufactured dwelling owners who are forced to relocate because of the closure of the manufactured dwelling park.
- WHO BENEFITS:** Residents of closed manufactured dwelling parks who receive payments from the park owners. For tax year 2014, about 40 personal income taxpayers claimed this subtraction.
- EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.315 INTEREST FROM STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT BONDS

**Oregon Statute:** 316.056

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1987, Modified 2015 (HB 2492)

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$300,000	\$300,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$400,000	\$400,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Interest or dividends from all federally taxable bonds issued by Oregon state and local governments may be subtracted from Oregon taxable income. This includes interest or dividends received from obligations of counties, cities, local service districts, special government bodies, the Oregon Health and Science University, or other political subdivisions of Oregon that are authorized by the Legislative Assembly to issue certain bonds. Bonds issued by the State Treasurer can be subtracted from income for tax purposes only to the extent that the structure financed is located within Oregon.

This provision also applies to nonqualified private activity bonds, which are bonds primarily issued by local governments to help finance private developments.

This subtraction applies only to interest and/or dividends that are taxed at the federal level but not by Oregon. See tax expenditure 1.050, Interest on Oregon State and Local Debt, for information related to interest and/or dividends not taxed federally or by Oregon.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to encourage the purchase of federally taxable bonds issued by the State of Oregon and local governments in order to promote projects that have public benefits.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Taxpayers holding these bonds benefit from the tax free interest income. For tax year 2014, approximately 670 personal income taxpayers claimed an average subtraction of about \$3,300 using this provision. The State of Oregon and local governments also benefit because this provision reduces the costs of borrowing.

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Income Group of Full-Year Filers*	Number of Filers Taking Subtraction	Average Subtraction	Total Subtracted (\$ millions)	Revenue Impact (\$ millions)	Percent of Revenue Impact by Income Group
Below \$13,300	40	\$869	\$0.0	<\$0.1	2%
\$13,300 - \$27,600	50	\$1,876	\$0.1	<\$0.1	3%
\$27,600 - \$49,300	70	\$1,930	\$0.1	<\$0.1	6%
\$49,300 - \$87,500	150	\$1,507	\$0.2	<\$0.1	12%
Above \$87,500	350	\$4,825	\$1.7	\$0.2	84%
<b>All Full-Year Filers</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>\$3,322</b>	<b>\$2.2</b>	<b>\$0.2</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Part-Year and Nonresident Filers</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>\$2,124</b>	<b>&lt;\$0.1</b>	<b>&lt;\$0.1</b>	

\*Each income group contains 20 percent of the full-year filers (approximately 336,000)

**EVALUATION:** *by the Oregon Business Development Department*

Nearly every state provides an interest income exemption for bonds of in-state municipal issuers. This allows municipal issuers to benefit from lower than market

interest rates. In addition, the subtraction encourages state residents to purchase bonds of in-state issuers, which helps to create a market for the bonds and provide liquidity.

Very few nonqualified private activity bonds are issued in Oregon. Without the federal tax exemption, most projects do not find this source of funding attractive relative to conventional funding sources. In addition, private activity bonds are more likely to be privately placed with institutional investors rather than sold to individual investors, who would benefit from a personal tax subtraction.

When private activity bonds are issued on behalf of individuals or businesses, it is typically for projects that are expected to result in the creation or retention of jobs, which in turn increases income. For private activity bonds issued through the Oregon Business Development Commission, the department performs a cost effectiveness analysis to ensure that the public benefits of a project exceed the public costs. Projects must meet this cost effectiveness test to be eligible for the program, unless the projects are 'exempt facility' projects under the Federal Internal Revenue Code such as solid waste disposal/recycling facilities."

### 1.316 DEPLETION COSTS FOR METAL MINES

**Oregon Statute:** ORS 317.374

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** Pre-1953

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Oregon operators of timber, mines, fossil fuel wells and other natural deposits are allowed a depletion allowance based on the cost of the property used to produce the natural resources (known as cost depletion). A partial exception exists for Oregon operators of metal mines which are allowed the option of calculating depletion using the percentage depletion method as opposed to cost depletion which is considered the standard method of accounting.

The percentage depletion method allows Oregon operators of metal mines to elect to deduct a depletion allowance equal to 15 percent of the gross receipts from the metal mine. Up to 50 percent of the net income from the metal mine may be deducted using the depletion allowance based on gross receipts from the metal mine.

A tax expenditure exists if the percentage depletion method used by the metal mine operator yields a greater tax benefit than the cost depletion method otherwise would.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to encourage discovery and development of metal deposits by potentially reducing the taxes on mining operations.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Metal mining companies using the percentage depletion method.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.317 ENERGY CONSERVATION SUBSIDIES (OREGON)

**Oregon Statutes:** 316.744 and 317.386

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1981

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Not Applicable	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Not Applicable	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Cash payments provided by publicly and investor-owned utilities for the purchase or installation of an energy conservation device under Residential Energy Conservation Act (ORS 469.631–469.687) can be subtracted from corporate and personal taxable income.

For personal income taxpayers, federal law already exempts these payments for residential energy customers from personal taxable income; see 1.036, Energy Conservation Subsidies (Federal). Therefore, under current federal law this tax expenditure does not apply to personal income tax. These cash payments to corporations are not exempt at the federal level and therefore can be excluded from their Oregon taxable income.

**PURPOSE:** The statutes that allow this expenditure do not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to promote energy conservation by encouraging corporate owners of rental housing to participate in conservation programs sponsored by utilities, and to install energy-conserving devices.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Owners of rental housing who receive cash payments from utilities as part of energy conservation programs. Very few corporations claim this subtraction.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.318 WET MARINE AND TRANSPORTATION POLICIES

**Oregon Statute:** 317.080(8)

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1995

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$400,000	Not Applicable	\$400,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$400,000	Not Applicable	\$400,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Foreign or alien insurers (those formed under the laws of a state other than Oregon or a country other than the United States) that write wet marine and transportation (often referred to as ocean marine) insurance are exempt from the corporate excise tax and the retaliatory tax related to this line of business. However, insurers that write wet marine and transportation insurance pay a tax based upon underwriting profits (net wet marine and transportation premiums less losses incurred and related expenses) from these policies pursuant to ORS 731.824. This tax revenue goes to the General Fund. As described in ORS 731.194, wet marine and transportation insurance covers:

- The insurance of ships and freight

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- The insurance of personal property in transport between countries or transported by coast or inland waterways
- The insurance of railroads and aircraft along with their freight while engaged in interstate transport or commerce.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to conform to other states' tax treatment of wet marine and transportation insurers.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Foreign or alien insurers who sell wet marine and transportation policies and potentially their policyholders who include ports and interstate transportation carriers, including marine, railroad, and aircraft, benefit by reducing the cost of providing these transportation services.

**IN LIEU:** A 5 percent tax is imposed on the average wet marine insurance underwriting profit during the previous three years. For calendar year 2015, 72 ocean marine insurers had premiums; 38 of these insurers paid about \$140,000 in tax based on underwriting profits from writing wet marine and transportation insurance.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Consumer and Business Services*

Wet marine and transportation insurers have been taxed only on their underwriting profit since at least 1928. Wet marine and transportation is subject to federal law and treaty. Taxing wet marine and transportation insurers based on underwriting profit rather than gross premium helps to achieve uniformity among states. This method of taxation ultimately benefits parties that purchase this type of insurance, such as ports and interstate transportation carriers, including marine, railroad, and aircraft, by reducing the cost of insurance (if the insurer passes the savings on to the insured).

If this tax expenditure was eliminated, Oregon would have a unique tax structure compared to other states. If the tax subtraction was repealed, it could potentially put the policy holders at a competitive disadvantage with other states.

### 1.319 HYDROELECTRIC DAM AND WATERWAY WORKERS

**Oregon Statute:** 316.127(8)(10)

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1997

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	Not Available	Not Available
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	Not Available	Not Available

**DESCRIPTION:** Under federal law enacted in 1998 (P.L. 105-261), Oregon cannot tax nonresident federal employees who provide services at federally operated dams on the Columbia River. In 2001, compensation earned by all nonresident dam workers on the Columbia, not just the federal employees working at the dams was made nontaxable.

Under federal law enacted in 2001 (P.L. 106-489), Oregon cannot tax nonresidents working on vessels or ships that operate in navigable waters of more than one state.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to comply with federal law and simplify tax compliance for nonresidents with regularly assigned duties in more than one state.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Nonresident workers at federal dams on the Columbia River and nonresident pilots, captains, and crews of vessels operating in navigable waters of more than one state.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Revenue*  
This expenditure complies with federal law and also relieves the specified taxpayers of the difficulty of determining the portion of income earned in Oregon while working on dams or ships in border river areas.

### 1.320 INCOME EARNED IN INDIAN COUNTRY

**Oregon Statute:** 316.777

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1977

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$5,700,000	\$5,700,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$5,900,000	\$5,900,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Income earned within the boundaries of federally recognized Indian country (as defined in 18 USC 1151) in Oregon by members of federally recognized Indian tribes is exempt from taxation under Oregon’s personal income tax. The taxpayer must reside in Indian country in Oregon and the income must be earned in Indian country to qualify for the exemption.

**PURPOSE:** To comply with federal law.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Tribal members who earn income in Indian country. The table below shows usage of this subtraction for tax year 2014.

2014 Personal Income Tax Filers					
Income Group	Number of Filers Taking Subtraction	Average Subtraction	Total Subtracted (\$ millions)	Revenue Impact (\$ millions)	Percent of Revenue Impact by Income Group
Below \$13,300	340	\$6,390	\$2.2	<\$0.1	1%
\$13,300 - \$27,600	500	\$17,729	\$8.8	\$0.3	12%
\$27,600 - \$49,300	480	\$29,438	\$14.2	\$0.8	29%
\$49,300 - \$87,500	280	\$41,159	\$11.4	\$0.8	29%
Above \$87,500	150	\$67,180	\$10.3	\$0.8	29%
<b>All Full-Year Filers</b>	<b>1,750</b>	<b>\$26,722</b>	<b>\$46.8</b>	<b>\$2.7</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Part-Year and Nonresident Filers</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>\$11,743</b>	<b>\$0.4</b>	<b>&lt;\$0.1</b>	

*\*Each income group contains 20 percent of the full-year filers (approximately 336,000)*

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Revenue*

This expenditure achieves its purpose of compliance with federal law.

### 1.321 FEDERAL PENSION INCOME

**Oregon Statute:** 316.680(1)(f)

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1998

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$136,500,000	\$136,500,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$138,700,000	\$138,700,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Pension income attributable to federal employment prior to October 1, 1991, is exempt from the Oregon personal income tax. The subtraction is prorated based on the number of months of federal employment prior to October 1991 versus the months after October 1991.

This tax expenditure is the result of a series of legislative actions and court cases through the 1990s which attempted to define a consistent tax policy toward government pension income. This followed the 1989 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that state pensions could not receive better tax treatment than federal pensions (*Davis vs. Michigan*).

**PURPOSE:** To comply with federal law.

**WHO BENEFITS:** The table below shows usage of this subtraction for tax year 2014.

2014 Personal Income Tax Filers					
Income Group of Full-Year Filers*	Number of Filers Taking Subtraction	Average Subtraction (\$ millions)	Total Subtracted (\$ millions)	Revenue Impact (\$ millions)	Percent of Revenue Impact by Income Group
Below \$13,300	1,780	\$8,425	\$15.0	\$0.1	<1%
\$13,300 - \$27,600	6,000	\$14,275	\$85.7	\$2.9	4%
\$27,600 - \$49,300	8,940	\$20,534	\$183.5	\$9.7	15%
\$49,300 - \$87,500	12,980	\$26,159	\$339.6	\$23.3	35%
Above \$87,500	11,670	\$30,694	\$358.3	\$30.4	46%
<b>All Full-Year Filers</b>	<b>41,380</b>	<b>\$23,736</b>	<b>\$982.1</b>	<b>\$66.4</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Part-Year and Nonresident Filers</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>\$22,555</b>	<b>\$24.7</b>	<b>\$1.1</b>	

\*Each income group contains 20 percent of the full-year filers (approximately 336,000)

**EVALUATION:** by the Department of Revenue

This expenditure achieves its purpose of compliance with federal law.

### 1.322 LEGISLATIVE PER DIEM AND ALLOWANCE

**Oregon Statute:** 171.072(7)

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1967

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$100,000	\$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$100,000	\$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Members of the Oregon Legislature are allowed to subtract from income a legislative per diem and/or allowance received. Members receive a per diem for each day that the Legislature is in session. In addition, members are entitled to a monthly allowance for expenses incurred in the performance of official duties during periods when the Legislature is not in session. Members may also receive mileage reimbursement and a per diem for each interim day spent serving on a nonlegislative committee or entity such as an interstate body or advisory committee. Further, when the Legislature is not in session, members may receive mileage reimbursement for periods spent working on a Legislative committee or task force. A deduction may be claimed for reimbursements of actual expenses related to legislative work, as well as ordinary and necessary business expenses in excess of the reimbursements. Reimbursements by the state for actual expenses for meals and lodging associated with state travel for the same period during which a legislator receives per diem are subject to state income tax.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to increase the benefits available to members serving in Oregon's Legislature.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Members of the Oregon Legislative Assembly. For tax year 2014, 42 taxpayers claimed an average subtraction of about \$11,000, for an average tax savings of about \$900.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

### 1.323 OREGON STATE LOTTERY PRIZES

**Oregon Statute:** 461.560

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1985

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$200,000	\$200,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$200,000	\$200,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Oregon State Lottery (Lottery) prizes up to \$600 are exempt from Oregon personal income tax. The \$600 limit applies to a single play of a single game.

Originally, all prizes awarded by the Lottery were exempt from tax. In 1997, the Oregon Legislature changed the law so that only prizes up to and including \$600

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were exempt. However, individuals who purchased a winning ticket prior to January 1, 1998, may continue to subtract those winnings.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to enable ease of play and prize redemption for Lottery game participants and to support ease of selling and prize payment for Lottery game retailers.

**WHO BENEFITS:** For tax year 2014, approximately 370 personal income taxpayers claimed an average subtraction of about \$4,500 using this provision. The majority of the benefit is derived from individuals subtracting winnings where the winning ticket was purchased prior to January 1, 1998. The table below shows usage of this subtraction for tax year 2014.

2014 Personal Income Tax Filers						
Income Group of Full-Year Filers*	Number of Filers Taking Subtraction	Average Subtraction	Total Subtracted (\$ millions)	Revenue Impact (\$ millions)	Percent of Revenue Impact by Income Group	
Below \$13,300	40	\$1,848	<\$0.1	<\$0.1	2%	
\$13,300 - \$27,600	70	\$1,334	<\$0.1	<\$0.1	5%	
\$27,600 - \$49,300	70	\$1,997	\$0.1	<\$0.1	10%	
\$49,300 - \$87,500	90	\$2,622	\$0.2	<\$0.1	15%	
Above \$87,500	80	\$13,199	\$1.0	\$0.1	69%	
<b>All Full-Year Filers</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>\$4,548</b>	<b>\$1.6</b>	<b>\$0.1</b>	<b>100%</b>	
<b>Part-Year and Nonresident Filers</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>\$4,310</b>	<b>&lt;\$0.1</b>	<b>&lt;\$0.1</b>		

\*Each income group contains 20 percent of the full-year filers (approximately 336,000)

**EVALUATION:** *by the Oregon Lottery*

This tax expenditure achieves its purpose and helps support the statutory purpose of the Lottery: to generate profits for the public purpose without imposing additional or increased taxes. Eliminating this tax expenditure would be a disincentive to players. Generally, approximately 85 percent of all Traditional Lottery prizes won are less than \$600 and are paid to winners by a Statewide 3,939 retailer network. The remaining prizes above \$600 are subject to reporting and taxation and/or withholding. Since 2009, the Lottery has changed the prize mix on Video Lottery games offered to the public. In 2009 all Video Lottery prizes were under \$600 and therefore not subject to taxation. These prizes were paid by 3,200 retailers throughout the State. In 2010 Lottery began awarding prizes above \$600 which were subject to reporting and tax withholding for State purposes. In 2009, no W2G tax reporting documents were sent and reported to Oregon Department of Revenue (DOR) for Video Lottery, however, in 2015 (based on the number of prizes awarded above \$600) 21,670 W2G's were sent to DOR resulting in the remittance of \$475,297 in tax withholding. As with Traditional prizes, the majority of video prizes (which are also under \$600) are paid directly by Lottery retailers. Changing the taxation and reporting requirements for Video and Traditional prizes would require that winners travel to claim centers for payment of smaller prizes and would be a burden for both winners and the Lottery.

It stands to reason that many consumers would no longer play games if the tax exemption on prizes of \$600 were eliminated, thereby significantly reducing sales and profits for the public purpose. Based on '17/19 forecasted sales levels, if the subtraction were eliminated and the result was a 2 percent drop in sales, the impact

on Video product sales alone would be a reduction in funds transferred to the Economic fund of more than \$2.3 million for biennium. Combined with a similar estimated loss of Traditional product sales, the impact of the elimination of the exemption far exceeds the projected revenue benefit that may result from elimination of the \$600 exemption. In addition, there would be significant costs to program Lottery gaming systems, to send out reporting and withholding documents for the vast majority of prizes paid by the Lottery, and to process payments to players.

### 1.324 FEDERAL INCOME TAX SUBTRACTION

**Oregon Statutes:** 316.680(1)(b), 316.685, and 316.695

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1929

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$870,100,000	\$870,100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$924,400,000	\$924,400,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Taxpayers are allowed a limited subtraction for their current year's federal income tax liability after credits. The subtraction limit is \$6,500 for 2016 (indexed to inflation). Legislation in 2013 reduced the subtraction limit for married filing separately taxpayers to 50 percent of the amount allowed for single taxpayers.

In 2009, the Legislature modified the Federal Income Tax Subtraction, so that the maximum allowable subtraction is reduced for high income filers. Filers with a filing status of single or married filing separately with an adjusted gross income of \$125,000 to \$145,000 have a reduced limit. Filers with a filing status married filing jointly, head of household, or qualifying widow(er) with an adjusted gross income of \$250,000 to \$290,000 also have a reduced limit. For filers with an adjusted gross income above their respective upper limit, the subtraction is zero.

**PURPOSE:** The statutes that allow this expenditure do not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to help offset payments towards a federal income tax liability for taxpayers whose income is below a certain threshold.

**WHO BENEFITS:** The table below shows usage of this subtraction for tax year 2014.

2014 Personal Income Tax Filers					
Income Group of Full-Year Filers*	Number of Filers Taking Subtraction	Average Subtraction	Total Subtracted (\$ millions)	Revenue Impact (\$ millions)	Percent of Revenue Impact by Income Group
<b>Below \$13,300</b>	58,540	\$221	\$13.0	<\$0.1	<1%
<b>\$13,300 - \$27,600</b>	189,640	\$955	\$181.2	\$15.6	4%
<b>\$27,600 - \$49,300</b>	262,480	\$2,538	\$666.1	\$58.0	16%
<b>\$49,300 - \$87,500</b>	316,340	\$4,784	\$1,513.3	\$133.2	36%
<b>Above \$87,500</b>	294,450	\$6,012	\$1,770.2	\$158.5	43%
<b>All Full-Year Filers</b>	1,121,440	\$3,695	\$4,143.7	\$366.3	100%
<b>Part-Year and Nonresident Filers</b>	157,200	\$1,907	\$299.8	\$23.8	

\*Each income group contains 20 percent of the full-year filers (approximately 336,000)

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Single filers will generally benefit the most, as their subtraction limit is the same as joint filers (below the phase-out limits). Joint filers with dependents will generally benefit the least, as they typically have relatively lower federal tax liability due to more exemptions and child credits. For tax year 2014, full-year single filers were able to reduce their Oregon taxable income by 10.0 percent on average, joint filers without dependents by 7.5 percent on average, and joint filers with one or more dependents by 5.3 percent on average, using this subtraction.

EVALUATION: *by the Department of Revenue*

This provision achieves its purpose to help offset payments towards a federal income tax liability for taxpayers whose income is below a certain threshold.

### 1.325 MILITARY ACTIVE DUTY AND RELATED PAY

**Oregon Statutes:** 316.792, 316.127(7), 316.027(b)(D)

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1969, Modified in 2015 (HB 2171)

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$63,000,000	\$63,000,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$69,700,000	\$69,700,000

DESCRIPTION: Typically, taxpayers who are military members who are Oregon residents or domiciled in Oregon may subtract up to \$6,000 of military pay from Oregon taxable income. Military pay includes pay for active duty, inactive duty, training and reserve component duty, including state active duty and any other compensation, other than retirement pay or pension, paid by the Armed Forces of the United States to a member of the Armed Forces of the United States.

Taxpayers may subtract all military duty pay for the following:

- Service performed outside this state in the year of initial draft or enlistment or in the year of discharge
- Service performed outside this state during any month beginning on or after August 1, 1990, and before the date designated by the President of the United States as the date of termination of combatant activities in the Persian Gulf Desert Shield area
- Service by a member of the reserve components, if:
  - The military pay is for service performed when the taxpayer is away from the home of the taxpayer overnight
  - The taxpayer is required to be away from home overnight in order to perform the service
  - The service is of a duration of at least 21 consecutive days, although the consecutive days need not be in the same tax year

The total amount subtracted may not exceed the taxpayer's total military pay included in federal taxable income for the tax year.

Minor modifications to the definition of military pay occurred several times since 1991. Legislation in 2013 (HB 2230) consolidated three previous statutes into a new statute, simplifying the statutory language.

In 2015, the Legislature amended statute to allow military personnel performing active service within Oregon to be treated as nonresidents for tax purposes, thereby excluding all military pay and non-Oregon source income from taxation, if their address in the payroll records of the Defense Finance and Accounting System is outside Oregon, regardless of where they are domiciled. This amendment is retroactive to January 1, 2012.

**PURPOSE:** The statutes that allow this tax expenditure do not explicitly state a purpose. According to the legislative staff revenue impact statement for HB 2171, the purpose of this subtraction "... is to provide tax relief to service members ... in consideration of their work and sacrifices for their state and country."

**WHO BENEFITS:** The table below shows usage of this subtraction for tax year 2014.

<b>2014 Personal Income Tax Filers</b>					
<b>Income Group of Full-Year Filers*</b>	<b>Number of Filers Taking Subtraction</b>	<b>Average Subtraction</b>	<b>Total Subtracted (\$ millions)</b>	<b>Revenue Impact (\$ millions)</b>	<b>Percent of Revenue Impact by Income Group</b>
<b>Below \$13,300</b>	1,430	\$6,932	\$9.9	\$0.3	1%
<b>\$13,300 - \$27,600</b>	4,170	\$22,556	\$94.0	\$6.2	30%
<b>\$27,600 - \$49,300</b>	3,670	\$23,570	\$86.4	\$5.0	25%
<b>\$49,300 - \$87,500</b>	2,580	\$28,383	\$73.3	\$5.0	24%
<b>Above \$87,500</b>	1,570	\$31,745	\$49.9	\$3.9	19%
<b>All Full-Year Filers</b>	13,420	\$23,367	\$313.5	\$20.4	100%
<b>Part-Year and Nonresident Filers</b>	4,510	\$30,905	\$139.3	\$8.0	

*\*Each income group contains 20 percent of the full-year filers (approximately 336,000)*

**EVALUATION:** *by the Military Department*

This tax expenditure achieves its purpose and is a valuable benefit to members of the Oregon National Guard, both Army and Air, as well as other military personnel. Although the subtraction per tax return is not a great deal of money, it is one of few incentives the State of Oregon offers its citizen soldiers that is comparable to those offered in other states. When talking with prospective recruits or soldiers contemplating re-enlistment, the subject of state incentives frequently arises. There is merit in offering benefits that are comparable to those of other states; examples of which include free tuition to state colleges and universities, re-enlistment bonuses, free automobile licenses, free driver's licenses, and free hunting and fishing licenses. These state benefits are an inexpensive way to recognize the contributions Guard members make to their communities. They help the state recruit and retain quality soldiers and airmen and should be maintained by the State of Oregon.

### 1.326 INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS ON U.S. OBLIGATIONS

**Oregon Statute:** 316.680

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1970

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$39,800,000	\$39,800,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$39,100,000	\$39,100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Interest and dividends earned on the direct obligations of the U.S. government are exempt from Oregon personal income tax. For example, the dividends or interest earned on U.S. Treasury bills, notes, bonds, and savings bonds are not taxable by state and local governments. Excluded from this provision are the debt instruments of quasi-governmental issuers like the Government National Mortgage Association and the Federal National Mortgage Association. Bonds issued by quasi-governmental issuers are not direct obligations of the U.S. government.

**PURPOSE:** To comply with federal law prohibiting states from taxing interest and dividends on U.S. government obligations.

**WHO BENEFITS:** The direct beneficiaries are taxpayers who purchase U.S. government bonds. The table below shows usage of this subtraction for tax year 2014.

2014 Personal Income Tax Filers					
Income Group of Full-Year Filers*	Number of Filers Taking Subtraction	Average Subtraction	Total Subtracted (\$ millions)	Revenue Impact (\$ millions)	Percent of Revenue Impact by Income Group
Below \$13,300	4,430	\$730	\$3.2	<\$0.1	1%
\$13,300 - \$27,600	4,370	\$1,011	\$4.4	\$0.2	4%
\$27,600 - \$49,300	5,720	\$1,208	\$6.9	\$0.4	8%
\$49,300 - \$87,500	9,950	\$1,554	\$15.5	\$1.1	22%
Above \$87,500	18,380	\$2,036	\$37.4	\$3.3	65%
<b>All Full-Year Filers</b>	<b>42,830</b>	<b>\$1,574</b>	<b>\$67.4</b>	<b>\$5.1</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Part-Year and Nonresident Filers</b>	<b>6,030</b>	<b>\$9,844</b>	<b>\$59.4</b>	<b>\$5.0</b>	

\*Each income group contains 20 percent of the full-year filers (approximately 336,000)

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Revenue*

This expenditure achieves its purpose of compliance with federal law.

## 1.401 CONTRIBUTIONS OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT

**Oregon Statute:** 317.151

**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2013

**Year Enacted:** 1985

**Carryforward:** 5 years

**Refundable:** No

**Transferable:** No

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** The Contributions of Computer Equipment credit expired as of December 31, 2013. Nevertheless, there may be revenue impacts for the 2015-17 and 2017-19 biennia due to unused credit amounts carried forward to succeeding years or new credits based on agreements in place prior to the sunset. Unused credit amounts due to insufficient tax liability may be used in later years, for up to five years. A taxpayer who made a donation in the year of the sunset, 2013, may carry forward unused amounts through tax year 2018. For S-corporations that claim the credit, the credit is shared by the S-corporation shareholders and claimed against their Oregon personal income tax.

A credit against income taxes was allowed for contributions of any of the following to an institution of higher education, a postsecondary school, or a public school (grades K-12) in Oregon:

- Computers and scientific equipment
- An agreement for maintenance of the computers and scientific equipment
- Money given by contract or agreement for scientific or engineering research.

The credit was equal to 10 percent of the fair market value of the contribution donated. Generally, the contribution had to be made in tax years beginning before January 1, 2014, to qualify for the credit. However, if a written contract or agreement for donating money for scientific or engineering research was agreed upon before January 1, 2014, but the donation was given after that date, the credit is still allowed. This credit is in lieu of any deduction based on the contribution.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allowed this expenditure did not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose was to encourage donations of computers and scientific equipment to educational institutions.

**WHO BENEFITS:** The use of this credit varies from year to year, but in most years fewer than five taxpayers benefit from this credit.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

### 1.402 EMPLOYER PROVIDED SCHOLARSHIPS

**Oregon Statute:** 315.237  
**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2019  
**Year Enacted:** 2001

**Carryforward:** 5 years  
**Refundable:** No  
**Transferable:** No

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Qualifying employers may claim a credit against their income tax for 50 percent of the amount of scholarships funded for their employees or their employees' dependents, with a maximum credit of \$50,000 per tax year. Nonresidents and part-year residents multiply their credit by their Oregon percentage. If the credit exceeds the employer's tax liability, the excess may be carried forward up to five years. To qualify, employers must have between four and 250 employees, and have their scholarship program and credit amount certified by the Office of Student Access and Completion. There is a \$1 million cap on the total amount of credits that can be certified per calendar year, and the total lifetime amount of credits an employer may claim is limited to \$1 million.

Legislation in 2013 extended the scheduled sunset of the provision from December 31, 2013 to December 31, 2019.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to encourage businesses to fund a greater share of the education costs of their employees using a program they can tailor to their specific needs.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Employers benefit directly through reduced taxes. As of August 2016, the Office of Student Access and Completion had approved fewer than five employer programs for tax year 2015.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

### 1.403 EARNED INCOME CREDIT

**Oregon Statute:** 315.266  
**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2019  
**Year Enacted:** 1997, Modified in 2016 (HB 4110)

**Carryforward:** No  
**Refundable:** Yes  
**Transferable:** No

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$101,400,000	\$101,400,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$117,600,000	\$117,600,000

NOTE: The revenue impact estimate includes both the portion used to reduce tax liability, and the portion paid directly to taxpayers.

**DESCRIPTION:** Taxpayers eligible for the federal earned income credit, a refundable federal income tax credit for lower income working individuals and families, may claim an Oregon credit equal to 8 percent of the federal credit. At inception, the Oregon credit was 5 percent of the federal earned income credit and increased to 6 percent in 2008 and further increased to 8 percent in 2014. Beginning January 1, 2017, the Oregon credit

increases to 11 percent of the federal earned income credit for taxpayers with a dependent under the age of three (HB 4110, 2016).

In 2006 the Oregon earned income credit became a refundable credit. To the extent that the state credit exceeds a taxpayer’s liability (reduced by any nonrefundable credits), the taxpayer is entitled to a payment of the excess.

In 2009 the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) provided a temporary expansion in the federal credit for married couples and families with three or more children. This expansion was first extended through December 2012 by the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization and Job Creation Act of 2010 and later extended through December 2017 by the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012. For more details on the federal credit, see IRS Publication 596: Earned Income Credit.

Legislation in 2013 extended the scheduled sunset of the Oregon earned income credit from December 31, 2013 to December 31, 2019.

**PURPOSE:**

The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to increase after-tax incomes of low-income working families and individuals, to offset the burden of Social Security taxes, and to provide an incentive to work for those with little or no earned income. The legislative staff revenue impact statement for HB 4110 (2016) stated, “The policy purpose of the change [increase of Oregon credit to 11 percent of federal credit for taxpayers with a dependent under the age of three] to the EITC is to provide additional [financial] assistance to working families with young children.”

**WHO BENEFITS:**

The table below shows usage of this credit for tax year 2014.

<b>2014 Personal Income Tax Filers</b>				
<b>Income Group of Full-Year Filers*</b>	<b>Number of Filers Using Credit</b>	<b>Average Revenue Impact of Credit</b>	<b>Revenue Impact (\$ millions)</b>	<b>Percent of Revenue Impact by Income Group</b>
<b>Below \$13,300</b>	111,130	\$98	\$10.9	24%
<b>\$13,300 - \$27,600</b>	87,670	\$276	\$24.2	54%
<b>\$27,600 - \$49,300</b>	66,530	\$149	\$9.9	22%
<b>\$49,300 - \$87,500</b>	1,360	\$27	<\$0.1	<1%
<b>Above \$87,500</b>	0	\$0	\$0.0	0%
<b>All Full-Year Filers</b>	266,690	\$169	\$45.0	100%
<b>Part-Year and Nonresident Filers</b>	29,900	\$99	\$3.0	

*\*Each income group contains 20 percent of the full-year filers (approximately 336,000)*

Since this is a refundable credit, the full amount of credits claimed can be used, even if the taxpayer has little or no tax liability. Of the approximately \$48.0 million claimed for 2014, 26.2 million was used to reduce tax liability, while the remaining \$21.8 million exceeded tax liability and was paid directly to taxpayers.

**EVALUATION:**

*by the Department of Human Services*

This tax credit allows low-income families to retain needed income to meet needs that otherwise may go unmet or cause them to return to public assistance. By providing this credit, families will retain more resources to better ensure their continued self-sufficiency.

This is a fiscally effective means of assisting low-income families to maintain their self-sufficiency. It costs less to administer the credit than a means test program designed to assist families with little or no earned income.

### 1.404 CHILD WITH A DISABILITY

**Oregon Statute:** 316.099(3)

**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2021

**Year Enacted:** 1985, Modified in 2015 (HB 2171)

**Carryforward:** No

**Refundable:** No

**Transferable:** No

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$9,600,000	\$9,600,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000

**DESCRIPTION:**

An additional personal exemption credit is allowed for each qualifying dependent child who is disabled. Every nondependent taxpayer in Oregon is allowed one personal exemption credit for them self, one for a spouse, and one for each dependent; this credit is in addition to those. “Child with a disability” is defined as a dependent child who is eligible for early intervention services, or who is diagnosed for special education purposes as being autistic, mentally retarded, multi-disabled, visually impaired, hearing impaired, deaf-blind, orthopedically impaired, other health impaired, or as having serious emotional disturbance or traumatic brain injury, in accordance with State Board of Education rules.

Use of this program has been expanded by the federal Americans with Disabilities Act, as well as a tax court decision allowing the credit for nonresident dependents diagnosed and educated in other states. The amount of the personal exemption credit and the child with a disability credit is \$195 in 2016, indexed to inflation.

In 2013 the Legislature eliminated all personal exemption credits for joint filers with adjusted gross income above \$200,000, and for single filers with adjusted gross income above \$100,000. In 2014 the Legislature reinstated the additional personal exemption credits for dependent disabled children, retroactive to tax year 2013, but in 2015 (HB 2171) limited the credit to taxpayers with adjusted gross income that does not exceed \$100,000 regardless of filing status.

The amount of the credit is prorated for nonresidents and part-year residents.

Legislation in 2015 extended the scheduled sunset of the Child with a Disability tax credit from December 31, 2015 to December 31, 2021 (HB 2171).

**PURPOSE:**

The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. The revenue impact statement from the Legislative Revenue Office for HB 2171 (2016) stated, “To provide financial relief and offset costs associated with a child’s disability.”

**WHO BENEFITS**

The table below shows usage of this credit for tax year 2014.

2014 Personal Income Tax Filers				
Income Group of Full-Year Filers*	Number of Filers Using Credit	Average Revenue Impact of Credit	Revenue Impact (\$ millions)	Percent of Revenue Impact by Income Group
Below \$13,300	3,170	\$9	<\$0.1	1%
\$13,300 - \$27,600	5,650	\$124	\$0.8	17%
\$27,600 - \$49,300	6,620	\$178	\$1.3	28%
\$49,300 - \$87,500	6,410	\$186	\$1.3	29%
Above \$87,500	5,610	\$190	\$1.2	25%
<b>All Full-Year Filers</b>	<b>27,450</b>	<b>\$152</b>	<b>\$4.7</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Part-Year and Nonresident Filers</b>	<b>2,710</b>	<b>\$87</b>	<b>\$0.3</b>	

\*Each income group contains 20 percent of the full-year filers (approximately 336,000)

EVALUATION: *by the Department of Human Services*

This tax expenditure achieves its purpose and is of greatest assistance to those people who are at the margin of needing state assistance. It allows for greater disposable income to meet the more costly needs of children with disabilities. This tax expenditure is well targeted and provides the recipients with valuable financial assistance that alleviates or prevents the reliance on direct state services. As a result, this tax credit saves the state more than it costs. One concern is that the size of this credit, which is for all Oregon residents, is connected to consumer prices in Portland. Access to health care, which can be particularly difficult in rural areas, can represent significant costs. Basing changes on prices in Portland may therefore understate the price changes in other parts of the state.

## 1.405 RURAL MEDICAL PRACTICE

**Oregon Statute:** 315.613, 315.616, and 315.619

**Carryforward:** No

**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2017 (for new certifications); 12-31-2027 (for those that qualify in 2017)

**Refundable:** No

**Year Enacted:** 1989, Modified in 2015 (HB 2171), 2016 (SB 1507)

**Transferable:** No

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$14,800,000	\$14,800,000

NOTE: The revenue impact estimate includes the effect of the sunset.

DESCRIPTION:

A nonrefundable credit of up to \$5,000 against personal income taxes is allowed to certain rural medical providers. Legislation in 2015 (HB 2171) specified that starting in tax year 2016, the amount of credit is based on the distance from a major population center in a metropolitan statistical area at which the taxpayers maintains a practice or hospital membership:

- If at least 10 miles but fewer than 20 miles, \$3,000
- If at least 20 miles but fewer than 50 miles, \$4,000

- If 50 or more miles, \$5,000.

Providers must be certified by the Office of Rural Health. No new certifications are allowed after 2017. Providers that are certified and eligible for tax year 2017 have an extended sunset date. They can claim the credit for any tax year that they meet the eligibility requirements through 2027. The original statute covered physicians, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners. Certified registered nurse anesthetists were added in 1991, podiatrists and dentists in 1995, and optometrists in 1997.

The credit may be claimed each year as long as the health practitioners maintain their eligibility. Before 1999, there was a 10-year limit for claiming this credit.

For tax years beginning before January 1, 2014, at least 60 percent of the provider's practice, in terms of time, must be spent in a qualifying rural area to receive the credit. Legislation in 2013 replaced this requirement. Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2014, the provider must be engaged for at least 20 hours per week, averaged over the month.

Legislation in 2013 also required that, effective January 1, 2014, providers must be willing to serve patients with Medicare coverage and patients receiving medical assistance in at least the same proportion to the provider's total number of patients as the Medicare and medical assistance populations represent of the total number of persons determined by the Office of Rural Health to be in need of care in the county served by the practice, not to exceed 20 percent Medicare patients or 15 percent medical assistance patients.

Other requirements for eligibility vary by type of provider. For this provision, rural is defined as any area at least ten miles from a major population center of 40,000 or more. Currently, there are six such population centers: the Portland area, Salem, Eugene/Springfield, Medford, Bend, and Corvallis/Albany. In addition, physicians on staff of a hospital in a metropolitan statistical area (MSA) are not eligible, with the exception of Florence in Lane County and Dallas in Polk County (2001 legislation). The total amount awarded by the Office of Rural Health is based on the distances outlined above and the number of months that the practitioner maintained the rural practice during the year. If the practice is maintained for fewer than 12 months, the Office of Rural Health prorates the credit accordingly. The credit is also prorated for taxpayers filing part-year or nonresident returns.

PURPOSE:	The statutes that allow this expenditure do not explicitly state a purpose. According to the legislative staff revenue impact statements for HB 2171, the purpose of this credit is "... to improve access to certain health care providers in rural areas."
WHO BENEFITS:	Medical professionals who qualify for this tax credit. For the 2015 tax year, 2,158 practitioners were certified by the Office of Rural Health for the credit. The table below shows usage of this credit for tax year 2014, when all medical professional who qualified could take the full \$5,000 credit.

2014 Personal Income Tax Filers				
Income Group of Full-Year Filers*	Number of Filers Using Credit	Average Revenue Impact of Credit	Revenue Impact (\$ millions)	Percent of Revenue Impact by Income Group
Below \$13,300	<10	\$52	<\$0.1	<1%
\$13,300 - \$27,600	<10	\$193	<\$0.1	<1%
\$27,600 - \$49,300	30	\$1,505	<\$0.1	<1%
\$49,300 - \$87,500	100	\$3,563	\$0.4	5%
Above \$87,500	1,530	\$4,847	\$7.4	95%
<b>All Full-Year Filers</b>	1,670	\$4,673	\$7.8	100%
<b>Part-Year and Nonresident Filers</b>	220	\$2,398	\$0.5	

\*Each income group contains 20 percent of the full-year filers (approximately 336,000)

EVALUATION: *by the Office of Rural Health*

This tax credit was presumably created to attract and retain practitioners in rural Oregon, thereby improving access to care for rural Oregonians. Past surveys conducted by the Office of Rural Health indicate that rural practitioners value the tax credit more as a retention tool than a recruitment tool. A 2016 study mandated by the Legislature in 2015 HB 3396 examined a subset of tax credit recipients - those who are also National Health Service Corps (NHSC) providers. That study found that 67.5 percent of primary care NHSC providers who also received the tax credit continued to practice in primary care HPSA areas in Oregon one year after completion of their NHSC obligation, while the retention rate for primary NHSC providers who did not receive the tax credit was 61.4 percent. The difference in the retention rates two years after the completion of NHSC obligation is even greater: 53.6 percent among tax credit recipients versus 43.3 percent among non-recipients.

## 1.406 VOLUNTEER RURAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS

**Oregon Statute:** 315.622  
**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2019  
**Year Enacted:** 2005

**Carryforward:** No  
**Refundable:** No  
**Transferable:** No

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$300,000	\$300,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$300,000	\$300,000

DESCRIPTION: A nonrefundable credit of \$250 against personal income taxes is allowed to certain rural emergency medical technicians certified by the Office of Rural Health. They cannot carry forward any unused portion. The amount of the credit is prorated for nonresidents and part-year residents. At least 20 percent of the services provided by the emergency medical technician (EMT) must be volunteer hours spent in a qualifying rural area, to receive the credit. For this provision, rural means any area at least 25 miles from a city with a population of 30,000 or more.

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**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to encourage emergency medical technicians to volunteer their services in rural areas.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Certified emergency medical technicians that volunteer at least 20 percent of their services in rural areas. For tax year 2014, about 600 personal income taxpayers saved an average of \$245 in Oregon tax using this credit. The table below shows usage of this credit for tax year 2014. Note that two joint personal income tax filers could each qualify for and claim the credit; this is why the average revenue impact of the credit may be above the \$250 credit limit for individuals.

2014 Personal Income Tax Filers				
Income Group of Full-Year Filers*	Number of Filers Using Credit	Average Revenue Impact of Credit	Revenue Impact (\$ millions)	Percent of Revenue Impact by Income Group
Below \$13,300	50	\$93	<\$0.1	3%
\$13,300 - \$27,600	80	\$203	<\$0.1	11%
\$27,600 - \$49,300	110	\$250	<\$0.1	20%
\$49,300 - \$87,500	210	\$268	<\$0.1	39%
Above \$87,500	140	\$275	<\$0.1	27%
<b>All Full-Year Filers</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>\$244</b>	<b>\$0.1</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Part-Year and Nonresident Filers</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>\$163</b>	<b>&lt;\$0.1</b>	

\*Each income group contains 20 percent of the full-year filers (approximately 336,000)

**EVALUATION:** *by the Office of Rural Health*

Rural volunteer EMTs must pay for the cost of training and certification out of their own pockets, which has made the recruitment and retention of rural volunteer EMTs difficult. The EMT Tax Credit program was designed to assist rural volunteer EMTs by offsetting those costs and increasing the retention of trained health care professionals. While the Office of Rural Health has not done a formal evaluation of this program, the office does believe it is an effective program and should be continued. Further, the office recommends that the state raise the maximum credit amount from \$250 to \$500.

## 1.407 COSTS IN LIEU OF NURSING HOME CARE

**Oregon Statute:** 316.148  
**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2015  
**Year Enacted:** 1979

**Carryforward:** No  
**Refundable:** No  
**Transferable:** No

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$0	\$0

NOTE: The revenue impact estimate includes the effect of the sunset.

**DESCRIPTION:** A nonrefundable tax credit was allowed against personal income taxes for expenses incurred for the care of an individual who otherwise would have been placed in a nursing home. The amount of the credit was the lesser of \$250 or eight percent of expenses paid. Unused credit could not be carried forward. Taxpayers providing the care and claiming the credit could not have annual household income in excess of \$17,500. The person receiving the care must have:

- Been certified by the Department of Human Services
- Not have been in a nursing home, rehabilitation facility, or other long-term skilled care facility during the period of time that the expenses were incurred
- An annual household income of \$7,500 or less
- Been eligible for but not received home care services under Oregon Project Independence
- Received no medical assistance from the state Seniors and People with Disabilities Division
- Been at least 60 years of age.

Legislation in 2009 set the December 31, 2015 sunset date for this provision.

**PURPOSE:** The statutes that allowed this expenditure did not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose was to provide tax relief for low income taxpayers who incurred expenses caring for individuals with little to no income and who would otherwise have been placed in a nursing home.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Taxpayers who cared for elderly citizens in their homes. For tax year 2014, 35 personal income taxpayers saved an average of \$115 in Oregon taxes using this credit.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

### 1.408 ELDERLY OR PERMANENTLY DISABLED

**Oregon Statute:** 316.087  
**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2015  
**Year Enacted:** 1969

**Carryforward:** No  
**Refundable:** No  
**Transferable:** No

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$0	\$0

NOTE: The revenue impact estimate includes the effect of the sunset.

**DESCRIPTION:** Taxpayers were allowed a credit against Oregon personal income taxes of up to 40 percent of the federal elderly or disabled credit. For details on the federal credit, see IRS Publication 524, *Credit for the Elderly or the Disabled*. Taxpayers claiming the state Certain Retirement Income credit (see 1.456, Certain Retirement Income) were ineligible to claim this Oregon credit.

The amount of the credit was prorated for nonresidents and part-year residents.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose was to provide tax relief for lower income seniors and disabled persons with little tax-exempt retirement or disability income.

**WHO BENEFITS:** For tax year 2014, almost 980 personal income taxpayers saved an average of \$48 in Oregon taxes using this credit.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

### 1.409 LOSS OF LIMBS

**Oregon Statute:** 316.079  
**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2015  
**Year Enacted:** 1973

**Carryforward:** No  
**Refundable:** No  
**Transferable:** No

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$0	\$0

NOTE: The revenue impact estimate includes the effect of the sunset.

**DESCRIPTION:** A personal income tax credit of \$50 was allowed for taxpayers with permanent and complete loss of function of at least two limbs. If both taxpayers on a joint return met the criteria, the credit was \$100. All taxpayers eligible for this credit were also eligible for the severe disability credit. See tax expenditure 1.410, Severe Disability credit, for more information.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allowed this expenditure did not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose was to provide tax relief to taxpayers disabled by the loss of the use of two limbs.

**WHO BENEFITS:** For tax year 2014, almost 940 personal income taxpayers saved an average of \$30 using this credit.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.410 SEVERE DISABILITY

**Oregon Statute:** 316.758 and 316.765

**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2021

**Year Enacted:** 1985, Modified in 2015 (HB 2171)

**Carryforward:** No

**Refundable:** No

**Transferable:** No

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$10,600,000	\$10,600,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$11,200,000	\$11,200,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Every nondependent taxpayer in Oregon is allowed one personal exemption credit for himself or herself, one for a spouse, and one for each dependent. An additional personal exemption credit is allowed for taxpayers with severe disabilities. Two additional personal exemptions may be claimed on a joint return if both spouses qualify. The amount of the personal exemption credit (and hence the severe disability credit) is indexed each year to account for inflation. The credit is \$195 in 2016.

Severe disability is defined by any of the following:

- The loss of use of one or more lower extremities
- The loss of use of both hands
- Permanent blindness
- A physical or mental condition that limits the abilities of the person to earn a living, maintain a household, or provide personal transportation without employing special orthopedic or medical equipment or outside help.

Some of the taxpayers eligible for this credit were also eligible for the loss of limbs credit. See tax expenditure 1.409, Loss of Limbs, for more information.

In 2013, the Legislature eliminated all personal exemption credits for joint filers with adjusted gross income above \$200,000, and for single filers with adjusted gross income above \$100,000. Then in 2014 the Legislature reinstated the personal exemption credits for severe disability, retroactive to tax year 2013. But in 2015 (HB 2171), the legislature eliminated the personal exemption credit for severe disability for any filer with adjusted gross income above \$100,000.

**PURPOSE:** The statutes that allow this expenditure do not explicitly state a purpose. According to the legislative staff revenue impact statement for HB 2171, the purpose of this credit is "... to provide financial relief and offset costs associated with a taxpayer's/spouse's disability."

**WHO BENEFITS:** The number of taxpayers claiming this credit increased from approximately 7,800 in 1990 to 43,800 in 2014. The table below shows usage of this credit for tax year 2014.

2014 Personal Income Tax Filers				
Income Group of Full-Year Filers*	Number of Filers Using Credit	Average Revenue Impact of Credit	Revenue Impact (\$ millions)	Percent of Revenue Impact by Income Group
Below \$13,300	10,950	\$30	\$0.3	7%
\$13,300 - \$27,600	8,610	\$107	\$1.0	20%
\$27,600 - \$49,300	7,710	\$148	\$1.2	24%
\$49,300 - \$87,500	8,240	\$170	\$1.4	29%
Above \$87,500	5,310	\$183	\$1.0	20%
<b>All Full-Year Filers</b>	<b>40,820</b>	<b>\$117</b>	<b>\$4.9</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Part-Year and Nonresident Filers</b>	<b>2,980</b>	<b>\$72</b>	<b>\$0.2</b>	

\*Each income group contains 20 percent of the full-year filers (approximately 336,000)

EVALUATION: *by the Department of Human Services*

This tax expenditure appears to achieve its purpose. It increases disposable income for eligible individuals. While a tax credit is clearly beneficial, there is a concern that those who qualify for this credit may not earn sufficient income to fully utilize it. Creating an income cap may provide an equitable way for the benefits to be enhanced for very low income people.

## 1.411 AGRICULTURE WORKFORCE HOUSING CONSTRUCTION

**Oregon Statute:** 315.164  
**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2019  
**Year Enacted:** 1989

**Carryforward:** 9 years  
**Refundable:** No  
**Transferable:** Yes

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$400,000	\$3,600,000	\$4,000,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$400,000	\$4,000,000	\$4,400,000

DESCRIPTION: A credit against corporation or personal income taxes is allowed for construction, rehabilitation, or acquisition of agriculture workforce housing in Oregon. The credit is 50 percent of the eligible costs for housing projects. The maximum allowable credit claimed by a taxpayer for any one tax year cannot exceed 20 percent of the total allowable credit. Taxpayer eligibility for the credit is determined by Oregon Housing and Community Services Department (OHCS). A total of \$3,125,000 in credits can be approved in a single calendar year by OHCS.

The agriculture workforce housing must meet certain qualifications for the taxpayer to be eligible for the credit. Rehabilitation projects must restore housing to a condition that meets building code requirements. Agriculture workforce housing must also be registered, if required, as an agriculture workforce camp with the Department of Consumer and Business Services. The housing units for which the credit is being claimed must be occupied by agriculture workers.

Any portion of the credit allowed in a given tax year exceeding the taxpayer's tax liability may be carried forward for up to nine years. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2005, a taxpayer eligible to claim the credit may transfer the entire amount of the credit to another taxpayer that contributed to the project. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2002 and before January 1, 2005, 80 percent of the credit is transferable. In 2013, the Legislature extended the sunset to December 31, 2019 (HB 3367).

- PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to promote construction and rehabilitation of safe and healthy housing for agriculture workers.
- WHO BENEFITS:** For tax year 2014, approximately 135 personal income taxpayers (including S-corporation taxpayers) saved on average \$11,900 in Oregon tax using this credit. For tax year 2013, fewer than 10 corporate taxpayers saved on average \$35,000 in Oregon tax using this credit. In 2015, a total of seven new projects were awarded agriculture workforce tax credits.
- EVALUATION:** *by the Housing and Community Services Department*
- This expenditure achieves the purpose of promoting construction and rehabilitation of safe and healthful housing for agriculture workers. Recent progress in developing adequate housing for Oregon's agriculture worker population is due in large part to the availability of the agriculture worker housing development tax credits. If the tax expenditure were eliminated, financing of community based agriculture worker housing would be impeded and a primary incentive to improve or construct onsite housing would be eliminated. Major supporters of better agriculture worker housing include migrant health clinics that see the effects of unsanitary conditions.
- The availability of agriculture worker housing enhances the health of Oregon's agricultural industry. This industry must compete on a regional, national, and international basis for its labor force. It can be argued that to remain competitive in this market, Oregon must continue its efforts to improve the supply of decent and affordable housing for its farm labor force. Because agriculture is a major Oregon industry, with gross sales totaling \$5.48 billion in 2012, and because crops dependent on the labor of agriculture workers account for over one-third of this amount, the impact on Oregon's economy is significant.
- There are several direct spending programs, both at the state level and at the national level, that are used to develop affordable housing. This tax credit integrates well with these programs, since a chief factor in the award of funds under the other programs is the ability to match those funds. The availability of the agriculture worker tax credit allows Oregon to compete particularly well for federal dollars. Of significance are the USDA Rural Development 514 and 516 programs designated for agriculture worker housing. Before the advent of the agriculture worker housing development tax credit, Oregon's usage of U.S. Department of Agriculture labor housing fund was almost nonexistent.

## 1.412 FARMWORKER HOUSING LENDER'S CREDIT

**Oregon Statute:** 317.147  
**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2013  
**Year Enacted:** 1989

**Carryforward:** No  
**Refundable:** No  
**Transferable:** Yes

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,00	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** The Farmworker Housing Lender's credit expired as of December 31, 2013; however there can be revenue impacts for the 2013–15 and 2015–17 biennia due to possible tax credits being claimed for up to a ten year period. A credit against corporation income taxes was allowed for lending institutions financing construction or rehabilitation of farmworker housing projects. For S-corporations that claimed the credit, the credit was shared by the S-corporation shareholders and claimed against their Oregon personal income tax. The credit equaled 50 percent of the interest income earned during the year on loans to finance the direct costs associated with constructing or rehabilitating farmworker housing.

The lender must have received certification from the borrower that upon completion the project will comply with all health and safety standards. The housing must have been located in Oregon and the interest rate on the loan cannot have been above 13.5 percent. The credit could be claimed over the term of the loan or for 10 years, whichever was less, and applied to the loans made on or after January 1, 1990.

If a lending institution sold a qualifying loan, the right to claim the credit was passed on to the buyer provided the same conditions were offered to the borrower. The selling bank retained the right to claim the credit if it continued to service the loan.

Credits that could not be used because of insufficient tax liability in the current year could not be carried forward to later years.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allowed this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose was to promote construction and rehabilitation of safe and healthful housing for farm workers.

**WHO BENEFITS:** The amount of credits claimed varies widely from year to year. For tax year 2013, no taxpayers benefited from the credit.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.413 LIVESTOCK KILLED BY WOLVES

**Oregon Statute:** Oregon 315.174(2)

**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2018

**Year Enacted:** 2012

**Carryforward:** Yes, see description

**Refundable:** Yes, see description

**Transferable:** No

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$0	\$0	\$0

NOTE: The revenue impact estimate includes the effect of the sunset

**DESCRIPTION:** A credit is allowed against personal or corporation income taxes for the current market value of any livestock that belongs to the taxpayer and that is killed by a wolf during the tax year. In order to qualify for the credit, the taxpayer must obtain written certification from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). Before issuing certification, ODFW must possess evidence that the livestock was killed by a wolf. The evidence must include a finding by ODFW or a law enforcement officer that a wolf kill was the probable cause of the death of the livestock.

ODFW may not issue certifications for more than \$37,500 in tax credits for any tax year. Certifications for the tax credits are issued in the order that completed applications are received. The tax credit is reduced by any amount that the taxpayer has already received as compensation for killed livestock. For personal income tax purposes the credit is refundable; any portion of the credit that exceeds the tax liability will be paid to the personal income taxpayer. For corporation tax purposes, any credit unused because of insufficient tax liability may be carried forward for up to three years.

The taxpayer cannot claim a tax credit for livestock killed after June 30, 2018 or in any tax year that ends after the date on which the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission has removed the wolf from the state list of endangered species. In November of 2015, the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission voted to remove wolves from the state endangered species list, so currently, no one should be claiming a new credit after tax year 2014.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose was to compensate taxpayers who had livestock killed by wolves, since the taxpayers were unable to protect their livestock by killing wolves, as wolves were listed as endangered species by Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Farmers and ranchers who have livestock killed by wolves. Very few taxpayers have been issued certificates since 2012.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Fish and Wildlife*

The tax credit program ended in 2015 when the Commission, by rule, removed the gray wolf from the Oregon list of endangered species. However, the program had not been well used by livestock producers and only two requests for certification were processed by the Department of Fish and Wildlife since the program's inception.



2014 Personal Income Tax Filers				
Income Group of Full-Year Filers*	Number of Filers Using Credit	Average Revenue Impact of Credit	Revenue Impact (\$ millions)	Percent of Revenue Impact by Income Group
<b>Below \$13,300</b>	<10	\$0	\$0.0	0.0%
<b>\$13,300 - \$27,600</b>	<10	<\$300	<\$0.1	<0.1%
<b>\$27,600 - \$49,300</b>	<10	<\$300	<\$0.1	<0.1%
<b>\$49,300 - \$87,500</b>	<10	<\$1,000	<\$0.1	<0.1%
<b>Above \$87,500</b>	350	\$28,082	\$9.9	99.9%
<b>All Full-Year Filers</b>	370	\$26,955	\$9.9	100%
<b>Part-Year and Nonresident Filers</b>	<10	\$12,358	<\$0.1	

\*Each income group contains 20 percent of the full-year filers (approximately 336,000)

EVALUATION:

*by the Oregon Film and Video Office*

This tax expenditure achieves its purpose of recruiting film production in the state and generating associated spending and employment.

The Oregon Production Investment Fund has been integral in Oregon's ability to compete with the more than 30 other U.S. states that offer production incentives. OPIF is directly responsible for the \$325 million of direct film, television, media and commercial production spending that was recorded in the 2013-2015 biennium. Since the introduction of the OPIF in 2005, OFVO has tracked the economic activity directly attributed to the incentive programs rising from just below \$10M per year, to now close to \$200M per year, while the number of tracked jobs has climbed from just 500 in 2005 to more than 3000 in the 2014-2015 fiscal year. More than 100 individual projects, countless local companies and producers have been directly assisted with their work in Oregon over the last decade generating close to \$1 billion in in-state direct spending activity.

Because of the growing, permanent talent base here in Oregon, 20 of the 23 projects and companies aided by the state's incentive programs the 2014-2015 fiscal year were either directly produced by Oregon companies or individual Oregon producers - utilizing a large local crew and hundreds of local vendors.

As a point of reference, Season 2 of *The Librarians*, in just the third quarter of 2015, engaged and paid almost 300 local vendors for work done on that series in only a 3 month period. Even the small budget independent feature *Black Road*, produced and shot in Ashland and Brookings, engaged more than 70 local vendors.

OPIF has been integral to creating a balanced system that imports work into the state as much as creates work from established companies and individuals already here in the state. Oregon's media incentive programs are instrumental in making media work more competitive here in Oregon in a national landscape that includes many states offering better Film & Media incentive programs.

However, because our program is capped on an annual basis we continue to have many missed opportunities. Even at the current annual allocation of \$12 million of credits, the program is not only fully subscribed, but is under pressure to maintain the current level of film and television production in the state.

## 1.415 QUALIFIED LOW INCOME COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS

**Oregon Statute:** 315.533(2)  
**Sunset Date:** 06-30-2016  
**Year Enacted:** 2011

**Carryforward:** 5 years, see description  
**Refundable:** No  
**Transferable:** No

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$8,500,000	\$2,900,000	\$11,400,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$22,900,000	\$5,900,000	\$28,800,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Taxpayers who make a qualified low income community investment are eligible for a credit against personal or corporate excise taxes equal to 39 percent of the cost of the investment. A qualified low income community investment is an equity investment in, or long-term debt security issued by, a qualified community development entity (CDE) which meets specified conditions and obtains certification from the Oregon Business Development Department. The investment must be acquired with cash after July 1, 2012, and the CDE must use at least 85 percent of the cash purchase price toward making capital or equity investments in, or loans to, any qualified active low-income community business, as defined in section 45D of the Internal Revenue Code (federal New Markets Tax Credit program).

These low income communities are located in census tracts that have a poverty rate of 20 percent or more, or where the median income is below 80 percent of either the statewide median income or the metropolitan median income, whichever is lower. Community development entities, also defined in section 45D of the Internal Revenue Code, are entities that have entered into an allocation agreement with the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund of the U.S. Department of the Treasury. CDEs serving Oregon that have been allocated Federal New Market Tax Credits may apply to use this tax credit.

The credit applies to qualified investments made between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2016. The credit is taken over seven years with no credit in the tax year that the investment is made, or in the following tax year, a seven percent credit in the third tax year, and an eight percent credit for each of the subsequent four tax years.

This credit is nonrefundable. Any allowable credit related to investments made on or after July 1, 2012, and before January 1, 2014, and not used by the taxpayer for a particular tax year may be carried forward to offset the taxpayer's tax liability for any subsequent tax year. Legislation in 2013 set a limit of five years for a taxpayer to carry forward any allowable credit related to investments made on or after January 1, 2014, that is not used by the taxpayer for a particular tax year to offset the taxpayer's tax liability in future tax years. The credit may not be transferred or sold.

A taxpayer claiming this credit may not claim any other credit under ORS Chapter 317 or ORS Chapter 285C during the same tax year based on activities related to the same qualified active low income community business.

The maximum amount that may be claimed by all Oregon taxpayers for this credit is \$16 million per tax year; the maximum amount of Oregon tax credits invested in any single project could not exceed \$4 million for investments made on or after July 1, 2012, and before January 1, 2014. Legislation in 2013 set the maximum amount of Oregon tax credits invested in any single project at \$8 million for investments made on or after January 1, 2014.

Fifteen percent of the total \$16 million, \$2.4 million, is reserved for clean energy projects that produce goods that directly reduce emissions of greenhouse gases or are designed as environmentally sensitive replacements for products in current use, or projects which have a primary purpose of improving the environment or reducing emissions of greenhouse gases.

- PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Based on the legislative staff revenue impact statement for SB 817 (2011), the purpose of this credit is “to increase private capital investments in Oregon small businesses operating in low-income communities.”
- WHO BENEFITS:** Investors of qualified equity investments benefit directly through reduced taxes. Business owners in low-income communities benefit from increased investment.
- EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.416 QUALIFIED RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

**Oregon Statute:** 317.152  
**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2017  
**Year Enacted:** 1989

**Carryforward:** 5 years  
**Refundable:** No  
**Transferable:** No

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$15,100,000	\$5,000,000	\$20,100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$14,200,000	\$3,000,000	\$17,200,000

NOTE: The revenue impact estimate includes the effect of the sunset.

- DESCRIPTION:** If qualified research expenses in Oregon exceed a base amount, then Oregon corporations may take a tax credit equal to 5 percent of the excess amount. For S-corporations that claim the credit, the credit is shared by the S-corporation shareholders and claimed against their Oregon personal income tax. Computation of the base and excess amounts, as well as definitions of basic research and qualified research expenses, follow from the equivalent federal research and development (R&D) credit (IRC §41) except that only research conducted in Oregon is considered. In 2015, this federal corporate income tax credit was reauthorized and extended indefinitely by the U.S. Congress and the President.
- The base amount is a fixed percentage multiplied by the average annual gross receipts of the taxpayer for the four taxable years preceding the taxable year for which the credit is being determined (the credit year). The minimum base amount is 50 percent of the qualified research expenses for the credit year.
- The fixed-base percentage is either: (a) the percentage that qualified research activities were of gross receipts in the 1984–88 period, or (b) for companies that did not conduct research for at least three years in 1984–88, the percentage is calculated based upon a formula with the simplest case being a firm with a fixed-base percentage equaling 3 percent of the gross receipts for each of the taxpayer’s first five taxable years beginning after December 31, 1993 for which the taxpayer has qualified research expenses.
- Qualified research activities include “research expenses” either in-house or by contract, and “basic research payments” to colleges, universities, and certain other nonprofit organizations. The amounts have to be paid or incurred by the sunset date.

Income Tax  
Oregon Credits

The credit is limited to \$1 million per taxpayer. The limit was increased from \$750,000 to \$2 million by the 2005 Legislature, but it was subsequently reduced to \$1 million by the 2011 Legislature. Credits that cannot be used because of insufficient tax liability in the current year can be carried forward up to five years.

Taxpayers have the option of claiming this credit or the credit described in tax expenditure 1.417, Qualified Research Activities (Alternative). Some companies may not qualify for the standard credit because they do not have the necessary increase in research activities. The alternative credit still allows them to qualify for credit, if they conduct a large proportion of their research activities in Oregon relative to the proportion of their sales in Oregon. The revenue impact reported here includes any credits received under both tax expenditures.

Legislation in 2011 extended the scheduled sunset of the provision from December 31, 2011 to December 31, 2017.

- PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to promote and increase research activity in Oregon.
- WHO BENEFITS:** Corporations undertaking qualified research activities in Oregon. For tax year 2013, approximately 325 corporate taxpayers benefited from this credit or 1.417, Qualified Research Activities (Alternative). These taxpayers reduced their tax liability by \$27,000, on average. Other taxpayers claiming this credit were unable to use it due to insufficient tax liability. For tax year 2015, about 250 S-corporation shareholders saved more than \$9,000 on average in Oregon personal income tax.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Oregon Business Development Department*

This tax expenditure appears to achieve its purpose. The estimated revenue impacts above equate to about \$0.8 billion of research activity in Oregon over the four-year period, which does not account for the many claimed credits that go unused – about 86% according to DOR Pub. 150-102-405 (Rev. 02-16) p. 3-12. In addition:

- With the National Science Board (NSB) Science & Engineering Indicators 2016, Oregon's ranking among the 50 states and DC had risen to 8th place in 2013 for business-performed R&D as a percentage of private-industry output (3.12% compared to national average of 2.22%).
- The 2014 NSB indicators offer greater details, which reveal that in 2010 when Oregon ranked 10th, businesses paid directly for 95% of such R&D in Oregon rather than through government or other funding sources, compared to 79% across the U.S. as a whole.

At the margin, a significant amount of so much private-sector spending in Oregon is arguably induced and sustained by this program's existence, so that the payrolls and other income arising from such spending would suggest grounds for a robust return to public revenues.

Claims and especially credit usage are concentrated in manufacturing sectors according to DOR Pub. 150-102-405 (Rev. 02-16) p. 3-12, where research may also result in associated traded-sector employment in state. Moreover, without this tax expenditure some research activity could otherwise gravitate out of state, in that this type of tax incentive is common and often more generous elsewhere in terms of credit rate (>5%), ability to monetize the credit and so forth.

Potential effects of this incentive can be broken down as follows:

- Helping convince innovative companies about locating operations in Oregon,

- Encouraging existing companies to put more effort into research, experimentation and development,
- Possibly motivating some small companies to explore new niche technology opportunities and enhancing their ability to obtain joint R&D capital, and
- Prompting companies to use state research institutes to assist with such activities.

The taxes abated by this expenditure and the state tax revenues that extra research might generate do not necessarily connect directly with each other, so that in that sense, like most income tax credits, it would be more comparable to a direct government expenditure than other types of tax expenditures. Nevertheless, it has advantages over a direct expenditure, in that individual business people determine if and how much R&D spending is economically cost-effective under the current tax structure, market conditions and so forth, as well as avoiding bureaucratic—administrative costs, complications and resource-allocation inefficiencies, although it is not as finely controllable as a direct expenditure would potentially be for policy purposes.

The expenditure does favor one group of industries in Oregon over another—*i.e.*, sectors substantially and directly oriented to R&D efforts in general—but this is a rather broad, diverse group, the members of which would tend to anyway use the federal R&D tax credit. Furthermore, the Governor and the Legislature have consistently identified innovation as a strategic priority for the Oregon economy.

Limitations of this program as a business development incentive are that: (i) It is inherently unavailable to many personal income taxpayers, who may face high tax rates on some of their Oregon income, but who might like to invest in a non-corporate business that undertakes equivalent forms of research in Oregon, and (ii) as with any regular tax credit, usability depends on timely tax liability, as may be contrasted with monetizing options like those found with such credits in other states. Notably in these regards, credit usage relative to amounts claimed is dominated by taxpayers with sizeable taxable income approaching \$5 million or more, according to DOR Pub. 150-102-405 (Rev. 02-16) p. 3-12.

## 1.417 QUALIFIED RESEARCH ACTIVITIES (ALTERNATIVE)

**Oregon Statute:** 317.154  
**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2017  
**Year Enacted:** 1989

**Carryforward:** 5 years  
**Refundable:** No  
**Transferable:** No

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$700,000	\$300,000	\$1,000,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$700,000	\$200,000	\$900,000

**DESCRIPTION:** A tax credit for corporations is allowed for qualified research expenses in Oregon that exceed 10 percent of Oregon sales. The credit is equal to 5 percent of the excess amount. For S-corporations that claim the credit, the credit is shared by the S-corporation shareholders and claimed against their Oregon personal income tax.

The credit is limited to the lesser of \$1 million, or \$10,000 multiplied by the number of percentage points that the qualified research expenses exceed 10 percent of

Income Tax  
Oregon Credits

Oregon sales. The expenses that qualify for the credit are the same as those that qualify under the expenditure 1.416, Qualified Research Activities, except that basic research is not included.

Taxpayers have the option of claiming this credit or the credit described in tax expenditure 1.416, Qualified Research Activities. Some companies may not qualify for the standard credit because they do not have the necessary increase in research activities. This alternative still allows them to qualify for the credit if they conduct a large proportion of their research activities in Oregon relative to the proportion of their sales in Oregon.

Credits that cannot be used because of insufficient tax liability in the current year can be carried forward for up to five years.

Legislation in 2011 extended the scheduled sunset of the provision from December 31, 2011 to December 31, 2017 and reduced the maximum credit allowable per taxpayer per year from \$2 million to \$1 million.

- PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to promote research activities in Oregon.
- WHO BENEFITS:** See 1.416, Qualified Research Activities.
- EVALUATION:** *by the Oregon Business Development Department*  
See evaluation for 1.416, Qualified Research Activities.

## 1.418 LONG TERM RURAL ENTERPRISE ZONE FACILITIES (INCOME TAX)

**Oregon Statute:** 317.124  
**Sunset Date:** 06-30-2018 (local certification)  
**Year Enacted:** 1997

**Carryforward:** 5 years  
**Refundable:** No  
**Transferable:** No

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Available*	Not Available*	Not Available*
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Available*	Not Available*	Not Available*

\* *In certain cases, to conform with taxpayer privacy disclosure laws, revenue numbers are not provided for tax expenditures that may affect at most a few taxpayers. This includes tax expenditures that do not currently affect any Oregon taxpayer, but could at a later date.*

- DESCRIPTION:** Corporations that make certain large investments in a rural enterprise zone facility are eligible for a tax credit, if approved by the Governor. For S-corporations that claim the credit, the credit is shared by the S-corporation shareholders and claimed against their Oregon personal income tax. The investment must be locally approved for the related property tax expenditure, 2.014 Long Term Rural Enterprise Zone (Property Tax), on or before June 30, 2018. To be eligible for the property tax exemption, the investment must be located in a county with chronic unemployment or low income. Depending on the location in the state, the investment also must exceed a certain minimum amount ranging up to \$25 million, the firm must hire at least 10 to 75 full-time employees within three to five years, and the average annual worker compensation must be at least 50 percent above the county average wage.

The tax credit is equal to 62.5 percent of the taxpayer's gross payroll costs at the facility. The credit applies only against liabilities in excess of a threshold amount of up to \$1 million. The amount of the threshold may be lower, depending on the facility's location and workforce size. The credit may be claimed over a period of five to 15 years, as determined by the Governor and elected by the taxpayer, starting with the tax year that begins no later than in the third calendar year after the facility is placed in service. Each year's unused credits can be carried forward for up to five years.

Approval from the Governor is required for this income tax credit; it is not required for the related property tax exemption, 2.014 Long Term Rural Enterprise Zone (Property Tax).

Income tax payments made by corporations that are approved by the Governor for this credit are deposited into the Long Term Enterprise Zone Fund and are annually distributed to specified local property taxing districts. This redistribution occurs whether or not the taxpayer uses this credit.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to encourage investment in rural areas of chronic unemployment or low income.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Very few corporations have been approved to claim the credit by the Governor.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Oregon Business Development Department*

The credit appears to be a major point of interest, incentivizing investments in particular places, which is the intended effect, in conjunction with the primary inducement, the long term exemption on the new facility from property taxes—see 2.014, Long Term Rural Enterprise Zone (Property Tax).

Experience suggests that the notably significant contingent value of this added incentive might help to further justify the business investment. In claiming the credit, the corporate taxpayer may delay starting the 15-year period by three years, and each year's unused credit amount is deferrable for five years. Theoretically, then, these hefty credit amounts could be in play for nearly 25 years after new facility operations commence. Therefore, the business might potentially have sufficient Oregon tax liability to use them for a number of years, eventually, given general price inflation and unpredictably great profits in the future.

In addition, the technical size of the notional or tentative credit – at 62.5 percent of gross payroll – generates further interest in this incentive for both initial communications and ongoing discussions with prospective investors, even once the limitations on using it are fully appreciated.

Because of its payroll basis and Oregon's reliance on personal income taxes, the taxes abated by this expenditure and any additionally generated state tax revenues might connect more directly with each other, making it less comparable to a direct government expenditure than most income tax credits. Other advantages over a direct expenditure include individual business people's determining where and what investments are economically cost-effective under the current tax structure, as well as avoiding bureaucratic-administrative costs, complications and resource-allocation inefficiencies, although it is not as finely controllable as a direct expenditure would

potentially be for policy purposes, and this tax expenditure could have substantial impacts over many years.

Other than its policy bias toward rural enterprise zone locations, this tax expenditure does not favor one group of industries in Oregon over another.

### 1.419 RESERVATION ENTERPRISE ZONE (INCOME TAX)

**Oregon Statute:** 285C.309  
**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2017  
**Year Enacted:** 2001

**Carryforward:** No  
**Refundable:** No  
**Transferable:** No

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:**

Qualified taxpayers operating a new business facility in a reservation enterprise or partnership zone may claim an income tax credit for the amount of tribal property tax paid. Non-tribal businesses that would otherwise qualify, may claim this income tax credit for paying such a tax imposed by the reservation on a uniform basis. C-corporations claim this credit against their corporate income tax, and S-corporation and partnership shareholders and sole proprietors claim this credit against their personal income tax.

The amount of the credit is prorated for nonresidents and part-year residents. The credit must be used in the same year that taxes are paid and may not be carried forward to another year. The amount of tax credit used in a given tax year cannot exceed the tax liability for that tax year.

The government of each federally recognized Indian tribe in Oregon can have the Oregon Business Development Department designate a single reservation enterprise zone, covering any reservation area of the tribe, as well as off-reservation land held in trust or pending trust status anywhere in the state. The reservation enterprise zone may cover an area of no more than 12 square miles, which does not have to be contiguous.

The government of any eligible Indian tribe may also cosponsor one or more reservation partnership zones comprising contiguous area of up to 12 square miles. A reservation partnership zone includes lands within the jurisdiction of a cosponsoring city, port or county and may (but does not need to) include both lands held in trust by the federal government for the benefit of the tribe and lands within the boundaries of the tribe’s reservation.

Except for this tax credit, reservation enterprise zones and reservation partnership zones are otherwise equivalent to a regular rural enterprise zone, and businesses can be exempt from property taxes if they meet the requirements for tax expenditure 2.013, Enterprise Zone Business, or 2.014, Long Term Rural Enterprise Zone (Property Tax). These expenditures do not sunset for purposes of these tribally based designations.

**PURPOSE:**

“To remove the tax disincentives that currently inhibit private business and industry from locating and operating enterprises within the boundaries of the rural Indian reservations of this state” (ORS 285C.303).

**WHO BENEFITS:** Businesses operating in reservation enterprise/partnership zones. Currently the Oregon Business Development Department has designated two reservation enterprise zones for the Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation and the Confederate Tribes of Warm Springs. No reservation partnership zone is known to exist.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Oregon Business Development Department*

The department lacks the data or direct experience to address this expenditure, in terms of the tax credit’s specific use. It could be claimed by all types of businesses, including retail or healthcare that are entirely ineligible for any other enterprise zone incentive (see exemption 2.013, Enterprise Zone Business). Retail and the like are also not in the “traded sector” that is the primary focus of state business development efforts, but such businesses may be critical as amenities for the tribal community and its local development.

Part of the basis for this tax credit is that even as it affects state tax revenues, it may be viewed as really only offsetting one tax with another, rather than being a net tax benefit or inducement for the business taxpayer. An analogous case would be the federal tax credit corporations receive for the taxes they pay foreign governments on common income.

This perspective starts with how exceptionally rare relevant tribal taxes remain among Tribes in Oregon, and that if a Tribe imposed such a tax to pay for services on tribal land for the benefit of residents or tribal members, it would create a third layer of taxation with state and local taxes. Therefore, in order minimize such redundancy, so that it does not unduly deter private, non-tribal businesses from locating on tribal lands, this tax expenditure provides a mechanism, by which newer businesses can reduce their state tax liability by the amount of their applicable tribal taxes.

## 1.420 ELECTRONIC COMMERCE ENTERPRISE ZONE (INCOME TAX)

**Oregon Statute:** 315.507

**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2017

**Year Enacted:** 2001

**Carryforward:** 5 years

**Refundable:** No

**Transferable:** No

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$500,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,500,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$500,000	\$1,600,000	\$2,100,000

NOTE: The revenue impact estimate includes the effect of the sunset.

**DESCRIPTION:** Qualified business firms may claim an investment tax credit based on capital assets used in electronic commerce (e-commerce) operations under certain circumstances. Such a firm must be engaged or preparing to engage in e-commerce within an enterprise zone specially designated for e-commerce or in the one electronic commerce city (which is the City of North Plains).

To claim the credit, taxpayer must also be locally authorized and qualify for the enterprise zone exemption from property taxes, see exemption 2.013, Enterprise Zone Business. C-corporations claim this credit against their corporate income tax; S-corporation and partnership shareholders and sole proprietors claim it against their personal income tax.

As defined in ORS 285C.050, electronic commerce means “engaging in commercial or retail transactions predominantly over the Internet or a computer network, using the Internet as a platform for transacting business, or facilitating the use of the Internet by other persons for business transactions.”

The credit equals 25 percent of the investments made by the firm during the tax year in e-commerce operations within the designated area. The maximum credit allowed for a taxpayer is the lesser of \$2 million or the tax liability of the taxpayer per year. A firm may carry unused credits forward for up to five years.

A local government sponsor of an existing enterprise zone may designate its zone for e-commerce by resolution of the governing body or bodies. This creates a special overlay of the entire zone. Final approval is determined by the Oregon Business Development Department on a generally first-come, first-serve basis, and subject to an available overlay. As of July 2016, there are 15 designated electronic commerce zones, which is the maximum allowed under current law out of about 70 enterprise zones statewide.

In 2002, four enterprise zones were allowed to receive this special designation. A 2005 law change provided for six more e-commerce enterprise zones. Legislation in 2014 added five more increasing the number from 10 to 15. When an underlying enterprise zone terminates, the e-commerce designation also ceases for future investments, although re-designation may subsequently occur with the same or another enterprise zone.

**PURPOSE:**

The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to induce greater operations, hiring and investment associated with internet-based commerce and activity in Oregon that use advanced technology to consummate transactions, support customers, deliver data and other services.

**WHO BENEFITS:**

E-commerce businesses operating in one of the state’s electronic commerce enterprise zones or in the e-commerce city (North Plains). Fewer than ten corporate taxpayers benefitted from the credit in tax year 2013 and approximately 25 personal income taxpayers benefitted from this credit in tax year 2014.

**EVALUATION:**

*by the Oregon Business Development Department*

Many states have investment tax credits (ITCs) based on the cost of new depreciable, capital assets; usually these ITCs apply broadly across manufacturing and other export-oriented sectors, though typically the credit rate is lower than 25 percent. Oregon’s e-commerce ITC appears to be nationally unique.

Since 2002, this tax credit has been a critical, final element in influencing investments in most of the applicable enterprise zones, several of which have seen the hoped-for proliferation of e-commerce activity or industry agglomeration. Among designated enterprise zones, experience in using this program has varied tremendously at times, reflecting both efforts and opportunities with marketing, while some former overlays never had any relevant project. In any event, the tax credit would appear to be fulfilling its purpose in the context of other marketing factors—not only by inducing the e-commerce sector to grow more than it might otherwise have grown in Oregon, but also by spurring additional enterprise zone investments and job creation.

Businesses identified as having e-commerce operations for the standard property tax exemption for Enterprise Zone Businesses continue to invest in the relevant enterprise zones, including data centers. Disentangling the effect of this incentive from the also more favorable property tax treatment in such zones (see exemption 2.013, Enterprise Zone Business) is, of course, a challenge.

In addition to geographic constraints, this tax expenditure does favor one group of industries in Oregon over another—*i.e.*, sectors substantially and formally oriented to e-commerce—but this is an increasingly diverse group, which may have special importance for the future economy. Businesses in these sectors may also be otherwise deterred from investing in Oregon due to the single sales factor’s treatment of intangible sales in the case of a C-corporation or high personal income tax rates for other types of business organizations. A limitation of this program as a business development incentive, as with any regular income tax credit, is that usability depends on timely income tax liability, as may be contrasted with monetizing options like those found with certain credits in other states.

Notably in the above regards, the credit usage relative to amounts claimed among personal income taxpayers seems relatively high for such an ITC, at 76 percent, according to DOR Pub. 150-101-406 (Rev. 03-16) p. 33. Generally, usage rates will tend to be rather variable, given the limited number of potential users.

The taxes abated by this expenditure and the state tax revenues that extra e-commerce investment might generate do not necessarily connect directly with each other, so that in that sense, like most income tax credits, it would be more comparable to a direct government expenditure than other types of tax credits. Nevertheless, it has advantages over a direct expenditure, in that individual business people determine if and how much investment is economically cost-effective under the current tax structure, market conditions and so forth, as well as avoiding bureaucratic—administrative costs, complications and resource-allocation inefficiencies, although it is not as finely controllable as a direct expenditure would potentially be for policy purposes.

## 1.421 RENEWABLE RESOURCE EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURING FACILITIES

**Oregon Statute:** 315.341

**Sunset Date:** Taxpayers must have received preliminary certification by 12-31-2013

**Year Enacted:** 2011 (HB 2523)

**Carryforward:** 8 years, see description

**Refundable:** No

**Transferable:** Yes

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$19,900,000	\$2,700,000	\$22,600,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$1,100,000	Less than \$100,000	\$1,100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Renewable Resource Equipment Energy Manufacturing Facilities tax credit expired as of December 31, 2013; however, there are revenue impacts for the 2015-17 and 2017-2019 biennia due to certified credits taken over a five year period and unused tax credits carried forward to succeeding years. Credits were certified for businesses with investments in qualified facilities that manufacture renewable energy resource

equipment in Oregon. Businesses claiming this credit must have received preliminary and final certification from Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD).

Legislation in 2007 (HB 3201B) expanded the Business Energy Facilities tax credit (BETC) to allow renewable energy manufacturing facilities to qualify for the BETC tax credit. Subsequent legislation in 2011 (HB 2523) transferred the administration of the manufacturing portion of original BETC from the Oregon Department of Energy to OBDD and in the process made the manufacturing portion of BETC its own tax expenditure, the Renewable Resource Equipment Energy Manufacturing Facilities tax credit (Manufacturing BETC). The remaining part of BETC, which has also expired, is described in 1.437, Business Energy Facilities, Conservation and Renewables.

Eligible costs included buildings, equipment, machinery and other expenses related to the manufacturing of renewable energy products such as solar cells, wind turbines or components manufactured for the primary use in products using renewable energy, renewable energy storage devices, and the manufacture of electric vehicles or component parts of electric vehicles.

Qualified Oregon facilities that manufacture renewable energy resource equipment were eligible for a tax credit equal to 50 percent of maximum eligible cost. Costs were limited up to \$2.5 million for a facility used to manufacture electric vehicles or component parts of electric vehicles and up to \$40 million in the case of any other eligible facility. The credit was and is still being taken for the five succeeding tax years at 10 percent of the certified cost of the facility. Any tax credit not used in a particular year because of insufficient tax liability may be carried forward for up to eight years.

The total amount of certified tax credits allowed was \$200 million for the 2009-11 biennium, \$200 million for the 2011-13 biennium and \$50 million for the period from July 1, 2013, to December 31, 2013.

The pass-through option allowed project owners to transfer their tax credit eligibility to another Oregon taxpayer in exchange for a lump sum cash payment. Transferees were a corporation or individual (but not partnerships or LLCs), who then claimed the tax credit on their tax returns. OBDD determined the credit transfer rate employing a formula established by administrative rule in accordance with ORS 285C.549. The credit could be transferred or sold only once.

- PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose for this expenditure. Presumably, it was to provide an economic tool to expand existing manufacturing or attract renewable manufacturing plants to Oregon.
- WHO BENEFITS:** Oregon businesses with investments in facilities that manufacture renewable energy resource equipment. Taxpayers with a tax liability who purchase tax credits also benefit. From calendar years 2008-2013 six corporations received nearly \$115 million dollars in tax credits. All of these credits have been sold to 12 other corporate and 13 individual taxpayers for a total of \$77 million.
- EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.422 PUBLIC UNIVERSITY VENTURE DEVELOPMENT FUND

**Oregon Statute:** 315.521

**Carryforward:** 3 years

**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2021

**Refundable:** No

**Year Enacted:** 2005, Modified in 2016 (HB 4072)

**Transferable:** No

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	\$900,000	\$900,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000

<b>DESCRIPTION:</b>	<p>Oregon public universities and Oregon Health and Science University may establish university venture development funds to provide capital for the development of commercially viable products and services. Either the universities or their foundations may administer the funds. When a fund accepts a donation, the university or foundation issues a certification letter to each donor.</p> <p>Donors who have received certifications qualify for a credit, not to exceed \$600,000, against their personal or corporate income taxes equal to 60 percent of the amount donated during that tax year. The amount each taxpayer claims in any one year may not exceed the tax liability of that taxpayer for that year. Unused credit amounts may be claimed in future tax years for up to three consecutive tax years after the year in which the credit is initially allowed. If the amount of donation is claimed as a deduction for federal tax purposes, the donation amount is added to federal taxable income for Oregon tax purposes to claim the credit.</p> <p>The venture development funds provide grants for the purpose of facilitating the commercialization of university research and development. When a venture development fund earns income from those grants in the form of royalties, cash from the sale of equity, or license fee payments, the fund must transfer 20 percent of the realized income to the state General Fund, up to the amount of tax credits certified by the university.</p> <p>Whenever the total outstanding amount owed to the General Fund reaches \$8.4 million, the issuance of further tax credit certificates must cease. The universities may issue new tax credits equal to the transferred amounts immediately upon deposit into the General Fund. The Legislature in 2016 divided the \$8.4 million total into specific amounts allowed for each university, such as \$1,023,770 allowed for Oregon Health and Science University.</p>
<b>PURPOSE:</b>	<p>The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose for the tax credit, but the statute that allows university development venture funds does state a purpose. That purpose is “facilitating the commercialization of university research and development” (ORS 350.550).</p>
<b>WHO BENEFITS:</b>	<p>People who make donations to the funds. Typically, fewer than five corporations claim this credit each year. For tax year 2014, 125 personal income taxpayers saved an average of \$4,750 in Oregon taxes using this credit.</p>
<b>EVALUATION:</b>	<p>Not evaluated.</p>

### 1.423 CHILD AND DEPENDENT CARE

**Oregon Statute:** 316.078  
**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2015  
**Year Enacted:** 1975

**Carryforward:** 5 years  
**Refundable:** No  
**Transferable:** No

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$700,000	\$700,000

NOTE: The revenue impact estimate includes the effect of the sunset

**DESCRIPTION:** A personal income tax credit for employment-related dependent care expenses was allowed to taxpayers who qualify for the federal child and dependent care credit. The Oregon credit amount was a percentage of eligible expenses based on federal taxable income (see chart). The amount of the credit was prorated for nonresidents and part-year residents. Unused credit amounts due to insufficient tax liability could be carried forward for up to five years.

Federal taxable income was:		Amount of eligible expenses allowed as a credit
Over:	But not over:	
---	\$5,000	30%
\$5,000	10,000	15%
10,000	15,000	8%
15,000	25,000	6%
25,000	35,000	5%
35,000	45,000	4%
45,000	---	No credit allowed

Eligible employment-related expenses were those necessary for the taxpayer to be gainfully employed and include expenses for household services and the care of qualifying dependents. Qualifying dependents were children under age 13, other dependents who are physically or mentally incapable of caring for themselves, or the taxpayer’s spouse if incapable of caring for himself or herself. The eligible expenses were limited each year to \$3,000 for one qualifying dependent in the household and to \$6,000 for two or more qualifying dependents. In both cases, this limit was reduced by any nontaxable payments received from an employer under a dependent care assistance program. Eligible expenses were further limited to the individual’s earned income (for unmarried individuals) or to the lower of either spouse’s earned income (for married individuals filing jointly). For a spouse who is a qualifying student or disabled, an amount was designated as earned income for each month they qualify. Married individuals filing separately were not able claim this credit unless certain criteria were met.

The 2015 Legislature allowed this credit and 1.424, Working Family Child Care tax credit to sunset; however the Legislature replaced both with a single new tax credit 1.425, Working Family Household and Dependent Care (HB 2171).

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allowed this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose was to offset costs for working taxpayers who incur dependent care expenses to stay in the workforce.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Lower income Oregon taxpayers who pay child care expenses while they work. The table below shows usage of this credit for tax year 2014. Note that in the table “income” is federal adjusted gross income. However, this credit is based on taxable income, or federal adjusted gross income minus itemized deductions (or the standard deduction) and the exemption amount.

2014 Personal Income Tax Filers				
Income Group of Full-Year Filers*	Number of Filers Using Credit	Average Revenue Impact of Credit	Revenue Impact (\$ millions)	Percent of Revenue Impact by Income Group
<b>Below \$13,300</b>	1,870	\$36	\$0.1	1%
<b>\$13,300 - \$27,600</b>	9,550	\$301	\$2.9	40%
<b>\$27,600 - \$49,300</b>	12,580	\$210	\$2.6	37%
<b>\$49,300 - \$87,500</b>	12,400	\$121	\$1.5	21%
<b>Above \$87,500</b>	300	\$210	\$0.1	1%
<b>All Full-Year Filers</b>	36,700	\$194	\$7.1	100%
<b>Part-Year and Nonresident Filers</b>	3,370	\$106	\$0.4	

\*Each income group contains 20 percent of the full-year filers (approximately 336,000)

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.424 WORKING FAMILY CHILD CARE

**Oregon Statute:** 315.262

**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2015

**Year Enacted:** 1997

**Carryforward:** No

**Refundable:** Yes

**Transferable:** No

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$25,500,000	\$25,500,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$0	\$0

NOTE: The revenue impact estimate includes both the portion used to reduce tax liability, and the portion paid directly to taxpayers. The revenue impact estimate also includes the effect of the sunset.

**DESCRIPTION:** A refundable personal income tax credit was allowed for qualifying child care expenses for low-income working families. To qualify, a taxpayer must have had a minimum amount of Oregon-sourced earned income and must not have exceeded the maximum allowable investment income (such as interest, dividends, and capital gains). For 2015, the minimum earned income was \$8,700; the maximum investment income was \$3,400. The credit was calculated as a percentage of qualified child care expenses. The credit was 40 percent for those with federal adjusted gross income (AGI) at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level. It phased out with a declining percentage for taxpayers with AGI between 200 percent and 250 percent of the federal poverty level. The federal poverty level is based on the taxpayer’s household size. For a household size of four in 2015, 200 percent of the federal poverty level was \$48,500 and 250 percent is \$60,625.

The amount of the credit was prorated for nonresidents and part-year residents.

Qualifying child care expenses are those necessary for the taxpayer (and spouse, if married) to be gainfully employed, seeking employment, or attending school part-time or full-time. The care must have been for a child under age 13 or a child with a disability as defined in ORS 316.099 (1.404, Child with a Disability). Married individuals filing separately could not claim this credit unless certain criteria were met.

A qualifying taxpayer could claim both this credit and the child and dependent care credit (1.423, Child and Dependent Care).

This credit became a refundable credit in 2003. To the extent the credit exceeds a taxpayer's liability (reduced by any nonrefundable credits), the taxpayer was entitled to a payment of the excess.

In 2007, the credit was expanded to allow taxpayers to claim the credit if they need child care because they have a qualifying disabled spouse. To qualify, the spouse's disability must prevent the spouse from working, attending school, caring for children, and performing an activity of daily living without assistance.

The 2015 Legislature allowed the Working Family Child Care and the Child and Dependent Care (1.423) tax credits to sunset, however the Legislature replaced both with a single new tax credit (HB 2171), the Working Family Household and Dependent Care, see 1.425.

**PURPOSE:**

The statute that allowed this expenditure did not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose was to offset costs for working taxpayers who incurred dependent care expenses to stay in the workforce.

**WHO BENEFITS:**

Lower income working taxpayers with employment-related dependent care expenses whose federal adjusted gross income is less than 250 percent of the federal poverty level. The table below shows usage of this credit for tax year 2014.

2014 Personal Income Tax Filers				
Income Group of Full-Year Filers*	Number of Filers Using Credit	Average Revenue Impact of Credit	Revenue Impact (\$ millions)	Percent of Revenue Impact by Income Group
Below \$13,300	1,740	\$612	\$1.1	5%
\$13,300 - \$27,600	9,050	\$835	\$7.6	36%
\$27,600 - \$49,300	10,660	\$940	\$10.0	47%
\$49,300 - \$87,500	3,550	\$731	\$2.6	12%
Above \$87,500	30	\$886	\$0.0	<1%
<b>All Full-Year Filers</b>	<b>25,030</b>	<b>\$850</b>	<b>\$21.3</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Part-Year and Nonresident Filers</b>	<b>1,780</b>	<b>\$571</b>	<b>\$1.0</b>	

\*Each income group contains 20 percent of the full-year filers (approximately 336,000)

As this is a refundable credit, the full amount of credits claimed can be used, even if the taxpayer has little or no tax liability. Of the more than \$22 million claimed in total for 2014, approximately \$10.7 million was used to reduce tax liability, while the remaining \$11.6 million exceeded tax liability and was paid to taxpayers.

**EVALUATION:**

Not evaluated.

## 1.425 WORKING FAMILY HOUSEHOLD AND DEPENDENT CARE

**Oregon Statute:** 315.264  
**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2021  
**Year Enacted:** 2015 (HB 2171)

**Carryforward:** No  
**Refundable:** Yes  
**Transferable:** No

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$31,400,000	\$31,400,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$62,700,000	\$62,700,000

NOTE: The revenue impact includes both the portion used to reduce tax liability, and the portion paid directly to taxpayers.

**DESCRIPTION:**

A refundable personal income tax credit is allowed to low and middle-income working families with employment-related dependent care expenses. To qualify, the taxpayer must have paid qualifying expenses for one or more qualifying individuals (generally a dependent under age 13, a disabled dependent, a disabled taxpayer or a disabled spouse) so the taxpayer (and the taxpayer's spouse if filing jointly) could work, look for work, or attend school. The qualifying expenses cannot exceed \$12,000 for one qualifying individual, or \$24,000 for two or more qualifying individuals and cannot exceed the taxpayer's earned income if filing single or the lesser of the taxpayer's and the taxpayer's spouse's earned income.

The determination of the qualifying expenses is limited to the lesser of each spouse's earned income and the qualifying expenses paid as specified by the Internal Revenue Code for the federal child and dependent care expenses tax credit. Attending school full-time or being a disabled person counts \$250 (\$500 if two or more qualifying persons cared for) per month toward earned income. The taxpayer must fill out the federal form for *Child and Dependent Care Expenses*, whether or not they claim the federal credit.

A taxpayer cannot claim the credit unless the taxpayer's adjusted gross income (AGI) is less than or equal to 300 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. For 2016, the AGI limit by household size is:

Household size	AGI Limit
2	\$48,060
3	\$60,480
4	\$72,900
5	\$85,320
6	\$97,740
7	\$110,190
8 or more	\$122,670

The amount of the credit as a percentage of qualifying expenses varies depending on the taxpayer's household size, AGI, and the age of the youngest dependent from 4 percent to 75 percent of the qualifying expense. The amount of the credit initially increases with income and then decreases until the credit is not allowed above 300 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. The credit increases for taxpayers with younger dependents. The maximum credit is for taxpayers with AGI between 90 and 110 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, with at least two dependents, with at least one dependent under age three, and with the maximum amount of qualifying expenses. The credit amount in this scenario is 75 percent of \$24,000 or \$18,000.

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The 2015 Legislature allowed the Child and Dependent Care (1.423) and the Working Family Child Care (1.424) tax credits to sunset, and in the process replaced those two credits with this single new tax credit.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. According to the legislative staff revenue impact statement for HB 2117 (2015), the purpose is “To enable low-income working families to care for young children and disabled dependents by offsetting costs so that they may be gainfully employed or attend school full-time.”

**WHO BENEFITS:** Low and middle-income working taxpayers with employment-related dependent care expenses whose federal adjusted gross income is less than 300 percent of the federal poverty level.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Human Services*

There is limited information to determine how many families are applying or utilizing this tax credit within DHS data. This tax credit assists with some of the expenses that would support an individual in returning to work or attend school full-time, but with the cost of family and dependent care in Oregon this tax credit assists but individuals may still face burdens in being able to afford the care they need to go to work towards self-sufficiency. The programs that the State of Oregon provides assists individuals in moving towards self-sufficiency and this is a good step in assisting these individuals in achieving that goal, but the Department cannot state whether the purpose is achieved yet at this time.

## 1.426 EMPLOYER PROVIDED DEPENDENT CARE ASSISTANCE

**Oregon Statute:** 315.204

**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2015

**Year Enacted:** 1987

**Carryforward:** 5 years

**Refundable:** No

**Transferable:** No

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$800,000	\$200,000	\$1,000,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$400,000	\$100,000	\$500,000

NOTE: The revenue impact estimate includes the effect of the sunset

**DESCRIPTION:** Employers providing dependent care assistance or dependent care information and referral services to their employees were allowed a credit to either personal or corporation tax. The credit equaled 50 percent of the total costs the employer paid for dependent care, but no more than \$2,500 per employee, and 50 percent of the cost of providing information and referral services. The employer could not take the credit if the provision of dependent care services was part of a salary reduction plan. Credits unclaimed due to insufficient tax liability could be used in later years, for up to five years. Note the revenue impact figures include the impact of the dependent care facilities credit listed in tax expenditure 1.427, Employer Provided Dependent Care Facilities.

Employers were required to submit an application for certification to the Office of Child Care at the Oregon Department of Education each year they wished to receive this credit. Prior to the passage of HB 3234 in 2013, applications for certification were submitted to the Child Care Division of the Employment Department.

The 2015 Legislature allowed the Employer Provided Dependent Care Assistance credit to sunset.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose was to encourage employers to provide dependent care services and referrals to their employees.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Employers who provided child care facilities for their employees received both the financial benefit of the tax credit and the additional benefit of more productive employees. For tax year 2013, 12 corporate taxpayers benefited from either 1.426, Employer Provided Dependent Care Assistance or 1.427, Employer Provided Dependent Care Facilities credit. These taxpayers reduced their tax liability by \$15,000, on average. Other corporate taxpayers claiming this credit were unable to use it due to insufficient tax liability. For tax year 2014, about 80 personal income taxpayers saved an average of about \$1,500 in Oregon tax using this credit.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.427 EMPLOYER PROVIDED DEPENDENT CARE FACILITIES

**Oregon Statute:** 315.208

**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2001

**Year Enacted:** 1987

**Carryforward:** 5 years

**Refundable:** No

**Transferable:** No

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$0	\$0	\$0

**DESCRIPTION:** The Employer Provided Dependent Care Facilities credit expired as of December 31, 2001; however, there are revenue impacts for the 2015-17 biennium due to unused tax credits carried forward to succeeding years. Employers providing dependent care facilities for their employees were allowed a credit to either personal or corporation income tax. The credit equaled the lesser of:

- 50 percent of the cost of the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, renovation, or other improvement
- An amount equal to \$2,500 multiplied by the number of full-time equivalent employees
- \$100,000.

The facility must have been certified by the Child Care Division of the Employment Department and must have been completed before January 1, 2002.

One-tenth of the credit could be claimed in each of 10 consecutive years beginning with the year the facility was completed. If facility use was discontinued before the 10-year period was completed, the credit was discontinued. Credits that were not used due to insufficient tax liability could be carried forward for up to five years.

This credit has expired, and the last year to claim potential carry forward amount is 2015.



2014 Personal Income Tax Filers				
Income Group of Full-Year Filers*	Number of Filers Using Credit	Average Revenue Impact of Credit	Revenue Impact (\$ millions)	Percent of Revenue Impact by Income Group
Below \$13,300	60	\$40	<\$0.1	<1%
\$13,300 - \$27,600	50	\$340	<\$0.1	2%
\$27,600 - \$49,300	50	\$644	<\$0.1	5%
\$49,300 - \$87,500	70	\$1,397	\$0.1	14%
Above \$87,500	50	\$9,786	\$0.5	78%
<b>All Full-Year Filers</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>\$2,422</b>	<b>\$0.7</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Part-Year and Nonresident Filers</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>\$867</b>	<b>&lt;\$0.1</b>	

\*Each income group contains 20 percent of the full-year filers (approximately 336,000)

Very few corporations claim this credit.

EVALUATION: *by the Department of Education*

Comprehensive evaluations conducted from 2005 to 2010 show this tax credit is effective because the funds stabilize childcare provider wages, encourage more professional development, and improves the quality of care children receive. In addition to receiving tax credits, contributors help Oregon by encouraging small business development, supporting the child care workforce, helping to create quality early learning programs, and assisting children to enter school ready to succeed.

## 1.429 INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT DONATION (CREDIT)

**Oregon Statute:** 315.271

**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2021

**Year Enacted:** 1999, Modified 2015 (HB 2171) and 2016 (SB 1507)

**Carryforward:** 3 years

**Refundable:** No

**Transferable:** No

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	\$14,300,000	\$14,300,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	\$14,300,000	\$14,300,000

DESCRIPTION: Individuals or businesses donating to state selected fiduciary organizations for distribution to individual development accounts (IDAs) are allowed a tax credit for donations prior to January 1, 2022. The tax credit is equal to a percentage of the taxpayer's donation, as determined by the fiduciary organization, but cannot exceed 70 percent of the donation. Donations are applied toward matching IDA account holder savings and also toward program related expenses. The amount used to compute the credit must be added to Oregon taxable income if it was deducted when computing federal taxable income. Any credit not used due to insufficient tax liability may be carried forward for up to three years.

The Housing and Community Services Department (OHCS) maintains a limit on the total of all donations made each year. The limit was \$4 million for 2006, \$6 million for 2007, and \$8 million for 2008. The limit increased to \$10 million in 2009. The Legislature in 2015 set the limit in terms of the maximum total credit allowed per

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year as \$7.5 million (HB 2171) and in 2016 set the total credit allowed to a taxpayer in any tax year not to exceed \$500,000 (SB 1507). OHCS administers the Oregon IDA Initiative through the Neighborhood Partnership Fund, which selects fiduciary organizations to manage the IDAs.

There is one other tax expenditure closely related to this program: 1.312, Individual Development Accounts (Exclusion and Subtraction), provides that contributions to and earnings from IDAs are not taxed by Oregon if used for approved purposes.

Legislation in 2015 extended the scheduled sunset of the tax credit for a donation to the Individual Development Account from December 31, 2015 to December 31, 2021 (HB 2171).

PURPOSE:

The purpose for this credit is set forth in ORS 458.675. In summary, the purpose is to fund an asset-based prosperity strategy for low-income Oregonians that promotes personal financial management, investment, and savings for key assets. These assets include: acquiring post-secondary education; the first-time purchase of a primary residence; replacement of a primary residence when replacement offers significant opportunity; certain improvements and repairs to a primary residence; purchase of equipment or training needed to obtain or maintain employment; capitalization of a small business; the rental of a primary residence to achieve housing stability; purchase or repair of a vehicle; and saving of funds for retirement.

WHO BENEFITS:

Individuals or businesses making donations to state selected fiduciary organizations for distribution to IDAs directly benefit from this credit. Lower income participants in the Oregon IDA Initiative also benefit through financial education and asset purchases. The table below shows usage of this credit for tax year 2014.

2014 Personal Income Tax Filers				
Income Group of Full-Year Filers*	Number of Filers Using Credit	Average Revenue Impact of Credit	Revenue Impact (\$ millions)	Percent of Revenue Impact by Income Group
Below \$13,300	60	\$65	<\$0.1	<1%
\$13,300 - \$27,600	70	\$218	<\$0.1	<1%
\$27,600 - \$49,300	100	\$466	<\$0.1	<1%
\$49,300 - \$87,500	80	\$749	<\$0.1	<1%
Above \$87,500	440	\$15,726	\$6.9	98%
<b>All Full-Year Filers</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>\$9,410</b>	<b>\$7.1</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Part-Year and Nonresident Filers</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>\$1,110</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>	

\*Each income group contains 20 percent of the full-year filers (approximately 336,000)

EVALUATION:

*by the Housing and Community Services Department*

This expenditure achieves its purpose. Proceeds from donations are matched with savings from participants to build the financial resiliency of households. Further, because the credit remains at no more than 70% of donations, the credit provides more resources than a direct expenditure. The amount of credits granted has continued to rise since 2001. Contributions to Neighborhood Partnerships totaled \$10 million in 2012, 2013 and 2014, and totaled \$10.136 million in 2015. Between January 2008 and June 2016, more than 9,700 Oregon residents opened Individual Development Accounts (IDAs), setting aside savings of over \$16.85 million during that time. Upon successful completion of all program requirements over the next one to six years, the participants will have funds to match their savings to purchase their

first home, obtain needed postsecondary education, or start a small business. The Oregon IDA Initiative has supported over 4,300 participants in purchasing those lifelong assets with their IDAs and has thousands more actively saving. Since 2008-2014, the Oregon IDA Initiative worked with the Regional Research Institute at Portland State University to evaluate the impacts of its work. Copies of the evaluations may be found here: <http://www.oregonidainitiative.org/impact-policy/evaluation/>. Since 2015, Neighborhood Partnerships has used in-house expertise to continue the evaluation processes established by PSU. More reports on our scope and impacts can be found here: <https://oregonidainitiative.org/roadshow/>.

### 1.430 INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT WITHDRAWAL (CREDIT)

**Oregon Statute:** 315.272  
**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2015  
**Year Enacted:** 2005

**Carryforward:** No  
**Refundable:** No  
**Transferable:** No

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$200,000	\$200,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$0	\$0

NOTE: The revenue impact estimate includes the effect of the sunset.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Individual Development Account Withdrawal credit expired as of December 31, 2015; however, there is a revenue impact for the 2015-2017 biennium. A personal income tax credit was available for withdrawals from individual development accounts (IDAs) that are used to fund closing costs associated with the purchase of a primary residence.

The amount of the credit was the lesser of:

- the amount of money withdrawn from the IDA for the purchase of a residence
- the amount of the usual and reasonable closing costs of the residence
- \$2,000.

The taxpayer must not have owned or held any interest in a residence during the three years prior to making the purchase, except for displaced homemakers or other individuals who lost home ownership as a result of divorce.

There are two other tax expenditures closely related to this program: 1.312, Individual Development Accounts (Exclusion and Subtraction), provides that contributions to and earnings from IDAs are not taxed by Oregon if used for approved purposes; and 1.429, Individual Development Account Donation (Credit), provides a credit for individuals or businesses that make contributions to fiduciary organizations to support IDA programs.

Legislation in 2009 set the December 31, 2015 sunset date for this provision.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allowed this expenditure did not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose was to assist low income Oregonians to achieve homeownership, by allowing low income families to recover some of the closing costs of purchasing a first home.

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**WHO BENEFITS:** IDA account holders who used the credit when purchasing a home are the beneficiaries. For tax year 2014, 91 personal income taxpayers benefitted from this provision.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Housing and Community Services Department*

This expenditure achieves its purpose. More than a third (35 percent) of IDA graduates bought a home using their savings plus IDA matching funds, often using those funds to leverage other resources. Research also supports that IDA homebuyers are two to three times less likely to lose their homes to foreclosure as a result of the extensive financial education provided.

### 1.431 OREGON AFFORDABLE HOUSING LENDER'S CREDIT

**Oregon Statute:** 317.097  
**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2019  
**Year Enacted:** 1989

**Carryforward:** 5 years  
**Refundable:** No  
**Transferable:** No

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$8,500,000	\$200,000	\$8,700,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$8,500,000	\$200,000	\$8,700,000

**DESCRIPTION:** This provision allows a credit against corporation taxes for lending institutions that make qualified loans at below market interest rates for the construction, development, acquisition, or rehabilitation of a manufactured dwelling park, low income housing, or a preservation project. A preservation project is housing that was previously developed as affordable housing with a contract for rent assistance from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development or the United States Department of Agriculture. For S-corporations that claim the credit, the credit is shared by the S-corporation shareholders and claimed against their Oregon personal income tax.

The Housing and Community Services Department may certify qualified loans up to a specified cap on the total credits that can be granted each fiscal year for new and existing qualified loans. This cap was increased from \$6 million to \$11 million in 2005 and to \$13 million in 2007. The current limit of \$17 million per fiscal year was set in 2008 and applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2009.

The amount of the credit for the lending institution is the difference between the finance charge on the qualified loan and the finance charge at the time the qualified loan was made that would have been charged had a similar loan been made at market interest rates. The finance charge is the total of all interest, loan fees, interest on any loan fees financed by the lending institution, and other charges related to the cost of obtaining credit.

The credit cannot exceed 4 percent of the unpaid balance of the qualified loan during the tax year for which the credit is claimed. Any credit that cannot be used because of insufficient tax liability in the current year can be used in later years, for up to five years.

The recipient of the loan is required to pass on the savings from the reduced interest rate to tenants in the form of reduced housing payments, regardless of other subsidies provided to the housing project.

To qualify for the credit, qualified loans must be made on or before December 31, 2019. Qualified loans may be certified to receive credits for up to 20 years.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to promote the construction and rehabilitation of housing units with affordable rent.

**WHO BENEFITS:** For tax year 2013, 23 corporation income taxpayers benefited from this credit, reducing tax liability by about \$170,000 on average. Low income households also benefit from this provision because the recipients of the loans are required to pass on savings from a reduced interest rate to their tenants in the form of lower rents.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Housing and Community Services Department*

This expenditure achieves its purpose and effectively supports nearly 13,000 households throughout the state. Without the credit program, rents in Oregon Affordable Housing Tax Credit projects would be 15–25 percent higher, which would decrease the number of units available for low and very low income persons while increasing the rent burden on those same families. Without this incentive, many of the low income housing projects targeting households with incomes below 80 percent of Area Median Income would not be financially feasible.

The credit is used with many other direct spending programs such as housing grants and federal Low Income Housing tax credits. The credit is applied to the permanent financing after all direct spending programs have been incorporated into the overall project financing. By using the credit in this manner, the maximum benefit is passed on to the tenants for a “bottom line” tenant rent benefit. A direct spending program would likely be more costly to taxpayers.

Since July 2007 OHCS has successfully used this credit for projects partially financed with tax-exempt bonds. The ability to use these credits increases the amount of debt a development can service, which reduces the aggregate amount of federal, state and local public financing needed for such projects to be financially feasible. The department continues to effectively use this program to preserve projects that have Project Based Housing Assistance Payment contracts and other federal rent subsidies.

## 1.432 MOBILE HOME PARK CLOSURE

**Oregon Statute:** Note following 316.116

**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2019

**Year Enacted:** 2007

**Carryforward:** No

**Refundable:** Yes

**Transferable:** No

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000

NOTE: The revenue impact includes both the portion used to reduce tax liability, and the portion paid directly to taxpayers.

**DESCRIPTION:** A \$5,000 refundable credit is allowed for owners of manufactured dwellings who are forced to move due to the closure of their manufactured dwelling park. To qualify for the credit, the taxpayer must live in the manufactured dwelling as their primary residence and then leave the park between January 1, 2007 and December 31, 2019,

as a result of the closure. The credit is reduced by any payments made as compensation for exercise of eminent domain by order of a federal, state or local agency. A taxpayer may claim only one credit due to park closure in any given tax year.

This credit is a refundable credit. To the extent the credit exceeds a taxpayer’s liability (reduced by any nonrefundable credits), the taxpayer is entitled to a payment of the excess.

This credit replaced a previous credit in 2007. The previous credit was for reimbursement of expenses for moving their manufactured dwelling out of a closing park, up to \$10,000. It was limited to those with a household income of \$60,000 or less.

Legislation in 2013 extended the scheduled sunset of the provision from December 31, 2013 to December 31, 2019.

- PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to provide tax relief to manufactured dwelling residents who are forced to relocate because of the closure of their manufactured dwelling park.
- WHO BENEFITS:** Manufactured dwelling owners who are forced to move due to the closure of their manufactured dwelling park. For tax year 2014, very few personal income taxpayers claimed this credit.
- EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

### 1.433 CROP DONATION

**Oregon Statute:** 315.156  
**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2019  
**Year Enacted:** 1977

**Carryforward:** 3 years  
**Refundable:** No  
**Transferable:** No

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	\$300,000	\$300,000

**DESCRIPTION:** A credit is allowed against personal or corporation income taxes for crop donations to gleaning cooperatives, food banks, or qualifying charitable organizations located in Oregon. Beginning in 2001, the credit included donations to food banks or other charitable organizations that distribute food at no charge to children, homeless, unemployed, elderly, or low- income individuals.

The definition of “crop” includes plants or orchard stock that produce food for human consumption and livestock animals (added in 2001) that may be processed into food for humans.

Both harvest donations (gleaning) and post-harvest donations qualify. Before 2001, the charitable organization receiving the donation was responsible for picking (gleaning) the crop.

The Crop Donation credit had expired as of December 31, 2011, but was reinstated beginning in 2014 with the passage of SB 1541. Previously, the credit was 10 percent

of the wholesale market price of the crop, but was increased to 15 percent when the credit was reinstated. Unused credit amounts due to insufficient tax liability may be carried forward to later years, for up to three years. The amount of the credit is prorated for nonresidents and part-year residents.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. According to the legislative staff revenue impact statement for SB 1541, the purpose of this credit "...is to increase the amount of food donated by food producers to charities that serve individuals and families experiencing hunger by offsetting expenses incurred during the collection, transportation, and storage of donated food."

**WHO BENEFITS:** Farmers who donated crops to gleaned cooperatives, food banks, or charitable food distribution organizations. For tax year 2014, almost 130 personal income taxpayers saved an average of about \$1,000 in Oregon tax. Few corporations claimed this credit. The recipient organizations were major beneficiaries of this incentive in the form of donated crops and livestock.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Agriculture*

It costs almost the same to harvest crops for donation as it does for wholesale. Harvesting and transporting large quantities of crops requires labor, use of equipment and fuel for transportation. The tax credit helps producers partially recover the cost of donating crops and livestock.

Without the credit, some farmers who want to donate surplus crops may not be able to afford to pay for the labor to harvest them. Labor costs can make up over 35 percent of a farmer's gross income from wholesale crop sales. Renewal of the credit at 15 percent of the wholesale crop value should help more farmers be able to afford the cost of labor to harvest and donate surplus crops.

## 1.434 DIESEL TRUCK ENGINE REPLACEMENT

**Oregon Statute:** Note following ORS 315.356

**Carryforward:** 4 years

**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2011(DEQ certifications not issued after 06-30-2011)

**Refundable:** No

**Year Enacted:** 2003

**Transferable:** No

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$0	\$0	\$0

**DESCRIPTION:** The Diesel Truck Engine Replacement credit expired as of December 31, 2011; however, there are revenue impacts for the 2015-17 biennium due to unused tax credits carried forward to succeeding years. A credit was allowed against personal or corporate income taxes for the purchase of qualifying diesel truck engines purchased after September 27, 2007. The amount of the credit was based on the number of trucks the taxpayer owned prior to purchasing a qualifying engine, as follows:

- 1 to 10 trucks owned, the credit was \$925 per engine purchased
- 11 to 50 trucks owned, the credit was \$705 per engine purchased
- 51 to 100 trucks owned, the credit was \$525 per engine purchased

- More than 100 trucks owned, the credit was \$400 per engine purchased.

The maximum credit allowed per calendar year per taxpayer was \$80,000.

Taxpayers applied to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for credit certification. Certificates of credit approval were not issued by the DEQ after June 30, 2011. Eligibility requirements for the credit were:

- The taxpayer must have owned the truck registered in Oregon with a combined weight of more than 26,000 pounds.
- The new diesel engine must have been of model year 2007 through 2011.
- The new diesel engine must have been certified by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency as emitting particulate matter at the rate of 0.01 grams per brake horsepower-hour or less.

The total credit certifications by the DEQ for all taxpayers were limited to \$500,000 per calendar year.

Any credit unclaimed in a particular year because of insufficient tax liability could be carried forward up to four years.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose was to encourage faster turnover of older heavy duty diesel trucks with newer, less polluting engines.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Businesses or individuals who owned trucks with new qualifying diesel engines benefited from this credit. For tax year 2013, fewer than ten corporate taxpayers benefited from the credit. Other corporate taxpayers claiming this credit were unable to use it due to insufficient tax liability. For tax year 2014, fewer than 20 personal income taxpayers saved an average of about \$1,600 in Oregon tax using this credit, which was all carried forward from previous tax years.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.435 ALTERNATIVE ENERGY DEVICES (RESIDENTIAL)

**Oregon Statute:** 316.116

**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2017

**Year Enacted:** 1977, Modified in 2015 (HB 2171) and 2016 (SB 1507)

**Carryforward:** 5 years, see description

**Refundable:** No

**Transferable:** Yes

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$35,400,000	\$35,400,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$23,900,000	\$23,900,000

NOTE: The revenue impact estimate includes the effect of the sunset.

**DESCRIPTION:** A credit against personal income tax is allowed to taxpayers who install qualifying alternative energy devices in their residences. This credit is commonly referred to as the Residential Energy Tax Credit (RETC).

The Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) offers a set of prescribed personal income tax credit incentives for eligible devices that homeowners or renters can purchase and install in their primary or secondary residence located in Oregon.

Eligible devices, appliances, and systems have changed over time to adapt to changes in energy use and market conditions.

Below are the program's currently eligible devices; tax credits are issued for the lesser of 50 percent of the cost of the device or \$1,500, unless stated otherwise. Credits over \$1,500 must be claimed over multiple years, with no more than \$1,500 being claimed per year per device.

- Electric heat pump water heater (\$300-\$600)
- Tankless gas water heater (\$225-\$245)
- Storage gas water heater (\$175)
- Gas furnace "e" (\$352-\$492)
- Direct vent gas fireplace (\$350-\$550)
- Air-source ducted heat pump (\$800-\$1,125)
- Ductless heat pump, mini-split (\$1,200-\$1,300)
- Duct sealing, in unconditioned spaces (\$250)
- Geothermal and upgrade of a geothermal system (\$600-\$900)
- Whole house ventilation system, HRV/ERV (\$225-\$645)
- Waste water heat recovery (\$92-\$138)
- Wood and pellet stoves (\$144-\$288 or formula based on actual measured efficiency )
- Solar electric, photovoltaic (\$1.50/watt of installed capacity, up to \$6,000)
- Solar space heating (\$0.60/first year energy yield in kWh, up to \$1,500)
- Solar domestic water heating (\$2.00/first year energy yield in kWh, up to \$6,000)
- Solar swimming pool heating (\$0.20/first year energy yield in kWh, up to \$2,500)
- Solar spa or hot tub heating (\$0.15/first year energy yield in kWh, up to \$1,500)
- Wind system (\$2.00/first year energy yield in kWh, up to \$6,000)
- Alternative fuel device (50% of eligible cost, up to \$750)
- Fuel cell (\$3.00/watt of installed capacity, up to \$6,000)

RETC applicants may also be eligible for incentives offered by their utility, the Energy Trust of Oregon, or the federal government. These additional incentives are deducted from the eligible cost of the device when calculating RETC amount. The sum of the state and federal credits may not exceed the cost of the acquisition, construction and installation of the alternative energy device.

Any credit unused in a particular year because of insufficient tax liability may be used in later years, for up to five years. If a taxpayer has no Oregon tax liability, the taxpayer may transfer the tax credit to an individual with an Oregon tax liability, who will make a lump sum payment equal the present value of the certified tax credit (as determined by ODOE) to the taxpayer.

Since enactment, almost every legislative session has seen major changes to the RETC program. Most notably, the Legislature added credits for the purchase of energy efficient appliances in 1998 and alternative fuel vehicles in 1999, increased credits for solar and wind systems in 2005, and added high efficiency wood stoves in 2007. The 2007 Legislature also allowed taking a credit for each qualifying device, if more than one device is acquired in the same year. The 2009 Legislature eliminated the credit for gasoline-electric hybrid vehicles as of January 1, 2010. The 2011 Legislature made several modifications to the RETC (HB 3672). Alternative fuel vehicles and certain types of appliances no longer qualified as of January 1, 2012. Pre-certification is now required for third party alternative energy device entities who own the device after installation (with an annual cap of \$10 million in credits). The

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2015 Legislature modified the credits limit for each type of category one devices (HB 2171) with further clarifications by the 2016 Legislature (SB 1507).

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to promote residential energy savings, energy displacement, and market transformation by providing personal income tax credits to Oregonians who purchase energy efficient devices and renewable energy systems for their homes.

**WHO BENEFITS:** The Residential Energy Tax Credit program benefits homeowners, renters, and landlords statewide who upgrade or purchase energy efficient devices and renewable energy systems.

The table below shows personal income tax usage of this credit for tax year 2014.

2014 Personal Income Tax Filers				
Income Group of Full-Year Filers*	Number of Filers Using Credit	Average Revenue Impact of Credit	Revenue Impact (\$ millions)	Percent of Revenue Impact by Income Group
Below \$13,300	590	\$34	<\$0.1	<1%
\$13,300 - \$27,600	980	\$266	\$0.3	2%
\$27,600 - \$49,300	2,110	\$586	\$1.2	9%
\$49,300 - \$87,500	4,470	\$812	\$3.6	28%
Above \$87,500	8,280	\$958	\$7.9	61%
<b>All Full-Year Filers</b>	<b>16,430</b>	<b>\$796</b>	<b>\$13.1</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Part-Year and Nonresident Filers</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>\$503</b>	<b>\$0.2</b>	

\*Each income group contains 20 percent of the full-year filers (approximately 336,000)

This table includes about 300 tax credits that were transferred to individuals for tax year 2014 with an Oregon tax liability.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Energy*

The Residential Energy Tax Credit helps address Oregon’s energy load growth needs. The Northwest Power and Conservation Council (NWPCC) has found that improved efficiency of electricity use is by far the lowest-cost and lowest-risk resource available to the region. For almost 40 years, ODOE has helped Oregonians save money and energy. ODOE has issued more than 570,000 tax credits to help residential consumers power their homes more efficiently. This program has saved or displaced enough energy in Oregon to serve about 29,000 homes for an entire year. The program is scheduled to sunset December 31, 2017.

## 1.436 ALTERNATIVE FUEL STATIONS

**Oregon Statute:** 317.115  
**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2011  
**Year Enacted:** 1997

**Carryforward:** 5 years  
**Refundable:** No  
**Transferable:** No

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$0	\$0	\$0

**DESCRIPTION:** The Alternative Fuel Stations credit expired as of December 31, 2011; however, there are revenue impacts for the 2015-17 biennium due to unused tax credits carried forward to succeeding years. A tax credit was allowed for corporations based upon costs for construction or installation in a dwelling of a fueling/charging station necessary to operate an alternative fuel vehicle. Alternate fuels included electricity, natural gas, ethanol, methanol, propane and any other fuel approved by the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) that produced less exhaust emissions than vehicles fueled by gasoline or diesel. For S-corporations that claimed the credit, the credit was shared by the S-corporation shareholders and claimed against their Oregon personal income tax.

A contractor who constructed the dwelling in which the fueling/charging station was incorporated or installed the fueling/charging station could have claimed the tax credit. However, in that case, no other taxpayer could have also claimed the tax credit, including the owner or any tenant of the dwelling.

To qualify for the Alternative Fuel Stations credit, taxpayers must have had the fueling/charging station certified by ODOE. The credit equaled 25 percent of the cost of the fueling/charging station, not to exceed \$750.

The credit must have been claimed for the tax year in which the certified fueling/charging station was first placed in service or the next tax year. Credits that were not used due to insufficient tax liability can be carried forward for up to five years. If a taxpayer had an insufficient Oregon income liability, it was possible for the taxpayer to transfer the tax credit to an individual with an Oregon tax liability, who would have had to have made a lump sum payment equal the then present value of the certified tax credit (as was determined by ODOE) to the taxpayer.

This credit has expired, and the last tax year to claim any potential carry forward amount is 2016.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose was to promote the use of alternative fuel vehicles.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Homebuilders, who install or construct alternative fueling stations in dwellings benefitted due to the increased value of the home to potential buyers. Oregon residents who owned alternative fuel vehicles also benefitted from having a fueling/charging station located in their home. Few taxpayers have used this credit.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.437 BUSINESS ENERGY FACILITIES, CONSERVATION AND RENEWABLES

**Oregon Statute:** 315.354

**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2012, see description

**Year Enacted:** 1979

**Carryforward:** 8 years, see description

**Refundable:** No

**Transferable:** Yes

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$75,800,000	\$49,200,000	\$125,000,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$25,600,000	\$15,000,000	\$40,600,000

**DESCRIPTION:**

The conservation and renewable energy resource components of the Business Energy Facilities tax credit (or commonly referred to as the Business Energy Tax Credit, BETC) have expired. In addition, the 2011 Legislature transferred the administration of the manufacturing component of BETC from the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) to the Oregon Business Development Department and in the process made the manufacturing component of BETC its own tax expenditure, 1.421, Renewable Resource Equipment Manufacturing Facilities tax credit.

To replace the expired components of the BETC program, the 2011 Legislature created three new tax credits (HB 3672) which are a part of the Energy Incentive Program (EIP):

- 1.438, Renewable Energy Development Contributions
- 1.439, Energy Conservation Projects
- 1.440, Transportation Projects.

For this tax expenditure, which includes just the conservation and renewable components of BETC, a credit was allowed against corporation or personal income taxes for Oregon businesses with investments in such projects as energy conservation and renewable energy resources. Even though these components of BETC have expired, there are revenue impacts for this tax expenditure for the 2015-17 and 2017-19 biennia due to credits that were certified to be claimed over a five-year period that includes these tax years and also due to unused tax credits that are allowed to be carried forward for a maximum of eight years.

To have qualified for a BETC (conservation and renewables), the project must have been certified by ODOE before starting. Conservation projects included a variety of energy conservation projects in the following categories: energy efficiency (e.g. insulation, HVAC and lighting), homebuilder (e.g. solar systems installed in new or existing homes), rentals (e.g. appliance and weatherization improvements in rental housing), transportation (e.g. alternate fuel vehicles) and other projects, such as recycling. Renewable energy resource projects included a variety of projects that use or produce energy from biomass, wind, water, geothermal, solar photovoltaic cells or solar thermal (water heating) systems.

In general, conservation projects received a tax credit of 35 percent of the eligible costs. After the 2007 Legislative Session, renewable projects received a tax credit of 50 percent of eligible costs. Eligible costs must have been directly related to the project and included equipment costs, engineering and design fees, materials, supplies, installation costs, loan fees and permit costs. Maintenance costs and costs to replace equipment at the end of its useful life or required to meet regulations were not eligible.

The limit on eligible costs was \$10 million for conservation projects (passed by the 1999 Legislative Session), \$20 million for renewable projects (2007 Legislative Session). For certain types of projects, there were additional limits on the eligible costs.

The tax credit was taken over five years with 10 percent taken the first two years and 5 percent taken the final three years for 35 percent tax credits, and 10 percent taken each year for 50 percent tax credits. If the eligible costs of the project were \$20,000 or less, the tax credit could be taken in one year. Any tax credit not used in a particular year because of insufficient tax liability could be carried forward for up to eight years.

Project owners with no tax liability, such as schools, governmental agencies, tribes or nonprofit organizations could take advantage of the BETC program by using the pass-through option, which allowed project owners to transfer their BETC eligibility to a partner for a lump sum cash payment. The transfer partner could have been a business or individual with an Oregon tax liability, who then claimed the tax credit on their tax returns. The ODOE administered the transfer process and set the rate for calculating the payment. The pass-through option was expanded by the Legislature in 2001 and participation steadily increased. In 2009, just over half of the projects transferred their BETC credit. The 2009 Legislature limited the transferability, so that the credit could not be transferred more than once.

House Bills 3672 (2011) and 4079 (2012) clarified the sunset of the BETC program:

- Applications for preliminary BETC certification that were received by April 15, 2011 must have received their preliminary certification by June 30, 2011.
- Projects with a preliminary certification that begun construction by April 15, 2011 must receive their final certification based on the conditions of their preliminary certifications (for conservation and transportation projects, final certification cannot be after June 30, 2014).
- Projects with preliminary certification that began construction after April 15, 2011 must receive final certification by December 31, 2012.

**PURPOSE:**

“ . . . to encourage the conservation of electricity, petroleum and natural gas by providing tax relief for Oregon facilities that conserve energy resources or meet energy requirements through the use of renewable resources.” (ORS 469B.133)

**WHO BENEFITS:**

Businesses investing in facilities that produce energy, reduce the consumption of energy, recycle, or use less polluting transportation fuels. A variety of businesses, including manufacturers, food processors, lumber companies, farmers and ranchers, service industries, retailers, and rental housing owners participated in the program. For tax year 2013, about 290 corporate taxpayers benefited from the credit. These taxpayers reduced their tax liability by an average of \$220,000. Other corporate taxpayers claiming this credit were unable to use it due to insufficient tax liability. For tax year 2014, approximately 1,800 personal income taxpayers (composed of individuals, S-corporations and partnerships) benefited from the credit. The table

below shows the personal income tax usage of this credit for tax year 2014.

2014 Personal Income Tax Filers				
Income Group of Full-Year Filers*	Number of Filers Using Credit	Average Revenue Impact of Credit	Revenue Impact (\$ millions)	Percent of Revenue Impact by Income Group
Below \$13,300	40	\$574	<\$0.1	<1%
\$13,300 - \$27,600	30	\$263	<\$0.1	<1%
\$27,600 - \$49,300	50	\$608	<\$0.1	<1%
\$49,300 - \$87,500	110	\$1,609	\$0.2	<1%
Above \$87,500	1,390	\$24,847	\$34.6	99%
<b>All Full-Year Filers</b>	1,620	\$21,522	\$34.8	100%
<b>Part-Year and Nonresident Filers</b>	180	\$9,268	\$1.6	

\*Each income group contains 20 percent of the full-year filers (approximately 336,000)

EVALUATION: Not evaluated.

### 1.438 RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS

**Oregon Statute:** 315.326(1)

**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2017

**Year Enacted:** 2011

**Carryforward:** 3 years

**Refundable:** No

**Transferable:** Yes

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	\$2,700,000	\$2,700,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	\$600,000	\$600,000

NOTE: The revenue impact estimate includes the effect of the sunset.

**DESCRIPTION:** A credit is allowed against corporation or personal income taxes for taxpayers who purchase tax credits from an auction conducted by the Department of Revenue (DOR), in cooperation with the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE). The proceeds of the auction go to a fund from which ODOE issues grants to fund renewable energy development in Oregon. Examples of renewable energy development are systems that use biomass, solar, geothermal, hydroelectric, wind, landfill gas, biogas or wave, tidal or ocean thermal energy technology to produce electricity.

The Renewable Energy Development (RED) program was created in 2011, along with 1.439, the Energy Conservation Projects, and 1.440, Transportation Projects.

DOR administers the auction process and determines minimum bid before conducting the auction, which cannot be below 95 percent of the value of the credit. A maximum of \$1.5 million in credits may be issued in one fiscal year. In the most recent auction in September 2015, DOR sold tax credits in increments valued at \$500, with a minimum bid of \$475 per tax credit increment. No more than \$750,000 in contribution credits can be issued between July 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017.

The tax credit is not transferable and any tax credit not used in a particular year because of insufficient tax liability may be carried forward for up to three years. If the taxpayer claims a deduction for the amount paid to purchase the credit as a

contribution for federal purposes, the taxpayer must add the deduction amount to their federal taxable income for Oregon tax purposes to claim the credit.

**PURPOSE:** “Provide the necessary financial incentives for taxpayers to make contributions...” to the Renewable Energy Development Subaccount of the Clean Energy Deployment Fund (ORS 315.326(2)(b)(C)). “...Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the State Department of Energy for purposes related to renewable energy development.” (ORS 470.805(1))

**WHO BENEFITS:** Taxpayers with a tax liability who purchase tax credits in an auction, whose proceeds fund the RED grant program. In 2015 there has been one auction where about 60 taxpayers purchased tax credits for \$1,590,000, worth a total value of \$1,500,000.

The RED grant program benefits businesses, organizations, nonprofits, tribes, schools and public bodies that invest in renewable energy resources at a business or residential rental property in Oregon. The grant program is utilized by many sectors including commercial, agricultural, industrial, and institutional facilities to initiate renewable energy development projects.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Energy*

As of June 30, 2016, ODOE has offered five competitive grant opportunities, receiving 121 applications and entering into 42 performance agreements (five have since withdrawn) with selected projects. ODOE has awarded 14 RED grants to completed and operational projects; these projects have a total nameplate capacity of 522 kWh. Over \$363,000 in grant funds have been dispersed and approximately \$2.3 million in grant funds have been allocated to projects waiting for completion and approval. An additional \$2 million in applications are in the performance agreement process.

## 1.439 ENERGY CONSERVATION PROJECTS

**Oregon Statute:** 315.331(1)

**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2017

**Year Enacted:** 2011, Modified in 2015 (HB 2448)

**Carryforward:** 5 years

**Refundable:** No

**Transferable:** Yes

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$2,300,000	\$1,900,000	\$4,200,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$4,100,000	\$2,200,000	\$6,300,000

NOTE: The revenue impact estimate includes the effect of the sunset.

**DESCRIPTION:** A credit is allowed against corporation or personal income taxes for energy conservation projects in Oregon. The Energy Conservation Program was created in 2011 along with, 1.438, Renewable Energy Development Contributions, and 1.440, Transportation Projects.

To qualify for an Energy Conservation Project tax credit, a taxpayer must have the project certified by the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE). Qualifying energy conservation projects are eligible for a credit that is equal to an amount up to 35 percent of project cost. The credit is taken over five years in increments related to project cost: 10 percent in the first and second year and 5 percent each year thereafter. Taxpayers with certified costs of \$20,000 or less may take the tax credit

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in one year. Any credit unused in a particular year because of insufficient tax liability may be carried forward for up to five years. The total amount of potential tax credits for the program is limited to \$28 million per biennium.

Project owners with no tax liability, such as schools, governmental agencies, tribes or non-profit organizations can take advantage of the Energy Conservation Project program by using the pass-through option, which allows project owners to transfer their tax credit eligibility to a partner for a lump sum cash payment. Transfer partners can be a business or individual with an Oregon tax liability, who then claim the tax credit on their tax return. Transfer to a partnership is not allowed. The ODOE administers the transfer process and sets the rate for calculating the payment. The credit may be transferred or sold only once. The 2015 Legislature added the requirement that owners of projects with a cost of \$1 million enter into a performance agreement and receive annual recertification (HB 2448).

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is similar to 1.437, Business Energy Facilities, Conservation and Renewables which states “. . . to encourage the conservation of electricity, petroleum and natural gas by providing tax relief for Oregon facilities that conserve energy resources or meet energy requirements through the use of renewable resources.” (ORS 469B.133)

**WHO BENEFITS:** The Conservation tax credit program benefits businesses, organizations, public bodies, schools, nonprofits, and tribes that invest in energy efficiency or conservation projects at a business or residential rental property in Oregon. This program is utilized by many sectors, including commercial, agricultural, industrial, residential rental, and institutional facilities to initiate energy conservation projects.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Energy*

The energy conservation tax credit helps the state meet energy conservation goals. The Northwest Power and Conservation Council (NWPCC) finds that improved efficiency of electricity use is by far the lowest-cost and lowest-risk resource available to the region.

As of June 30, 2016, 851 projects with over \$18 million in certified project costs have received a final certification for over \$6 million in tax credits and estimated energy savings of 186,000 MMBtu. An additional 66 projects have received their precertification for over \$23 million in tax credits and over \$80 million in qualifying project costs.

## 1.440 TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

**Oregon Statute:** 315.336(1)

**Carryforward:** 5 years

**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2017 (transit service projects, 12-31-2015)

**Refundable:** No

**Year Enacted:** 2011

**Transferable:** Yes

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$2,300,000	\$3,400,000	\$5,700,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$2,300,000	\$2,600,000	\$4,900,000

NOTE: The revenue impact estimate includes the effect of the sunset.

**DESCRIPTION:**

A credit is allowed against corporation or personal income taxes for transportation projects in Oregon. Entities that develop alternative fuel vehicle infrastructure (AFVI) projects, such as electric vehicle charging and compressed natural gas systems or acquire an alternative fuel vehicle fleet are eligible for this credit. Prior to the end of the 2015 tax year, public or nonprofit entities that provided transit services to members of the public and received state or federal funding for those services were also eligible for a Transportation tax credit.

The Transportation Program was created in 2011, along with 1.438, the Renewable Energy Development Contributions, and 1.439, Energy Conservation Projects.

To qualify for a Transportation Project credit tax credit, a taxpayer must have the project certified by the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE).

Alternative fuel vehicle projects are eligible for a credit equal to 35 percent of the certified cost. Alternate fuel vehicle infrastructure projects can either be for the development of alternative fuel vehicle infrastructure or the acquisition of an alternative fuel vehicle fleet. SB 583 (2013) added alternative fuel vehicle fleet acquisitions to be eligible for tax credits beginning in January 2015. Alternative fuel vehicle projects are eligible to receive a tax credit up to the sunset date of this tax expenditure, December 31, 2017.

When this provision was enacted, the total amount of potential tax credits for the program was limited to \$20 million per biennium. Legislation in 2013 (SB 583) and 2014 (HB 4107) redirected \$3 million of Transportation Project tax credits to be auctioned for tax years 2013-2016. The proceeds from the auction of these tax credits are to be deposited into the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Revolving Fund. See tax expenditure 1.444, Alternative Fuel Vehicle Fund Contributions.

Any credit unused in a particular year because of insufficient tax liability may be carried forward for up to five years.

Project owners with no tax liability, such as schools, governmental agencies, tribes or nonprofit organizations can take advantage of the Transportation Project program by using the pass-through option, which allows project owners to transfer their tax credit eligibility to a partner for a lump sum cash payment. Transfer partners can be businesses or individuals with an Oregon tax liability, who then claim the credit on their tax returns. Transfer to a partnership is not allowed. The ODOE administers the transfer process and sets the rate for calculating the payment. The credit may be transferred or sold only once.

**PURPOSE:**

The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is similar to 1.437, Business Energy Facilities, Conservation

and Renewables which states “. . . to encourage the conservation of electricity, petroleum and natural gas by providing tax relief for Oregon facilities that conserve energy resources or meet energy requirements through the use of renewable resources.” (ORS 469B.133)

**WHO BENEFITS:** The alternative fuel vehicle infrastructure and fleet portions of the Transportation tax credit program benefits businesses, organizations, nonprofits, tribes, schools and public bodies that want invest in cleaner transportation fuels and vehicles.

The transit services portion of the Transportation tax credit program benefits government or nonprofit entities that received state or federal funding for transit services. Transit services projects were eligible for a tax credit based on savings and cost, this portion of the program ended at the end of the 2015 tax year.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Energy*

From the inception of the program through June 30, 2016, 31 projects with almost \$45 million in certified project costs have received a final certification for over \$9 million in tax credits and estimated energy savings of 1,700,000 MMBtu. An additional 30 projects have received their precertification for almost \$10 million in tax credits and over \$45 million in qualifying project costs.

### 1.441 ENERGY CONSERVATION LENDER’S CREDIT

**Oregon Statute:** 317.112  
**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2011  
**Year Enacted:** 1981

**Carryforward:** 15 years, see description  
**Refundable:** No  
**Transferable:** No

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** The Energy Conservation Lender’s credit expired as of December 31, 2011; however, there can be revenue impacts for the 2015-17 and 2017-2019 biennia due to unused tax credits carried forward to succeeding years. Commercial lending corporations were allowed a tax credit for financing energy conservation measures of residential fuel oil customers or wood heating residents. The lending corporations must have charged no more than a 6.5 percent interest rate on the loan. The credit equaled the difference between the interest that would have been earned if the loan was made at the usual rate of interest (or alternatively at an upper limit rate established by the Department of Energy) and the interest earned at the 6.5 percent rate. For S-corporations that claimed the credit, the credit was shared by the S-corporation shareholders and claimed against their Oregon personal income tax.

The loan amount could not exceed \$5,000 for a single dwelling unit or \$2,000 for a single dwelling unit if it was owned by a corporation and the term could not exceed 10 years. The loan must have been used by the dwelling owner to finance energy conservation measures that were recommended as cost effective in an energy audit, which must have been completed before getting the loan. Any credits not used because of insufficient tax liability could be carried forward up to 15 succeeding years.



## 1.443 PRODUCTION OR COLLECTION OF BIOMASS

**Oregon Statute:** 315.141

**Carryforward:** 4 years

**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2017 (12-31-2021 for biomass manure)

**Refundable:** No

**Year Enacted:** 2007, Modified in 2016 (SB 1507)

**Transferable:** Yes

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$400,000	\$6,800,000	\$7,200,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$300,000	\$5,100,000	\$5,400,000

NOTE: The revenue impact estimate includes the effect of the sunset.

**DESCRIPTION:**

A credit is allowed against corporation or personal income taxes to producers and collectors of biomass material. The biomass material must be sourced within Oregon and must be used as biofuel or to produce biofuels in Oregon. Types of biomass include: woody (forest based) biomass, agriculture crops, manure, used oil and waste grease. To qualify for the credit, taxpayers must be certified by the Oregon Department of Energy.

The credit is computed as a product of the quantity of biomass produced and the applicable credit rate. The credit rates vary by the type of biomass. A biomass tax credit can be claimed only one time for each unit of biomass. The credit can be carried forward for four years and may not exceed the tax liability of the corporation or individual claiming the credit.

The tax credit for biomass production or collection may be transferred to a third party. In 2009, legislation passed that provided a biomass credit could be transferred no more than once. The transfer must take place before the transferor's tax return for the first year the biomass credit may be used is due, including extensions.

The 2011 Legislature made changes to this tax credit. The tax credit has been reduced for woody biomass and biomass from agricultural residues from \$10 per green ton to \$10 per bone dry ton. In addition, yard debris and municipally generated food waste are now excluded from receiving a tax credit. These changes were effective January 1, 2012.

The 2016 Legislature extended the sunset of the biomass manure tax credit to December 31, 2021 (SB 1507). In addition, the tax credit rate for biomass manure was reduced from \$5.00 per wet ton to \$3.50 per wet ton beginning with tax year 2016.

**PURPOSE:**

The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to stimulate production and collection of biomass necessary to produce biofuel, which can be used instead of fossil fuels. The legislative staff revenue impact statement for SB 1507 (2016) stated "The policy purpose of the change in Biomass manure tax credit [the extension of the sunset date] is to increase the capital investment in manure digesters."

**WHO BENEFITS:**

Producers and collectors of biomass. Currently, the majority of the revenue impact of the credit is for manure biomass. Many of these taxpayers are in dairy and agriculture sectors located in Tillamook and Morrow Counties. Woody biomass material is removed from private and federal forest land across the state. Used cooking oils and waste grease are mainly collected from densely populated municipal areas.

For tax year 2013 fewer than ten corporate taxpayers benefited from this credit. For tax year 2014, approximately 90 personal income taxpayers saved an average of about \$43,000 in Oregon tax using this credit. The table below shows the personal income tax usage of this credit for tax year 2014.

<b>2014 Personal Income Tax Filers</b>				
<b>Income Group of Full-Year Filers*</b>	<b>Number of Filers Using Credit</b>	<b>Average Revenue Impact of Credit</b>	<b>Revenue Impact (\$ millions)</b>	<b>Percent of Revenue Impact by Income Group</b>
<b>Below \$13,300</b>	<10	\$0	\$0.0	0%
<b>\$13,300 - \$27,600</b>	<10	\$121	<\$0.1	<1%
<b>\$27,600 - \$49,300</b>	<10	\$241	<\$0.1	<1%
<b>\$49,300 - \$87,500</b>	<10	\$2,958	<\$0.1	<1%
<b>Above \$87,500</b>	60	\$62,566	\$3.9	99%
<b>All Full-Year Filers</b>	90	\$45,542	\$4.0	100%
<b>Part-Year and Nonresident Filers</b>	10	\$425	\$0.0	

*\*Each income group contains 20 percent of the full-year filers (approximately 336,000)*

**EVALUATION:**

*by the Department of Energy*

ODOE has issued more than \$32 million in tax credits for the production, collection, and utilization of biomass materials as of June 30, 2016. ODOE has provided tax credits for over 1.1 million tons of woody biomass; over 2.7 million tons of animal manure; over 14.8 million gallons of used cooking oil/waste grease; and over 56,000 tons of vegetative biomass, redirecting those materials from the waste stream for energy creation. These totals do not include credits issued by the Oregon Department of Revenue prior to ODOE administering the program in 2010.

In 2015, roughly 30 entities utilized this program. Entities may have more than one location for which they can submit applications; individual locations may submit multiple applications in a year. Applications are denied if ODOE determines during the application review that the applicant, biomass material, process for collecting, producing, or transporting biomass, or the facility that received the biomass material is deemed ineligible per the applicable Oregon Administrative Rules and Oregon Revised Statutes.



2015, about 170 taxpayers purchased all available \$3 million in tax credits. The table below shows the personal income tax usage of this credit for tax year 2014.

2014 Personal Income Tax Filers				
Income Group of Full-Year Filers*	Number of Filers Using Credit	Average Revenue Impact of Credit	Revenue Impact (\$ millions)	Percent of Revenue Impact by Income Group
<b>Below \$13,300</b>	<10	\$114	<\$0.1	<1%
<b>\$13,300 - \$27,600</b>	20	\$325	<\$0.1	<1%
<b>\$27,600 - \$49,300</b>	20	\$864	<\$0.1	<1%
<b>\$49,300 - \$87,500</b>	20	\$667	<\$0.1	<1%
<b>Above \$87,500</b>	120	\$14,420	\$1.7	98%
<b>All Full-Year Filers</b>	170	\$10,046	\$1.7	100%
<b>Part-Year and Nonresident Filers</b>	10	\$3,120	<\$0.1	

\*Each income group contains 20 percent of the full-year filers (approximately 336,000)

EVALUATION: Not evaluated.

## 1.445 ALTERNATIVES TO FIELD BURNING

**Oregon Statute:** 315.304

**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2007

**Year Enacted:** 1975

**Carryforward:** Yes, see description

**Refundable:** No

**Transferable:** No

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** The Alternatives to Field Burning credit expired as of December 31, 2007; however there can be revenue impacts for the 2015–17 and 2017-19 biennia due to possible unused tax credits carried forward to succeeding years. A credit was allowed against corporation or personal income taxes for up to 35 percent of acquisition or construction costs for equipment and facilities as alternatives to grass seed and cereal grain straw open field burning. This provision was added as an expansion of tax expenditure 1.447, Pollution Control, in 1975 and sunset at the end of 2007.

Voluntary projects, projects that cost less than \$200,000, projects located in an enterprise zone or economically distressed area, or projects that met high levels of environmental compliance were eligible for a credit of up to 35 percent of the certified cost of the facility.

The credit is taken in equal amounts over the remaining useful life of the facility at the time of certification, but not less than one year nor more than 10 years. The credit was allowed only for the fraction of use as an alternative to field burning, and the applicant must have demonstrated a reduction in acreage burned.

Note that tax expenditure 2.036, Mobile Field Incinerators, provides a property tax exemption that applies to some of the same equipment as this credit does.

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**PURPOSE:** The statute that allowed this expenditure did not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose was to encourage reduction in the practice of open field burning while developing and using alternative methods of field sanitation and alternative methods of using grass seed and cereal grain straw.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Growers who invested in equipment, facilities, and land for gathering, densifying, processing, handling, storing, transporting, and incorporating grass straw or straw based products that resulted in reduction of open field burning, propane flammers, or mobile field sanitizers that reduced air quality impacts, and drainage tile installations that resulted in a reduction of grass seed acreage under production.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

### 1.446 RIPARIAN LANDS REMOVED FROM FARM PRODUCTION

**Oregon Statute:** 315.113  
**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2011  
**Year Enacted:** 2001

**Carryforward:** 5 years  
**Refundable:** No  
**Transferable:** No

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$0	\$0	\$0

**DESCRIPTION:** The Riparian Lands Removed From Farm Production credit expired as of December 31, 2011; however, there is a revenue impact for the 2015-17 biennium due to unused tax credits carried forward to succeeding years. A credit was allowed against personal or corporate income taxes for riparian farmland that was voluntarily taken out of agricultural production for conservation purposes. The statute defined riparian land as land that was formerly in agricultural production and within 35 feet of the bank of a natural watercourse. The credit was equal to 75 percent of the fair market value of the crops foregone for each year crops were not raised on the eligible land. Share-rent agreements, as defined in the statute, allowed both the lessor and the lessee to claim the credit in proportion to the amount of crops from the riparian land the share-rent agreement allocated to each party. Credits that were not used due to insufficient tax liability could be carried forward for up to five years.

This credit has expired, and the last year to claim any potential carry forward amount is 2016.

**PURPOSE:** “The purpose of [this tax credit] is to encourage taxpayers that have riparian land in farm production to voluntarily remove the riparian land from farm production and employ conservation practices applicable to the riparian land that minimize contributions to undesirable water quality, habitat degradation and stream bank erosion” (ORS 315.111).

**WHO BENEFITS:** Taxpayers who voluntarily take riparian farmland out of production. For tax year 2014, fewer than 10 personal income tax payers saved an average of \$400 in Oregon tax using this credit. Few corporations claim this credit.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.447 POLLUTION CONTROL

**Oregon Statute:** 315.304

**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2007

**Year Enacted:** 1967

**Carryforward:** Yes, see description

**Refundable:** No

**Transferable:** No

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$600,000	\$300,000	\$900,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$200,000	Less than \$100,000	\$200,000

**DESCRIPTION:**

The Pollution Control credit expired as of December 31, 2007; however, there are revenue impacts for the 2015–17 and 2017–19 biennia due to unused tax credits carried forward to succeeding years. This tax credit was allowed against corporation or personal income taxes equal to up to 35 percent of the certified cost of pollution control facilities (depending on the type of project and installation date). The taxpayer must have had the investment certified through the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The sunset date for construction completion was December 31, 2007. The last day to submit an application for credit certification to DEQ was December 31, 2008. DEQ certified both the facilities and the allowable costs under one of the following categorizations:

- Air pollution control
- Water pollution control
- Noise pollution control
- Material recovery of solid waste, hazardous waste, or used oil control
- Hazardous waste pollution control
- Nonpoint source pollution control

To have qualified, the principal purpose of the facility must have been to meet pollution control requirements, or the sole purpose must have been to prevent, control, or reduce a significant quantity of pollution. Projects could have included the purchase of or reconstruction and improvements to structures, land, machinery, or equipment. The statute specifically excluded certain items, including asbestos abatement, septic tanks, human waste facilities, office buildings, parking lots, landscaping and automobiles.

The qualified taxpayer may have included the owner, lessee, lessor, or contract purchaser, depending on the categorization of the facility.

The annual amount of credit was up to 35 percent of the certified cost of the facility multiplied by the certified percentage allocable to pollution control, divided by the number of years of the facility’s useful life. The maximum useful life for calculating the credit was 10 years.

Projects eligible for a credit of up to 35 percent of the certified cost of the facility included the following: voluntary projects if the certified cost did not exceed \$200,000; projects that cost less than \$200,000; projects located in an enterprise zone or economically distressed area; or projects constructed at a site where the taxpayer held an environmental certification or permit.

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Facilities were eligible for a 50 percent credit if certified under ORS 468.155 to 468.190 (1999 Edition) or construction or installation started before January 1, 2001 and ended before January 1, 2004.

A taxpayer may use any credit unclaimed in a particular year because of insufficient tax liability in later years, for up to three years. An additional three year carry forward is allowed provided credits had not expired as of the 2001 tax year and the facility remains in operation during the additional carry forward period.

The property tax expenditure 2.116, Pollution Control Facilities exemption, was a companion to this income tax credit. Non-profit corporations and cooperatives qualified for a 20-year property tax exemption on the facility.

**PURPOSE:** "...to assist in the prevention, control and reduction of air, water and noise pollution and solid waste, hazardous wastes and used oil in this state by providing tax relief with respect to Oregon facilities constructed to accomplish such prevention, control and reduction" (ORS 468.160).

**WHO BENEFITS:** Businesses that invested in pollution-control equipment and facilities benefit from this credit. Most of the benefit went to large corporations in manufacturing industries, including paper and allied products, wood processing, food processing, and electronics. For tax year 2013, 32 corporate taxpayers benefited from the credit. These taxpayers reduced their tax liability by \$45,000, on average. Other corporate taxpayers claiming this credit were unable to use it due to insufficient tax liability. For tax year 2014, 91 personal income tax taxpayers saved an average of about \$5,000 in Oregon tax using this credit. Many of these taxpayers were using credits carried forward from previous years. In calendar year 2008, the final year for credit certification, the DEQ issued 226 certificates for a potential of \$10.9 million in tax credits to corporate and personal income taxpayers.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

### 1.448 FISH SCREENING DEVICES

**Oregon Statute:** 315.138

**Sunset Date:** 01-01-2018 (taxpayers must receive preliminary certification by 01-01-2018)

**Year Enacted:** 1989

**Carryforward:** 5 years

**Refundable:** No

**Transferable:** No

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** A credit against personal and corporation income tax is allowed for installing a fish screening device, bypass device, or fishway (except where the device is part of a federally regulated hydroelectric project). These projects are primarily on agricultural land to keep fish from entering irrigation canals. Legislation passed in 2007 attempted to encourage the wider use of these devices by allowing the credit on any substantial diversion of water from rivers, lakes and streams that is not required to be licensed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Legislation passed in 2009 (HB 2065) further clarified that the credit is allowed for installing any of the following: a fish screening device, bypass device, or fishway.

The credit for each device installed equals 50 percent of the taxpayer's net certified cost of installing the screening device, bypass device, or fishway. The total credit allowed shall not exceed \$5,000 per device installed. Devices that are financed by the Water Development Fund are ineligible for the credit.

The device must be certified by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to be eligible for the credit. There is a preliminary certification prior to installation and a final certification upon completion.

Screening devices may be required on any diversion located in waters of the state in which fish subject to the department's jurisdiction live. The owner must maintain any mandatory device after completion. However, the ODFW is responsible for major maintenance on diversions of less than 30 cubic feet per second.

The credit is claimed in the year of final certification. Credits unclaimed because of insufficient tax liability can be carried forward for up to five years. In 2011, the statute was modified so that ODFW may not issue a preliminary certification after January 1, 2018.

**PURPOSE:**

The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to promote the use of fish screening devices and bypasses to prevent fish from entering irrigation diversions and to allow fish to swim around dams and other obstructions. In many cases, the ODFW requires these devices to be installed. A tax credit for installing a required device may help mitigate the cost.

**WHO BENEFITS:**

Taxpayers who install fish screening or passage devices. For 2015, ODFW certified 24 screens and fishways, with a potential tax credit of \$19,512.

**EVALUATION:**

*by the Department of Fish and Wildlife*

The expenditure has helped incentivize private landowners and incorporated agricultural businesses to install fish screens/fishways on their property and protect vulnerable species throughout the state. Some landowners will install a fish screen but never claim the credit, either because they are unwilling to apply or just unfamiliar with the program. Others install fish screens as a condition for obtaining water rights, and would have participated regardless of whether a tax credit is offered. For the remaining landowners, it provides a real inducement to get involved. For projects that do not qualify for ODFW cost share assistance, this tax credit may be the only incentive available to the landowner. The credit also allows ODFW to leverage funds directly spent on the installation of fish screens by cost-sharing with a 2<sup>nd</sup> party.

## 1.449 REFORESTATION

**Oregon Statute:** 315.104

**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2011 (issue of preliminary certificate)

**Year Enacted:** 1979

**Carryforward:** 3 years

**Refundable:** No

**Transferable:** No

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000

### DESCRIPTION

For taxpayers who received preliminary certification prior to the deadline, the Reforestation credit is allowed against personal or corporation income tax in an amount equal to 50 percent of the qualified cost of reforesting underproductive commercial forestland. Preliminary certificates for the Reforestation credit could not be issued after December 31, 2011. The tax credit occurs in two parts: one after the preliminary certification and one after the final certification.

To qualify for this program, the taxpayer must have paid a nonrefundable application fee (which was \$400 in 2010) to the Oregon Department of Forestry for the initial application. The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) must have preliminarily certified the project after planting was completed. The taxpayer could claim 25 percent of the qualified costs in the year the trees were planted. After two growing seasons, the ODF must have reported to the Department of Revenue any plantings that were not established. If a project was not established after two years, the remaining second half of the credit cannot be claimed. If the project was not established because of reasons within the taxpayer's control, the credit previously claimed on preliminary certification must be returned. For plantings that are determined by ODF to be established after two growing seasons and considered by ODF to be "free to grow" by the end of the fifth growing season, ODF issues the final certificate and the taxpayer may claim the remaining 25 percent of the initial cost, plus 50 percent of qualified maintenance costs.

The taxpayer must own at least five acres of commercial Oregon forestland, and the taxpayer's portion of project cost must have been at least \$500 for the project to qualify for the credit. Qualified costs include the application fee and costs actually incurred for site preparation, tree planting, and other necessary silviculture treatments (such as moisture, erosion and animal damage control). Qualified costs exclude costs associated with reforestation projects required under the Forest Practices Act, any portion of costs paid through federal or state cost-sharing programs, and costs for growing Christmas trees, ornamental trees, or shrubs. Costs associated with short-rotation hardwoods (such as cottonwoods) are not eligible.

Any credit unclaimed in a particular year because of insufficient tax liability may be carried forward for up to three years. This provision applies to the credits allowed on both preliminary and final certification.

The application fee, initiated in 2006, provided minimal administrative funding for the program. Full administrative funding was previously provided by the privilege tax until that tax was eliminated in 2005. The 2007 Legislature allowed the application fee to be a qualified cost in claiming the credit.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to increase the public benefits that come from forested lands by promoting reforestation of commercial forestlands that previously did not have commercial trees growing on them, such as brush lands, burned areas with no commercial timber salvage value, and marginal pasture lands. These lands are typically mixed in with or adjacent to land that is being used to grow timber.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Taxpayers who made expenditures to reforest underproductive commercial forestlands benefit from this tax credit. For tax year 2014, approximately 10 personal income taxpayers saved an average of about \$700 in Oregon tax using this credit. Some of these taxpayers report this credit as a pass-through from a partnership or an S corporation. This credit is rarely reported on corporate returns.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.450 FIRE INSURANCE

**Oregon Statute:** 317.122(1)  
**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2017  
**Year Enacted:** 1969

**Carryforward:** No  
**Refundable:** No  
**Transferable:** No

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$6,100,000	Not Applicable	\$6,100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$3,200,000	Not Applicable	\$3,200,000

NOTE: The revenue impact estimate includes the effect of the sunset.

**DESCRIPTION** Property and casualty insurers who write fire insurance policies pay both the corporation income tax and the fire insurance gross premiums tax (Fire Marshal Tax). These insurers are then allowed a credit against the corporation income tax for the fire insurance premium taxes paid under ORS 731.820. This credit cannot be carried forward.

Legislation in 2009 set a December 31, 2011 sunset date for this provision; this sunset was subsequently extended by the 2011 Legislature to December 31, 2017.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to shift part of the funding responsibility of the Office of the State Fire Marshal from the insurance industry to the state General Fund.

**WHO BENEFITS:** For tax year 2013, approximately 270 taxpayers, property and casualty insurers that write fire insurance policies, benefited from this credit. These taxpayers reduced their tax liability by \$13,400, on average. Other corporate taxpayers claiming this credit were unable to use it due to insufficient tax liability. Because of Oregon's retaliatory tax provisions, in-state insurers, and out-of-state insurers that are domiciled in low taxing states, could benefit from this credit. Other out-of-state insurers would pay higher retaliatory taxes that effectively offset the credit provided by this provision.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Consumer and Business Services*

All insurance companies authorized to transact insurance in Oregon pay a corporate income tax. Insurers formed in a state other than Oregon also pay a retaliatory tax. The retaliatory tax compares the taxes, fees, and assessments a company pays to Oregon to the amount of taxes, fees, and assessments a like Oregon company would have paid in that other state. If the taxes, fees, and assessments paid to Oregon are

less than a like Oregon company would have paid in the other state, the difference is paid to Oregon in the form of a retaliatory tax unless specifically exempted from the retaliatory tax. Generally, a tax credit provided on the Oregon income tax return results in an increase in retaliatory tax imposed on an insurer. Likewise, an increase in corporate income taxes paid to Oregon results in a decrease in retaliatory tax paid to Oregon.

Fire insurance premium taxes are used to fund the Office of State Fire Marshal. The effect of this tax treatment results in a credit against the corporation income tax which lowers the amount of tax collected for General Fund Revenue. As mentioned above, this reduction may be offset by an increase in retaliatory tax. If the credit were repealed and insurers were required to continue to pay the fire insurance gross premium tax, it is reasonable to assume the increased cost to the insurer would be passed on to policyholders. The impact would be borne mainly by policy holders of domestic insurers and foreign insurers domiciled in low taxing states because the foreign insurers in higher taxing states basically pay back the credit through Oregon's retaliatory tax.

### 1.451 OREGON LIFE AND HEALTH IGA ASSESSMENTS

**Oregon Statute:** 734.835

**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2021

**Year Enacted:** 1975, Modified in 2015 (HB 2171)

**Carryforward:** No

**Refundable:** No

**Transferable:** No

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Not Applicable	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Not Applicable	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Life and health insurance companies pay both the corporation income tax and two types of assessments (class A and class B) to Oregon Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association (OLHIGA). The class B assessment is made if needed to cover the cost of claims against insurers who have gone out of business. The solvent insurers are then entitled to a credit against their corporation income taxes for class B assessments paid to OLHIGA at the rate of 20 percent of the assessment per year for each of the five years following the year in which the assessment was paid, not to exceed the insurer's corporate income tax liability.

Legislation in 2015 (HB 2171) extended the scheduled sunset of the provision from December 31, 2015 to December 31, 2021.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. According to the legislative staff revenue impact statement for HB 2171, the purpose of this credits is "... to spread the cost of paying claims against insolvent life & health insurance companies to as broad a base as possible."

**WHO BENEFITS:** For tax year 2014, no taxpayers benefited from the credit. Until 2015, there had been no OLHIGA class B assessment since 2005. In 2015, there was an OLHIGA class B assessment of approximately \$290,000 that affected about 200 companies. The companies that were assessed in 2015 can take 20 percent of their assessment as a credit each year for five years beginning in 2016.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.452 POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

**Oregon Statute:** 316.102  
**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2019  
**Year Enacted:** 1969

**Carryforward:** No  
**Refundable:** No  
**Transferable:** No

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$11,700,000	\$11,700,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$11,700,000	\$11,700,000

**DESCRIPTION:** A nonrefundable credit may be claimed against personal income taxes for the amount of qualified political contributions made, not to exceed \$50 (\$100 for a joint return). The credit may not be taken for joint filers with adjusted gross income above \$200,000, or for single filers with adjusted gross income above \$100,000. Qualified political contributions include cash contributions to a major or minor political party; to candidates for state, federal or local elective office; or to political action committees in the state. Credits that cannot be used because of insufficient tax liability in the current year may not be carried forward to later years.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to increase participation in the political process.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Taxpayers who make cash contributions to political candidates or parties or political action committees. Usage of the credit is generally highest during presidential election years. The table below shows usage of this credit for tax year 2014.

2014 Personal Income Tax Filers				
Income Group of Full-Year Filers*	Number of Filers Using Credit	Average Revenue Impact of Credit	Revenue Impact (\$ millions)	Percent of Revenue Impact by Income Group
Below \$13,300	3,300	\$27	\$0.1	2%
\$13,300 - \$27,600	7,850	\$42	\$0.3	6%
\$27,600 - \$49,300	12,900	\$55	\$0.7	14%
\$49,300 - \$87,500	24,280	\$65	\$1.6	31%
Above \$87,500	30,550	\$81	\$2.5	48%
<b>All Full-Year Filers</b>	<b>78,880</b>	<b>\$66</b>	<b>\$5.2</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Part-Year and Nonresident Filers</b>	<b>3,100</b>	<b>\$62</b>	<b>\$0.2</b>	

\*Each income group contains 20 percent of the full-year filers (approximately 336,000)

**EVALUATION:** *by the Secretary of State*

Data provided by the Department of Revenue starting in 1990 indicates growth in the percentage of taxpayers using the credit from a low of 3 percent in 1997 to an all-time high of 6.8 percent in 2008. The percentage of taxpayers claiming the credit varies each year and the difference in number of taxpayers using the credit could be attributed to many factors, including the profile of candidates on the ballot, the number and subject matter of ballot measures, and the general political environment at the time.

It is difficult to determine whether this expenditure has been effective in achieving its purpose. The credit amount is relatively small at \$100 on a joint return, and the tax credit is low compared to the amount of contributions an individual could make in a

given year. It's also unclear how much the tax credit affects the number of people participating in comparison to the amount of money a donor will contribute. Additionally, since the tax credit has been in effect since 1969, it is difficult to compare how many Oregonians will participate without the tax credit. Many candidates and political committees highlight the tax credit as a fundraising tool, yet the average percentage of taxpayers claiming the credit since 2000 is 5.1 percent.

We are unable to determine if a tax expenditure is the most fiscally effective means of increasing public participation in the political process. The Campaign Finance Reform Task Force created by the Legislature in 2015 is currently reviewing the merits of this tax credit in diversifying both the donations received by campaign committees and the donor base for political giving.

### 1.453 OREGON CULTURAL TRUST

**Oregon Statute:** 315.675  
**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2019  
**Year Enacted:** 2001

**Carryforward:** No  
**Refundable:** No  
**Transferable:** No

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	\$8,700,000	\$8,700,000

**DESCRIPTION:** A credit is allowed against personal or corporation income tax for contributions made to the Trust for Cultural Development Account of the Oregon Cultural Trust. In order to qualify for the credit, the taxpayer must first make a contribution to one of the more than 1,400 Oregon cultural organizations that is exempt from federal income taxes per 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3) and then make a contribution of equal or lesser value to the Trust for Cultural Development Account. The credit is equal to the amount of the contribution to the Trust for Cultural Development Account, and may not exceed \$500 for a single filer, \$1,000 for joint filers, and \$2,500 for corporations. Married taxpayers filing separate returns may claim a share of the allowed joint credit in proportion to the contribution made by each spouse. The amount of the credit is prorated for nonresidents and part-year residents. This credit may not exceed the tax liability of the taxpayers, and may not be carried forward to another tax year.

Legislation in 2013 extended the scheduled sunset of the provision from December 31, 2013 to December 31, 2019.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to create incentives for increased cultural development in Oregon through Trust grant making and to encourage direct donations to Oregon-based nonprofit entities organized primarily for the purpose of producing, promoting, or presenting the arts, heritage, history, and humanities to the public, or for identifying, documenting, interpreting or preserving cultural resources.

**WHO BENEFITS:** For tax year 2013, fewer than 10 corporate taxpayers benefited from this credit. These taxpayers reduced their tax liability by \$1,400, on average. The table below shows personal income tax usage of this credit for tax year 2014.

2014 Personal Income Tax Filers				
Income Group of Full-Year Filers*	Number of Filers Using Credit	Average Revenue Impact of Credit	Revenue Impact (\$ millions)	Percent of Revenue Impact by Income Group
Below \$13,300	60	\$65	<\$0.1	<1%
\$13,300 - \$27,600	140	\$137	<\$0.1	<1%
\$27,600 - \$49,300	410	\$207	\$0.1	2%
\$49,300 - \$87,500	1,330	\$334	\$0.4	12%
Above \$87,500	5,170	\$607	\$3.1	85%
<b>All Full-Year Filers</b>	<b>7,130</b>	<b>\$518</b>	<b>\$3.7</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Part-Year and Nonresident Filers</b>	60	\$305	<\$0.1	

\*Each income group contains 20 percent of the full-year filers (approximately 336,000)

EVALUATION:

by the Oregon Cultural Trust

Oregon Cultural Trust (OCT) is nationally recognized for its engagement of citizens around cultural issues and coalition members' reach and dedication to serving the state. In the past ten years (2005-2015), the total number of contributions is 81,971, with an average of 10,000 individuals donating annually. Fiscal year 2015 was a record year with 9,155 contributions for a total giving of \$4,566,603, with an average giving amount of \$535 per individual. Annually, about one half of the income from contributions (50-40 percent) is allocated to the Trust corpus, ensuring the health and growth of the cultural sector in Oregon for future generations. The balance (no less than 50 percent, but no more than 60 percent) is granted to Cultural Development Grant Program, Community Participation Grant Program, and Core Partner Agencies. Through a competitive peer review process administered by OCT awards are strategically made to fulfill the OCT's mission, to lead Oregon in cultivating, growing and valuing culture as an integral part of communities. OCT does this by inspiring Oregonians to invest in a permanent fund that provides annual grants to cultural organizations. Final report and plans are also reviewed annually by the OCT for compliance and impact.

The Trust for Cultural Development Account serves as a repository for both public and private moneys designated to fund specific arts, heritage and humanities program. Under the direction of the Trust Board, each fiscal year the Oregon Cultural Trust (OCT) disburses no less than 50 percent, but no more than 60 percent of the amount in the Trust for Cultural Development Account on July 1. The OCT may use up to \$400,000 of the total amount disbursed from the account for administration, with a cost of living increase applied annually. The balance of the amount disbursed from the account is distributed in the following three ways: Cultural Development Grant Program (50 percent), Community Participation Grant Program (25 percent), and Core Partner Agencies (25 percent).

The Cultural Development Grant Program provides preservation of, stabilization of and investment in Oregon's cultural resources. Grants address significant opportunities to advance, preserve or stabilize cultural resources, and invest in the development of new cultural resources. Grant awards are required to be matched 1:1 and have a broad cultural impact, and applicants must have culture as a priority within their mission.

The Community Cultural Participation Grant Program provides funds to counties and Oregon's federally recognized Indian tribes, collectively called the "County Coalition

Members", for local cultural activities. Each applicant must develop a local cultural plan that identifies priorities specific for building public cultural participation across cultural disciplines and organizations. Each member must also identify annual benchmarks and involve local leadership and governance for grant fund management and plans must be broadly disseminated within each county or tribe.

The Core Partner Agencies program enables the agencies to carry out their missions and mandates, serve more grantees, encourage new cultural undertakings, and research and investigate ways in which culture and related cultural policy will impact the state in the future. The core partner agencies are the Oregon Arts Commission, Oregon Humanities, the State Historic Preservation Office, the Oregon Heritage Commission, and the Oregon Historical Society.

### 1.454 PERSONAL EXEMPTION

**Oregon Statute:** 316.085

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1985

**Carryforward:** No

**Refundable:** No

**Transferable:** No

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$1,164,300,000	\$1,164,300,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$1,201,800,000	\$1,201,800,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Oregon personal income taxpayers receive a personal exemption credit for each taxpayer and dependent represented on the return. Individuals who can be claimed as a dependent on another's return cannot claim a credit on their own return. The amount of the credit is indexed to inflation and is \$195 in 2016. In 2013, the Legislature eliminated all personal exemption credits for joint filers with adjusted gross income above \$200,000, and for single filers with adjusted gross income above \$100,000. The amount of the credit is prorated for nonresidents and part-year residents.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to provide a minimum level of tax-free income for all Oregon personal income taxpayers.

WHO BENEFITS: Oregon personal income taxpayers, except those who are claimed on another taxpayer's return. The table below shows usage of this credit for tax year 2014.

2014 Personal Income Tax Filers				
Income Group of Full-Year Filers*	Number of Filers Using Credit	Average Revenue Impact of Credit	Revenue Impact (\$ millions)	Percent of Revenue Impact by Income Group
Below \$13,300	259,290	\$82	\$32.7	6%
\$13,300 - \$27,600	327,900	\$164	\$98.1	17%
\$27,600 - \$49,300	335,090	\$178	\$121.9	22%
\$49,300 - \$87,500	335,730	\$183	\$140.3	25%
Above \$87,500	335,780	\$187	\$167.8	30%
<b>All Full-Year Filers</b>	<b>1,593,800</b>	<b>\$168</b>	<b>\$560.7</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Part-Year and Nonresident Filers</b>	<b>251,450</b>	<b>\$77</b>	<b>\$42.2</b>	

\*Each income group contains 20 percent of the full-year filers (approximately 336,000)

EVALUATION: *by the Department of Revenue*

The credit achieves its purpose of providing a level of tax-free income for personal income taxpayers, and because the credit is granted for each qualifying taxpayer and dependent, the credit increases with family size. This tax relief is in the form of a credit rather than a deduction, so it provides more tax relief, relative to incomes, to lower income taxpayers, increasing the progressivity of Oregon's income tax.

### 1.455 OREGON VETERANS' HOME PHYSICIANS

**Oregon Statute:** 315.624

**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2021

**Year Enacted:** 2007, Modified in 2015 (HB 2171)

**Carryforward:** No

**Refundable:** No

**Transferable:** No

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000

DESCRIPTION: A credit against personal income tax is allowed for physicians who provide medical care to residents of an Oregon Veterans' Home. The credit is \$1,000 for every eight residents to whom the physician provides care, with a maximum of \$5,000 per year. To qualify for the credit, a physician cannot miss more than 5 percent of scheduled visits with residents as verified by a letter from an Oregon Veterans' Home. The letter must be submitted with the corresponding tax return. Nonresidents and part-year residents must multiply their credit by their Oregon percentage.

A qualifying taxpayer may claim both this credit and the rural medical practitioner credit (see 1.405, Rural Medical Practice).

Legislation in 2015 extended the scheduled sunset of the provision from December 31, 2015 to December 31, 2021.

PURPOSE: The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. According to the legislative staff revenue impact statement for HB 2171, the purpose of this

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credit is "... to improve access to long-term, specialized residential care for veterans living in an Oregon Veterans' Home."

**WHO BENEFITS:** Physicians providing care to residents of an Oregon Veterans' Home. Oregon has two Oregon Veterans' Homes, one in The Dalles and one in Lebanon. Eleven personal income taxpayers claimed this credit for tax year 2014.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

**1.456 CERTAIN RETIREMENT INCOME**

**Oregon Statute:** 316.157  
**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2019  
**Year Enacted:** 1991

**Carryforward:** No  
**Refundable:** No  
**Transferable:** No

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Taxpayers who are 62 or older and receiving taxable retirement income are allowed a credit against personal income taxes of up to 9 percent of their net pension income. Net pension income is all retirement income included in federal taxable income, except federal pensions excluded from Oregon taxable income (see 1.321, Federal Pension Income) and Social Security benefits, which are not taxed by Oregon. Thus net pension income consists of private, state, local, and some federal government pensions and distributions from deferred compensation plans, IRAs, SEPs, and Keoghs.

Net pension income qualifying for the credit is limited. The limit is \$7,500 (\$15,000 if married filing jointly) minus Social Security benefits minus household income over \$15,000 (\$30,000 if married filing jointly).

To qualify for the credit, the taxpayer must meet all of the following conditions:

- Household income of \$22,500 or less (\$45,000 or less if married filing jointly)
- No more than \$7,500 (\$15,000 if married filing jointly) in Social Security and/or Tier 1 Railroad Retirement Board benefits
- Household income plus Social Security and Tier 1 Railroad Retirement Board benefits of \$22,500 or less (\$45,000 if married filing jointly).

Taxpayers may claim this credit or the credit for the elderly or the disabled (see 1.408, Elderly or Permanently Disabled), but not both.

Legislation in 2013 extended the scheduled sunset of the provision from December 31, 2013 to December 31, 2019.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to provide tax relief to retired low income taxpayers.

**WHO BENEFITS:** The number of personal income taxpayers claiming the credit has declined significantly over the years. Approximately 53,000 taxpayers used it for tax year 1991, dropping to fewer than 4,000 for tax year 2014. The average amount saved in Oregon tax using this credit has also decreased from about \$300 in tax year 1991 to about \$170 in tax year 2014. When federal pension income became exempt from taxation in 1998, the use of this credit declined substantially. It has also declined with increases in Social Security benefits which are not taxed by Oregon. The table below shows usage of this credit for tax year 2014.

<b>2014 Personal Income Tax Filers</b>				
<b>Income Group of Full-Year Filers*</b>	<b>Number of Filers Using Credit</b>	<b>Average Revenue Impact of Credit</b>	<b>Revenue Impact (\$ millions)</b>	<b>Percent of Revenue Impact by Income Group</b>
<b>Below \$13,300</b>	1,040	\$65	\$0.1	10%
<b>\$13,300 - \$27,600</b>	1,650	\$184	\$0.3	47%
<b>\$27,600 - \$49,300</b>	1,010	\$269	\$0.3	42%
<b>\$49,300 - \$87,500</b>	0	\$0	\$0.0	0%
<b>Above \$87,500</b>	0	\$0	\$0.0	0%
<b>All Full-Year Filers</b>	3,710	\$174	\$0.6	100%
<b>Part-Year and Nonresident Filers</b>	70	\$142	<\$0.1	

*\*Each income group contains 20 percent of the full-year filers (approximately 336,000)*

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Human Services*

This tax expenditure appears to achieve its purpose. It provides added financial security to those eligible and contributes to their ability to remain self-sufficient. By encouraging financial independence, this provision reduces demand for other state funded services and saves the state money. This tax expenditure will become increasingly important as the population distribution changes. Current forecasts indicate that current retirement savings are not nearly sufficient to support future retirees in their accustomed lifestyles.

## 1.501 PUBLIC WAREHOUSE SALES THROWBACK EXEMPTION

**Oregon Statute:** 314.665

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 2005

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Not Applicable	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Not Applicable	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** For the purposes of taxation, income of corporations doing business in more than one state is apportioned based on Oregon sales relative to sales in all other states. Sales outside the state that originate in Oregon can be taxed in Oregon, known as a throwback, if the sales are to the federal government or are made in another state where the company is not subject to tax (does not have nexus).

This measure exempts certain corporations from throwing back sales. To qualify for the exemption, the corporation's sole activity in Oregon must be the storage of goods in a public warehouse or storing goods in a public warehouse and with employees in the state whose sole the purpose is to solicit sales.

Public warehouse means:

- A warehouse owned or operated by a person that does not own the goods stored in the warehouse
- Does not include a warehouse that is owned by a person that is related to the person that owns goods that are stored in the warehouse, or an affiliate of the person that owns goods that are stored in the warehouse.

The Department of Revenue may determine if a corporation's activities fit this definition of a public warehouse.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to encourage development and expansion of public warehouses in Oregon.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Corporate taxpayer with a public warehouse. No known taxpayer benefits from this provision.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 1.502 TAX RATES FOR CERTAIN PASS THROUGH INCOME

**Oregon Statute:** 316.043(2)

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 2013

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$205,000,000	\$205,000,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$239,000,000	\$239,000,000

**DESCRIPTION:** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2015, taxpayers with nonpassive income attributable to a partnership or S-corporation may make a one-time, irrevocable election on the original return for the nonpassive income to be taxed at the following marginal rates:

<u>Net Nonpassive Income</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>
\$1 to \$250,000	7.0%
\$250,001 to \$500,000	7.2%
\$500,001 to \$1,000,000	7.6%
\$1,000,001 to \$2,500,000	8.0%
\$2,500,001 to \$5,000,000	9.0%
More than \$5,000,000	9.9%

These brackets are not adjusted for inflation; however, the rates may be adjusted effective January 1, 2019 and again on January 1, 2023 if the revenue loss due to use of this provision varies significantly from the anticipated loss, as directed by statute (ORS 316.044).

Generally, personal taxable income below \$250,000 would be taxed at marginal rates from 5 to 9 percent, and income over \$250,000 (\$125,000 for single or married filing separately) would be taxed at a marginal rate of 9.9 percent.

Nonpassive taxable income is reduced by nonpassive losses. Nonpassive income and loss are income and loss other than from passive activity as determined under section 469 of the Internal Revenue Code. Nonpassive income does not include wages, interest, dividends or capital gains.

The partnership or S-corporation must employ at least one person who is not an owner, member or limited partner of the partnership or S-corporation. The employee must work at least 1,200 hours of work in Oregon by the close of the tax year. In determining this requirement, only hours worked in a week in which a worker works at least thirty hours may be considered. The taxpayer must materially participate in the trade or business. Legislation passed in 2014 (SB 1534) clarified the definition of material participation to match the definition in section 469 of the federal Internal Revenue Code.

The only addition or subtraction allowed in the calculation of nonpassive taxable income for which the taxpayer used the reduced rates listed above is the depreciation adjustment directly related to the partnership or S-corporation. Taxpayers who elect to use these rates may not join in the filing of a composite return under ORS 314.778.

A nonresident may apply reduced rates only to nonpassive income earned in Oregon. Part-year residents calculate the tax due on the nonpassive income based upon the proportion of nonpassive income in Oregon by the nonpassive income from all sources.

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**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. According to the legislative staff revenue impact statement for HB 3601 (2013), the purpose of this provision "...is to encourage small business growth and investment."

**WHO BENEFITS:** Taxpayers who have nonpassive income attributable to a partnership or S corporation and who elect to be taxed at preferential rates.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Oregon Business Development Department*  
This tax expenditure may contribute to the strength of the Oregon economy by encouraging greater activity by certain smaller-sized companies. The department, however, lacks the data or direct experience to address it further.

### 1.503 INCOME AVERAGING FOR FARMERS

**Oregon Statutes:** 314.297  
**Sunset Date:** None  
**Year Enacted:** 2001

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Applicable	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Personal income taxpayers may elect to average all or some of their current tax year's farm income by shifting that farm income to the three prior years, when calculating their Oregon tax liability.

For the current year, the taxpayer subtracts their elected farm income from their total taxable income. The tax is then computed on that new value of taxable income using the current tax year's tax rates. To that tax is added the cumulative increase in the tax that would result from adding one-third of the elected farm income to the taxable income for each of the three prior years.

The elected farm income can include gain on the sale of farm assets, with the exception of gain on the sale of land.

If the taxpayer has current tax year farm income higher than their taxable income for one or more of the three prior years, because of Oregon's progressive tax rate structure, it is possible that the taxpayer's tax liability computed by the farm income averaging method can be less than the tax liability computed by the normal method.

Even though the Oregon statute allowing income averaging for farmers does not have an explicit connection to the federal tax code for farm income averaging, the method in Oregon's statute follows that in the federal tax code.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to allow personal income taxpayers to compute their Oregon personal income taxes on farm income following the federal farm income averaging method, whose purpose according to the Congressional Research Service is to mitigate the adverse tax consequences of fluctuating incomes under a progressive tax structure.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Taxpayers whose main source of income is agricultural production. For tax year 2014, approximately 700 individuals saved a total of about \$820,000 of Oregon tax using this provision.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Agriculture*

From year to year, the vast majority of farmers can receive substantial price swings for their commodity. Farmers also have very little control over the cost of their expenses. Subsequently, farmers are traditionally 'price takers, not price makers'. Matching the Oregon tax code to the federal code and allowing farmers to use income averaging is consistent and provides a tool for farmers to smooth out their financial management. The fact that about 700 farmers use this tool indicates its importance.

## 1.504 CAPITAL GAINS FROM FARM PROPERTY

**Oregon Statutes:** 316.045, 317.063 and 318.020

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 2001

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000

**DESCRIPTION:** If a taxpayer sells or exchanges capital assets used in qualified farming activities, a reduced tax rate of 5 percent is available on the realized capital gain. The sale or exchange must represent termination of all the taxpayer's ownership interests in farming business, or a termination of all the taxpayer's ownership interests in property that is used in a farming business.

The sale of ownership interests in farming corporation, partnership, or other entity qualifies for the special tax rate. A personal income taxpayer must have at least a ten percent ownership interest in the entity before the sale or exchange.

**PURPOSE:** The statutes that allow this expenditure do not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to lower the tax burden on farmers liquidating their farming businesses, allowing transition farmland to continue in farm use, and the owners to retain capital they have accumulated over years of investment in an operation.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Property owners who terminate a farming business benefit by realizing more of their capitalized equity. For tax year 2014, approximately 160 individuals saved a total of about \$1,100,000 of Oregon tax using this provision.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Agriculture*

Farmers build equity in their operations over time through ownership (paying down debt), appreciation, and improvements. Years of work are capitalized into the land, buildings, and equipment used to operate a viable farm business, which represents the retirement savings for the farm family. Capital gains taxes can substantially reduce the retirement "savings" of farmers and discourage land sales. Many retired farmers lease or rent out their land because of the capital gains penalty from selling. This simply pushes the tax burden to those inheriting the assets at the owner's death.

The average age of farmers in Oregon is over 59 years of age. These farmers own more than 50 percent of the farmland in Oregon; this farmland is destined to change hands in the next decade. Lower capital gains rates for those leaving agriculture achieve the purpose of an orderly transfer of ownership with a more secured retirement for older farmers. Lower capital gains taxes also support Goal 3 (to preserve and maintain agricultural lands) in Oregon’s Statewide Planning Goals and Guidelines for Land Use by keeping farmland in farm use.

### 1.505 NONRESIDENT INCOME FROM DISASTER OR EMERGENCY RELATED WORK

**Oregon Statute:** ORS 401.690  
**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2020  
**Year Enacted:** 2015 (HB 2566)

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available *
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available *

*\*Due to the uncertain nature of natural disasters, the revenue impact cannot yet be determined.*

**DESCRIPTION:** An out-of-state emergency service provider, whether a business or an individual, is exempt from corporate or personal income tax when operating solely for the purposes of performing disaster or emergency-related work on critical infrastructure in Oregon. For purposes of this exemption a disaster must have been declared to exist within this state by the President of the United States or the Oregon Governor.

This tax expenditure generally grants these benefits for disaster or emergency-related work conducted by an out-of-state business:

- The activity may not be used as the sole basis for determining that a corporation is doing business in Oregon.
- The business income from that activity is not considered for apportionment of corporate income to Oregon.
- Income from that emergency work cannot be the sole basis of imposition of corporate income and excise taxes on the business.
- The activity may not be used as the sole basis for the business to be required to register with the Oregon Secretary of State or that the business comply with state and local professional licensing or registration requirements.

For individuals, an out-of-state employee who performs disaster or emergency-related work during a declared emergency is not taxed as a resident, nonresident, or part-year resident, is not considered to have established domicile or residence in this state, and is not subject to withholding.

Businesses and individuals exempted under this provision are still required to pay appropriate transaction taxes and fees, such as the lodging tax, except as otherwise exempted by law.

Because the legislation enacting this statute did not explicitly set a sunset for this tax expenditure, ORS 315.037(3) establishes the sunset as six years after the first effective tax year. In this case, the last effective tax year is 2020.

**PURPOSE:** “To ensure that businesses may focus on quick response to the needs of this state and its residents during a declared disaster or emergency, it is appropriate for the Legislative Assembly to deem that this activity for a reasonable period of time before, during and after the disaster or emergency for repairing and restoration of the often devastating damage to critical infrastructure in this state as defined in section 3 of this 2015 Act does not establish presence, residency, doing business in this state or any other criteria for purposes of state and local taxes or licensing and regulatory requirements.” ORS 401.680(5)

**WHO BENEFITS:** Out of state companies and employees providing emergency services in Oregon.

**EVALUATION:** *Office of Emergency Management*

To date Oregon has not suffered from a catastrophic disaster which would require a massive influx of individuals or companies to come in and assist the State in recovery operations. The end goal of the legislation is to ease the barriers of entry for private industry in order to encourage support and investment to help return Oregon to its pre-disaster condition as quickly as possible.

## 1.506 APPORTIONMENT FOR UTILITY AND TELECOMMUNICATION COMPANIES

**Oregon Statute:** 314.280

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 2001

	Corporation	Personal	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$300,000	Not Applicable	\$300,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$300,000	Not Applicable	\$300,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Corporate taxpayers primarily engaged in the business of utilities or telecommunications may elect to apportion their business income to Oregon using an apportionment formula based on the double-weighted sales factor instead of the apportionment formula currently in place. Currently, the apportionment formula is based on purely on Oregon sales relative to sales in all states. The double-weighted sales factor is calculated as 50 percent of the sales factor plus 25 percent of the property factor and 25 percent of the payroll factor.

Changes in the apportionment formula are generally considered a change in the definition of the normal tax structure. The exception to the usual formula granted to utilities and telecommunication companies is included because it is optional, and affected companies will choose the option based on lowest cost.

Utilities and telecommunications firms may elect to use this alternative apportionment formula until they decide to revoke it. The revocation is done according to the rules, established by the Department of Revenue, and it applies to the tax year following the year in which the election is made and to all subsequent tax

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years. Because corporate taxpayers presumably use the method that results in the lowest tax liability, tax revenue from these corporations will be lower at least for the first year of using the alternative apportionment formula than it would be if either apportionment formula applied to all corporations.

**PURPOSE:** "...so as fairly and accurately to reflect the net income of the business done within the state..." (ORS 314.280).

**WHO BENEFITS:** Utility and telecommunication firms benefit by being able to choose between double weighted sales and the current apportionment formulas for telecommunication and utility firms established by ORS 314.280. On average, about 20 corporate taxpayers benefit from this alternative apportionment formula each year.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Public Utility Commission*

The state has deemed that allowing utilities and telecommunications companies to use the alternative apportionment formula provides a "fair and equitable" allocation of a corporate taxpayer's business income to Oregon. Firms that choose the alternative formula lower their Oregon tax liability and retain the benefit.

## CHAPTER 2. PROPERTY TAX

The property tax is Oregon's second largest source of revenue, providing most of the revenue for nonschool local governments and roughly one quarter of the revenue for school districts. Total property taxes imposed, including taxes for urban renewal agencies, are forecast to total \$12.3 billion in the 2015–17 biennium and \$13.1 billion in the 2017-19 biennium.

The major features of Oregon's property tax system are largely defined by two voter-approved ballot measures: Measure 5 in 1990 and Measure 50 in 1997. Measure 5 placed constitutional limits on the amount of tax that could be levied on a property for most purposes. Measure 50 cut property taxes and made three fundamental changes to the structure of the property tax system: first, it replaced most tax levies with limited permanent tax rates; second, it rolled back the assessed value of every property in the state to 90 percent of its 1995–96 assessed value; and third, it limited the future growth in each property's maximum assessed value to 3 percent per year.

The Department of Revenue also publishes an annual report that provides detailed statistics on Oregon's property tax system. The most recent edition of *Oregon Property Tax Statistics* can be found at [www.oregon.gov/DOR/Stats](http://www.oregon.gov/DOR/Stats).

### Property Tax Expenditures

The base for taxation for property taxes is generally all real property and all tangible personal property in Oregon, and is set by ORS 307.030. Tax expenditures occur when certain property are excluded from some or all taxation, or have reduced taxable value. There are three primary types of property tax expenditures: full exemption, partial exemption, and special assessment. With a full exemption, a property's entire value is exempt from all property taxes.

Partial exemptions exist in several different forms. For example, an exemption program may exempt only improvement value, but the land value continues to be taxed. Partial exemptions also result when taxable value for the property is frozen at a point in time, and all increases in value are exempt from taxation. Other properties may be exempt from their city tax rate but pay all other property taxes. Some exemptions apply only to taxing districts that have opted in, or have not opted out, of the tax exemption program.

The final primary type of property tax expenditure is known as a special assessment. Specially assessed properties are valued using an assessment technique that results in a lower taxable value than would be the case if the usual assessment practice were used.

### Revenue Loss and Shift

The revenue impact for property tax expenditures consists of two components: revenue loss and shift. Most property taxes levied in Oregon are through fixed tax rates. With these levies if a property is exempt from taxation then the taxing district simply raises less money than if the property were taxable. This direct loss of tax revenue is the much larger impact of property tax exemptions and special assessments, and is reported here as the "loss."

Some levies, mostly bond levies to repay debt, do not have a fixed tax rate and instead calculate the tax rate each year by dividing the amount of tax revenue needed that year across the value of all taxable properties. In these cases, if a property is exempt from tax the effect is to raise the overall tax rate on the remaining taxable properties. Therefore final amount of tax raised for the district will remain the same because the tax burden is shifted to the other properties. The amount of tax that would have been paid by the exempt properties that is instead paid by the remaining taxable properties is reported here as the "shift". More than 80 percent of all

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property taxes are from fixed tax rates, so the revenue losses due to property tax exemptions are much larger than the shifts.

Property tax expenditures also interact with other parts of the public finance system. Because the state General Fund also provides funding for schools using a statewide funding formula, some of the property tax revenue lost to school districts from tax expenditures is replaced by state funding. Therefore property tax exemptions have an indirect effect on the state General Fund. This replacement component is not included in the revenue impacts reported here. For all property tax expenditures, the detailed descriptions report both the revenue loss and shift separately, while Tables 1 and 2 at the beginning of this report include only the loss.

Whenever possible, the exempt assessed value is obtained from county or DOR property tax reporting. For some expenditures, the assessed value of the exempt properties is estimated using other data sources.

## 2.001 ACADEMIES, DAY CARE, AND STUDENT HOUSING

**Oregon Statute:** 307.145

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1957

2015-16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$1.4 billion

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$41,600,000	\$8,300,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$45,900,000	\$9,100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Property owned by a charitable or religious organization that is used for child care facilities, schools, academies, or student housing is exempt from property taxation under this provision. Child care facilities must be regulated by the Office of Child Care at the Department of Education unless exempted by rule. To qualify, the property must be used exclusively for, or in immediate connection with, educational purposes. The organization must file an application with the county assessor to claim the exemption.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to maintain tax treatment for certain school and child care properties that is comparable to the treatment provided to similar organizations under 2.086, Charitable, Literary, and Scientific Organizations.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Approximately 750 schools and day care properties in 16 counties were exempt in fiscal year 2015–16, with nearly half located within Multnomah County.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Education*

This tax expenditure is used by organizations that qualify through preschool programs administered through the Oregon Department of Education’s Early Learning Division – Oregon Prekindergarten and Preschool Promise. It reduces costs of these programs, which helps lay the groundwork for a child’s intellectual, emotional, social, and physical development. It also helps children get a good start in life by supporting strong parenting, appropriate education, and adequate nutrition and health care. The Oregon Prekindergarten and Preschool Promise programs serve children who are below the federal poverty level. Studies have shown that participation in a quality preschool program increases the chances of a child successfully completing school and holding a job while decreasing the chances of dropping out of school and needing public assistance. Money invested in our youth through this program means less money will be required later for more costly programs. It is a fiscally effective method of achieving its purpose.

Property Tax  
Full Exemption

## 2.002 STUDENT HOUSING FURNISHINGS

**Oregon Statute:** 307.195

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1957

2015-16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$4 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$100,000	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Generally, household furnishings that are leased with a housing unit are considered taxable. However, all personal property, furniture, goods, and furnishings in a student housing cooperative, fraternity, or sorority are exempt from property taxation so long as the housing is not rented out for profit.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to reduce the costs associated with college housing. In conjunction with 2.098, Fraternities, Sororities, and Cooperatives, this expenditure provides equitable treatment with those students living on campus in publicly owned dormitories; see 2.003, Leased Student Housing Publicly Owned, for more information.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Nonprofit organizations that rent furnished units to college students, which in turn benefits students by reducing rental rates.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission*  
This tax expenditure achieves its purpose. As with real property taxes, the tax exemption on personal property for not-for-profit student housing is a valuable provision in minimizing housing costs for students. It is a fiscally effective means of achieving its purpose.

## 2.003 LEASED STUDENT HOUSING PUBLICLY OWNED

**Oregon Statute:** 307.110(3)(a)

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1947

2015-16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$800 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$23,800,000	\$4,700,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$26,300,000	\$5,200,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Publicly owned property that is rented or leased for housing purposes to students attending a school or college is exempt from property tax. This provision applies to all student housing, such as residence halls and student family housing, owned by public universities and leased to students. Residence halls owned by private colleges generally fall under tax expenditure 2.001, Academies, Daycare, and Student Housing. This provision is an exception to the general rule that public property is taxable when held under contract of sale or leased to a private individual or business.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to reduce the costs associated with college housing.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Approximately 15,000 students who lease rooms or apartments from eight public colleges and universities.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission*  
This tax expenditure achieves its purpose and is critical to minimizing the cost of student housing. Housing costs are one of the major expenses to students, particularly at a time when their income generation is limited and generally committed to education expenses. Exempting these properties from taxes is a tremendous contribution in facilitating access to higher education.

## 2.004 HIGHER EDUCATION PARKING SPACE

**Oregon Statute:** 307.110(3)(f)

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1989

2015-16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: Included in 2.079, State and Local Property

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Included in 2.079	Included in 2.079
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Included in 2.079	Included in 2.079

**DESCRIPTION:** State-owned property rented for public parking is generally taxable. However, state property owned by public universities and rented to employees, students, or visitors for parking use is exempt from property tax. University spaces are taxable when rented to members of the general public who are not employees, students, or visitors.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to reduce the costs associated with attending, visiting, or working at a public university.

**WHO BENEFITS:** All eight higher education campuses rent parking spaces to students, employees, and visitors. Some are paved lots and others are parking structures built with bond revenue. Most of the value is in Portland at Oregon Health and Science University and Portland State University.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission*  
This tax expenditure achieves its purpose and is an additional element in providing access to higher education. Reducing the cost of parking for students, who generally have a severely limited income, is another means of providing financial assistance to students attending colleges and universities. Applying this exemption to all parking eliminates the administrative costs of separately tracking student and employee parking.

Property Tax  
Full Exemption

## 2.005 PRIVATE LIBRARIES FOR PUBLIC USE

**Oregon Statute:** 307.160

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1854

2015-16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$2.6 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Private property used as a library open to the public is exempt from property taxation. The exemption includes the real property, books, and furnishings dedicated to library use. Privately owned libraries open to the general public use the exemption while publicly owned libraries are exempt under tax expenditure 2.079, State and Local Property. The owner must file an application with the county assessor to claim the exemption. (ORS 307.162)

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to broaden the application of tax expenditure 2.086, Charitable, Literary, and Scientific Organization exemption, to public or private libraries, acknowledging the public contribution of these efforts as activities and services that relieves government from having to provide the same.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Nine libraries use this exemption within Benton, Coos, Lane, Multnomah, and Tillamook counties.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 2.006 LEASED HEALTH CARE PROPERTY

**Oregon Statute:** 307.110(3)(i)

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1999

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: Minimal

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** In general, when public property is held under contract of sale or is leased to a private individual or business, it is considered taxable. This tax expenditure exempts the property of a health district if the property is leased or rented for purposes of providing facilities for health care practitioners. The health district must reside in a frontier rural practice county, as defined by the Office of Rural Health. In 2016, ten counties were included in this category: Baker, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Lake, Malheur, Morrow, Sherman, Wallowa and Wheeler.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to encourage medical practitioners to practice in rural

areas by extending the public health district property tax exemption to property leased by health districts to private taxable entities.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Currently, one health district in Lake County and one health district in Sherman County benefit from this exemption.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Office of Rural Health*

This modest benefit costs local governments less than \$100,000 per biennium and affects only ten Oregon counties. It allows very fragile rural hospitals that are located in “frontier” communities to use a portion of their property to provide office space for physicians, without incurring a tax liability on those properties. Provision of adequate and convenient office space is often a critical factor in the recruitment and retention of rural physicians. Passage of this law has allowed Harney District Hospital to complete new office suites for its physicians and will play a significant role in allowing Wallowa Memorial Hospital in Enterprise to build a badly needed new facility.

## 2.007 SENIOR SERVICES CENTERS

**Oregon Statute:** 307.147

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1993

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$8.2 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$200,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$200,000	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Property that is owned by a nonprofit organization and used for senior services and qualified activities is exempt from property tax. To qualify, the property must be primarily used to provide services and activities primarily to people over age 50. Eligible services and qualified activities include food service programs, exercise and health screening, estate planning, crafts workshops, and dances or celebrations. If the property is used primarily for fund raising or as living quarters, then the exemption is not allowed. The nonprofit organization must file an application with the county assessor to claim the exemption.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to reduce the tax burden for organizations providing property and services to senior citizens.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Thirty senior service centers received this exemption in fiscal year 2015-16.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Human Services*

There is insufficient information at this time to determine if this tax expenditure achieves its purpose. While it does exempt properties that do not meet the requirements of tax expenditure 2.086, Charitable, Literary, and Scientific

Organizations, one concern is the restriction placed on fundraising. This condition often translates into a choice for senior service centers between fundraising and this property tax exemption. It is not likely that many centers will opt for the exemption over the fundraising, so questions of applicability and efficiency of this tax expenditure arise.

## 2.008 LAND OWNED BY NONPROFIT FOR PURPOSE OF BUILDING LOW-INCOME HOUSING

**Oregon Statute:** 307.513

**Sunset Date:** 6-30-2021

**Year Enacted:** 2015 (HB 2690)

2015-16 Estimate Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$7 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$200,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$200,000	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Upon application to the county assessor, land acquired and held by a nonprofit corporation for the purpose of building on the land residences to be sold to certain individuals is exempt from property tax. This exemption only applies to the land on which the residences are built.

To qualify for this exemption the individuals purchasing the home cannot have income greater than 80 percent of area median income, adjusted for family size, as determined by the Housing and Community Services Department. In addition, the nonprofit corporation must have sold at least one residence to a qualifying person in the 10 years prior to claiming this exemption. The exemption lasts for 7 years, or 10 years if a request for a 3-year extension is filed timely, or when the corporation has transferred title to the residence(s) on the land, whichever comes first.

This exemption has the potential for additional taxes to be due if the property is disqualified from exemption or the property is sold to a non-qualifying individual.

Because the legislation enacting this statute did not explicitly set a sunset for this tax expenditure, ORS 315.037(3) establishes the sunset as six years after the first effective tax year. In this case, the last effective tax year is 2020-21.

**PURPOSE:** The statutes that allow this expenditure do not explicitly state a purpose. According to the legislative staff revenue impact statement for HB 2690 (2015): “The policy purpose of this measure is to provide tax relief to land owning nonprofit corporations building residences to be sold to lower income individuals thus encouraging the development and availability of low income housing.”

**WHO BENEFITS:** Land-owning nonprofit corporations building residences to be sold to lower income individuals.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Housing and Community Services Department*

This expenditure achieves its purpose. By allowing a property tax exemption to nonprofit corporations, the cost of holding land and therefore the cost of development is decreased. This modest savings allows nonprofit corporations to acquire land for eventual development without incurring recurring tax costs. In addition the tax

savings allows for homes to be built with fewer subsidies, which then better enables the nonprofit corporations to set purchase prices so that they are affordable to households earning at or below 80 percent area median income.

## 2.009 AGRICULTURAL HOUSING AND DAY CARE FACILITIES

**Oregon Statute:** 307.485

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1973, Modified in 2015 (HB 2610)

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$13 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$300,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$300,000	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Eligible agricultural workforce housing and farm labor camps for farm laborers, and eligible day care facilities operated in conjunction with those housing facilities, are exempt from property tax. All property eligible for this exemption must be owned or operated by a nonprofit corporation. Community-based eligible agricultural workforce housing provides occupancy to active, retired, or disabled agricultural workers and their families and must comply with applicable building codes. An eligible farm labor camp is a place where housing, sleeping places, or camping grounds provide occupancy in compliance with applicable safety and health standards for agricultural labor housing. Eligible child care facilities must be certified by the Office of Child Care at the Department of Education and operated in conjunction with eligible farm labor housing.

An exemption claim with supporting documentation must be made each year with the county assessor.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. According to the legislative staff summary for HB 2610 (2015), the purpose of this exemption "... is to expand the availability of low cost housing and child care facilities for agricultural workers and their families, so long as the property meets applicable safety and health standards." (Legislative Revenue Office, *Revenue Measures Passed by the 78<sup>th</sup> Legislature: 2015 Session.*)

**WHO BENEFITS:** Nonprofit owners and operators of agricultural workforce housing, farm labor camps and associated day care facilities. In fiscal year 2015-16, counties reported 26 exempt farm labor housing properties in five counties; most are located in Umatilla or Washington counties.

**IN LIEU:** In lieu of real and personal property taxes, the nonprofit corporation owning or operating the exempt agricultural workforce or farm labor housing must make annual payments to the county treasurer equal to 10 percent of net rental income from the previous year.

Nonprofit corporations operating agricultural workforce or farm labor housing do not usually have a net rental income after depreciation, and generally make no in lieu of tax payments. When payments are made, they are usually small. Any funds collected are distributed to taxing districts where the exempt property is located.

Property Tax  
Full Exemption

EVALUATION: *by the Housing and Community Services Department*

This expenditure achieves its purpose. Without the tax exemption, the associated day care facilities may not be built or rehabilitated at all. Assuming that the difference between (a) the amount of property taxes that would be owed without this statute and (b) the amount of the payment in lieu of taxes that in fact is paid under the statute is passed along to the residents, then the benefit of the tax expenditure is easily calculated by the amount of the reduced rent or day care cost.

While an administrative improvement would be to eliminate the requirement that an application be filed every year, it is probably the trigger mechanism needed for the annual health and safety inspections.

## 2.010 FAIRGROUND LEASED STORAGE SPACE

**Oregon Statute:** 307.110(3)(d) and (e)

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1987

2015–16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: Minimal

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** In general, when public property is held under contract of sale or is leased to a private individual or business, it is considered taxable. This tax expenditure provides an exception to that general rule. County or state fairground land or buildings are exempt from property tax if they are used for certain purposes in addition to county fair use. Usage described in ORS 565.230(2), such as, exhibitions, shows, carnivals, circuses, dances, entertainment or public gatherings qualify. Storage of recreational vehicles or farm machinery and equipment and use of horse stalls also qualify.

While leasing storage space for livestock and equipment at fairgrounds is common, the duration of the leases are short enough and the sizes of space being leased small enough to make the revenue impact minimal.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to promote fairs by allowing fair boards to earn more revenue throughout the off-season to support fairs. Boards can receive higher rent because the renter pays no property taxes.

**WHO BENEFITS:** All 36 counties in Oregon hold county fairs; 34 counties have fairgrounds and most are able to benefit from this exemption. The State Fair has minimal leased property that is exempt under this statute. Since the assessment date is January 1, only property leased at that time would benefit.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 2.011 COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

**Oregon Statute:** 307.330

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1959

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$400 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$12,500,000	\$2,500,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$15,100,000	\$3,000,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Certain commercial and industrial buildings are exempt from property taxation while they are under construction. A new structure or an addition is exempt from property taxation if, on the January 1 assessment date, it meets the following requirements:

- The property is under construction, including additions to an existing structure.
- No part of the new structure or improvement has been or is in service for any commercial use or occupancy.
- The property is being built for the purpose of earning income.
- The property is not to be occupied for at least one year after construction began in the case of any non-manufacturing facility.
- The property is not centrally assessed (utility) property.

The exemption cannot be claimed for more than two consecutive years. Machinery and equipment at the building site also qualifies if it will be installed as real property in the structure. The property is listed on the county property tax assessment roll, but the assessment is canceled if proof that the property meets the above requirements is furnished to the assessor by April 1 of each assessment year.

The revenue impact estimates include those from the largely interchangeable tax expenditure 2.012, Construction in Process in an Enterprise Zone.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to encourage investment in business by delaying property taxes until the facility can earn income. Manufacturing firms in particular may not experience immediate cash flow.

**WHO BENEFITS:** In fiscal year 2015–16, 60 properties were exempt under this expenditure or under 2.012, Construction in Process in an Enterprise Zone. The use of this provision is driven by construction projects and fluctuates substantially. The majority of the exempt value is in Portland or nearby cities; 45 properties were in Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties. Seven properties were in Lane County.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Oregon Business Development Department*

This expenditure achieves its purpose by allowing new traded-sector investments to delay paying property taxes until they are much more likely to be able to earn income. Economic consequences are also relevant. New construction and investments might be significantly deterred by the additional up-front cost of paying property taxes on partially finished but still unproductive property.

This expenditure is also administratively effective and efficient. Alternatives to this expenditure would be to refund such taxes through direct payments or credits on other taxes. The administrative burdens and complexity of these alternatives suggest

that the current cancellation is the most fiscally effective means of achieving the purpose.

This program might be underutilized, probably because it is not widely known (aside from utilization with enterprise zones) outside the Portland and other metropolitan areas (as noted above); administrative technicalities may also limit its accessibility. Otherwise, it is available to all industry sectors consistent with its purpose, which has favored manufacturing for around 45 years.

## 2.012 CONSTRUCTION IN PROCESS IN AN ENTERPRISE ZONE

**Oregon Statute:** 285C.170

**Sunset Date:** None (Enterprise Zone expenditure sunsets 6-30-2025)

**Year Enacted:** 2003, Modified in 2015 (HB 2643)

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: Included in 2.011, Commercial Buildings Under Construction

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Included in 2.011	Included in 2.011
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Included in 2.011	Included in 2.011

**DESCRIPTION:** Property undergoing construction, addition, modification, or installation is exempt from property taxation for up to two consecutive years provided that it meets all the following requirements:

- The property is located in a current enterprise zone.
- The property is owned or leased by a business firm authorized by the local zone sponsor and county assessor to receive the standard enterprise zone exemption, 2.013, Enterprise Zone Business.
- The property will be qualified property upon completion, and there is no known reason to conclude that the property or firm will not satisfy the requirements for 2.013, Enterprise Zone Business.
- The property has not been exempt under 2.011, Commercial Buildings Under Construction.
- The property will not be centrally assessed.
- The property will not be operated as a hotel, motel, or destination resort.

This exemption is effectively an extension of 2.011, Commercial Buildings Under Construction, for properties that qualify for an enterprise zone exemption. If a property is exempt under both Commercial Buildings Under Construction and Construction in Process in an Enterprise Zone, the combined duration of the exemptions cannot exceed two consecutive years.

**PURPOSE:** “To stimulate and protect economic success ... throughout all regions of the state, but especially in those communities at the center of or outside major metropolitan areas for which geography may act as an economic hindrance ... by providing tax incentives for employment, business, industry and commerce and by providing adequate levels of complementary assistance to community strategies for such interrelated goals as environmental protection, growth management and efficient infrastructure” (ORS 285C.055).

WHO BENEFITS: See 2.011, Commercial Buildings Under Construction.

EVALUATION: *by the Oregon Business Development Department*

This program has already achieved its purpose in allowing for a more straightforward message about the new property to be exempt in an enterprise zone—both before and after that property is placed in service. Most standard enterprise zone projects, if they still have property in the process of construction/installation on January 1, will be able to avail themselves of this exemption. Consequently, this particular tax expenditure has contributed to the ability of Oregon’s enterprise zone system to attract and spur development and employment in especially interested and deserving parts of Oregon.

In any case, most such project property would be able to use the longstanding property tax expenditure 2.011, Commercial Buildings Under Construction. At times, however, that exemption would cover less property. Additional coverage under this provision compared to 2.011 include:

- A project of an authorized firm without new construction or additions to a building or structure, but rather only modifications to or installations of qualified property
- Nonmanufacturing facility (*e.g.*, distribution center) necessitating less than 12 months to build
- Qualified property items that once installed remain personal property
- Machinery and equipment installed directly on land and not inside a building or otherwise affixed to a structure
- Property that is still in the process of construction, reconstruction, modification or installation in a year, even after some part of the same facility or building has already been placed in service—property is severable with this program.

It is not possible to isolate and analyze usage of this tax expenditure independent of 2.011, Commercial Buildings Under Construction, because they both operate through parallel filing systems and are fundamentally interchangeable.

## 2.013 ENTERPRISE ZONE BUSINESSES

**Oregon Statute:** 285C.175

**Sunset Date:** 06-30-2025 (Exemption for property in reservation enterprise or partnership zones does not sunset.)

**Year Enacted:** 1985, Modified in 2015 (HB 2643)

2015–16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$2.5 billion

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$71,900,000	\$13,800,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$74,000,000	\$14,200,000

DESCRIPTION: Qualified real and personal property owned or leased and newly placed into service by a qualified business in an enterprise zone is exempt from property tax for three years. The exemption period may be increased to a total of four or five consecutive years.

## Property Tax Full Exemption

The business qualifies for this standard exemption if the business meets all of the conditions outlined in ORS 285C.135 and 285C.200, such as engaging in eligible business operations and increasing zone employment by the greater of one additional job or 10 percent. In order to be exempt, property of the business must satisfy applicable timing, lease, location and minimal cost requirements, described in ORS 285C.180. Property is disqualified if it is used for an ineligible activity, such as retail operations, or if the business substantially curtails operations or closes during the exemption period. When property becomes disqualified, prior exempt taxes are billed for payment.

Enterprise zones are customarily sponsored, designated and amended by city, port and county governments, subject to determination by the Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) of compliance with economic criteria, local taxing district consultations and other statutory requirements. With HB 2643 (2015), there is no longer a cap on the total number of these locally sponsored enterprise zones that may exist statewide.

In addition, nine federally recognized Indian tribes can each have OBDD designate one reservation enterprise zone comprising any of their tribal lands, or they may create any number of contiguous reservation partnership zones with a local government. These tribal zones do not have a programmatic sunset, but they are otherwise enterprise zones. Businesses in these tribal zones, even one not eligible for this standard exemption, might be able claim an income tax credit, see 1.419, Reservation Enterprise Zone (Income Tax).

As of September 2016, Oregon had 69 enterprise zones, of which 54 are categorized as rural, and 15, urban. They are spread throughout the state in 35 of the 36 counties and sponsored by 122 cities, 11 ports, 30 counties, and 2 Indian tribes. All enterprise zones terminate after 10 to 11 years. An authorized/qualified business using the zone when it terminates may continue to receive the exemption and may even grandfather, that is, it can be locally authorized for up to 10 years after zone termination subject to ongoing continuity of investment activity.

Property of an authorized business under construction or in the process of being installed in an enterprise zone is generally allowed to be exempt upon filing under 2.012, Construction in Process in an Enterprise Zone, for a maximum of two consecutive years.

Up to 15 existing enterprise zones may also be designated as an Electronic Commerce Enterprise Zone. In addition to the enterprise zone property tax exemption (but with an even lower cost minimum for many types of personal property items), this overlay designation allows businesses qualifying for this tax expenditure to also claim the income tax credit described in 1.420, Electronic Commerce Enterprise Zone (Income Tax). Qualified e-commerce businesses located in an electronic commerce city are also eligible for the income tax credit and this property tax expenditure.

Facilities specially approved by the zone sponsor in most of rural enterprise zones may alternatively use 2.014, Long Term Rural Enterprise Zones (Property Tax). That 7–15 year exemption differs from this standard exemption in its approval process, length of exemption period, the treatment of property under construction, necessary county location, and required minimum investment and employment criteria. In addition to the property tax incentive, an income tax credit is allowed for businesses

using that program if approved by the Governor, as described in 1.418, Long Term Rural Enterprise Zone Facilities (Income Tax).

Projects in a Rural Renewable Energy Development (RRED) Zone as described in 2.020, Rural Renewable Energy Development Zone, may receive this same standard enterprise zone exemption, but the RRED Zone program differs in three ways: 1) only certain types of renewable energy projects are eligible, 2) the zone areas are more expansive, generally countywide, and 3) there is a locally determined limit of up to no more than \$250 million for all exemptions in a given RRED Zone designation.

- PURPOSE:** “To stimulate and protect economic success ... throughout all regions of the state, but especially in those communities at the center of or outside major metropolitan areas for which geography may act as an economic hindrance ... by providing tax incentives for employment, business, industry and commerce and by providing adequate levels of complementary assistance to community strategies for such interrelated goals as environmental protection, growth management and efficient infrastructure” (ORS 285C.055).
- WHO BENEFITS:** Eligible businesses operating in an enterprise zone (or engaged in e-commerce operations in an electronic commerce city). Many of these businesses are manufacturers, across a wide array of subsectors, but they also include financial/service centers, headquarters, data centers, distribution facilities, hotels in some zones by local choice, and various other traded-sector business types.
- IN LIEU:** Businesses may make payments imposed by or agreed to with the zone sponsor under special cases as provided in statute. If a business is not satisfying one of certain program requirements, a one-time payment of that year’s tax savings may be made to the zone sponsor to avoid total retroactive disqualification.
- EVALUATION:** *by the Oregon Business Development Department*
- This tax expenditure achieves its purpose. The program continues to be associated with numerous job-creating investments (mostly by in-state companies). These jobs are located in more economically challenged areas and would help improve the existing residents’ quality of life through direct employment opportunities and indirect economic effects, including the initial impacts of construction. Although a few zones have been unable to foster new re/investment, most have had at least some activity.
- Undoubtedly, enterprise zone investments would have been made even without this tax incentive, but they would tend to be among the many smaller projects comprising relatively little exempt property value overall. As investment size grows, the present-value benefit of avoiding cash outlays for taxes during the first years of a project’s life becomes increasingly significant to business investors, not only in encouraging, attracting and retaining sizeable capital investments and associated traded-sector jobs in Oregon, but also significantly expediting and expanding the actual business operations. In addition, this program can militate these investments toward places with underutilized economic resources.
- Given moderate assumptions for an additive influence on business investment and employment due to this enterprise zone incentive, one might estimate respectable returns on investment (ROI) to the Oregon economy and to state and local public

revenues. Besides direct job creation, and related indirect and induced employment, there are longer-run property tax revenues: For decades, billions of dollars in taxable property value have been added to county assessment rolls at the conclusion of the standard exemption, taking account of depreciation. This was the basis of findings in a 2009 Legislative Revenue Office (LRO) study (#4-09) pursuant to SB 151 (2007) regarding this tax expenditure's ability to at least break even in a reasonably time frame due to additional assessed value following the exemption period. (Remarkably, this study also indicated effects on local economic measures) Again, some of the added property value would occur anyway, possibly with another business, but often not for a long time, as indicated anecdotally with the effect of newly designated enterprise zones on previously long unused parcels. Much of the once-exempt equipment is also not retired or removed for many years, or it may give rise to related/replacement investments that do not qualify for exemption.

The following estimates come from the latest reports annually prepared for the Department of Revenue by county assessor's offices, for which further quality checking may be warranted. These reports nevertheless show that 253 distinct projects (a few of which are by the same business firm) received a standard exemption on project property during the 2015–16 tax year. Another 74 businesses have claimed exemptions to initially begin in 2016–17, and 140 additional projects are proposed for future years as of October 2016 based on copies of local authorizations received by Business Oregon from nearly all enterprise zones; these new and future exemptions involve about 6,000 or more additional jobs, nearly 19,000 existing employees overall, and roughly \$3.9 billion of further investment.

With the 2015–16 exemptions, total full-time, year-round employees numbered more than 21,000 inside the enterprise zones in 2015, of which around 7,500 were jobs newly created with the exemption. Dividing estimated revenue losses over more than four years by these new direct jobs yields an average of \$12,000 to \$13,000 in property taxes per job. With any particular project, however, taxes-per-job range from less than \$100 to much more than \$100,000, skewing the average, so that it would drop dramatically if taking out a few of the most capital-intensive projects. Whether creating relatively many jobs or not, the larger investments typically enjoy five-year exemption periods, for which new employees must generally receive an especially elevated level of compensation, except in Portland metro-area urban zones.

Since the last biennium, this tax expenditure has witnessed major growth, much of it attributable to additional, often urban enterprise zones allowed by legislation since 2005. More recently, huge data center investments that are not using 2.014, Long Term Rural Enterprise Zone (Property Tax) are increasingly having an effect on revenue estimates. Property taxes forgone are exceptionally high per reported, direct job with data centers. How they will affect longer term property tax revenues in the years after exemption with their high rate of equipment turnover is not presently clear and could prove complicated.

In terms of equity issues, the zones are relatively common, their benefits are the same throughout the state, and the typical zone covers all qualified property within a defined area. These characteristics allow a wide spectrum of traded-sector businesses to participate while adhering to strictures for taxation in the State Constitution.

This expenditure is also fiscally effective. Administration is fairly simple, inexpensive, and minimizes the possibility of abuse. The short time frame of the exemption, three to five years, moderates revenue impacts. One alternative to this

property tax exemption would be an income tax credit, but that might be quite challenging to administer and enforce, and any anticipated lack of immediate tax liability would substantially lessen its attractiveness to businesses. There are also economic/administrative advantages and efficiencies with this type of expenditure compared to a directly funded grant to influence business development decisions about where to locate or expand.

Diverse enterprise zone programs are also found in most other states, which will often have additional incentives programs of the kind Oregon lacks. Oregon's enterprise zone system continues to stand out for its rural basis, local control, and reliance on property tax relief.

Finally, on a broad, statewide level, Oregon enterprise zones are one of, if not the state's premier tool for stimulating increased business investment across many traded-sector industries, including in competition with places outside of Oregon for retaining existing operations in Oregon. While many of the projects indicated above also involve other local and state efforts or programs, the standard exemption from property taxes is oftentimes the only significant inducement that the locality and Oregon can bring to bear.

## 2.014 LONG TERM RURAL ENTERPRISE ZONE (PROPERTY TAX)

**Oregon Statute:** 285C.409

**Sunset Date:** 06-30-2025

**Year Enacted:** 1997

2015–16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$2.1 billion

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$56,800,000	\$10,900,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$55,100,000	\$10,600,000

### DESCRIPTION:

The value of all new property and improvements at qualified large facilities in a rural enterprise zone can be exempt from property tax for 7 to 15 years. This new property can also be exempt while under construction for a period of time, the length determined by agreement between the business operating the facility and local zone sponsor.

To qualify for these exemptions, the business must have formal approval from the city and county, in which the proposed facility is located, as well as the zone sponsor agreement.

Unlike the standard, three- to five-year exemption (see Enterprise Zone Businesses, 2.013), any type of business is eligible for this tax expenditure, but besides location in a rural enterprise zone, the facility also needs to be inside a county that meets statutorily prescribed criteria for net out-migration or chronically low per capita income or high unemployment at the time of the agreement.

The locally qualified business must then meet specific requirements for minimum investment costs, new full-time hires, and average annual employee compensation at the facility, as shown below. If a qualified business fails to meet those requirements, previously abated taxes must be repaid.

**Minimum qualifications – long-term rural enterprise zone facility**

Criteria	If ≥ 10 miles from I-5	
	Any eligible site	
Investment (\$) by end of year when operations begin (including existing, nonexempt property)	1% total county real market value up to \$25 million	0.5% total county real market value up to \$12.5 million <sup>1</sup>
Full-time hires by business at facility	75 by end of 5 <sup>th</sup> year <sup>2</sup>	50, 35 or 10 by end of 3 <sup>rd</sup> year <sup>2,3</sup>
Average annual employee compensation (including benefits, <b>all</b> facility workers)	150% of county average annual wage by end of 5 <sup>th</sup> year, <sup>2</sup> based on the <b>then</b> most recently available, published figure	

<sup>1</sup> If > \$200 million, then only 10 or more jobs are required

<sup>2</sup> (Only) after the year in which facility operations commence

<sup>3</sup> 35 if county population ≤ 40,000; 10 if population ≤ 10,000.

A business receiving this property tax exemption that owns the facility may also claim a corporate excise tax credit, if approved by the Governor. Corporate tax payments made by eligible claimants for the credit are deposited into the Long Term Enterprise Zone Fund and are annually distributed to local property taxing districts. This distribution occurs whether or not the taxpayer effectively uses the credit. See tax expenditure 1.418, Long Term Rural Enterprise Zone Facilities (Income Tax), for more information.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose for this expenditure. Presumably, it expands on the purpose of the enterprise zone exemption: “To stimulate and protect economic success ... throughout all regions of the state, but especially ... outside major metropolitan areas for which geography may act as an economic hindrance ... by providing tax incentives for employment, business, industry and commerce and by providing adequate levels of complementary assistance to community strategies for such interrelated goals as environmental protection, growth management and efficient infrastructure” (ORS 285C.055).

**WHO BENEFITS:** Businesses operating large facilities in rural communities. As of July 2016, eight completed facilities of six distinct companies were receiving a long-term rural enterprise zone facility exemption. These facilities are located in Crook, Douglas, Morrow and Wasco counties.

**IN LIEU:** The written agreement between the business and the sponsor of the rural enterprise zone can include additional requirements that the sponsor may reasonably request, including but not limited to contributions for local services or public infrastructure benefiting the facility, and the agreements typically do provide for a schedule of other local payments during the exemption period, which can also substantially benefit sponsoring governments and the community.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Oregon Business Development Department*

Among them, the eight completed facilities noted above have more than 400 direct, full-time hires, annually making \$50,000 or more on average. They are located, however, in only four counties: Crook, Douglas, Morrow and Wasco. With only one wood-products manufacturer remaining, the program currently consists of food processors and especially data centers, including massive, follow-on investments by Apple, Facebook and Google. One of the four more recently certified facilities is in

Lake County and will produce biofuels, and the Jordon Cove liquefied natural gas (LNG) exportation facility is anticipated to be certified in Coos County.

It is possible, and perhaps likely, that if Oregon did not have this program, these major investments in rural areas would not have happened where they did in this state, and other prospective investors would not be looking so seriously at rural Oregon. In addition, these are very special projects, for which the probability is quite good that the property would not otherwise exist for taxation. Therefore, this provision appears to be having the intended effect on investment in Oregon.

For purposes of the distribution of state revenue in association with the tax credit noted above, counties provide a limited report to Department of Revenue of property taxes currently being forgone under this tax expenditure at the end of each calendar year. Compliance is entirely a local, *ad hoc* matter, for which Business Oregon has created optional, administrative tools to assist with enforcement.

## 2.015 BUSINESSES TRANSFERRING OR LEASING PROPERTY

**Oregon Statute:** Note following 285C.175

**Sunset Date:** 06-30-2016

**Year Enacted:** 2007

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$0

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$0	\$0
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$0	\$0

**DESCRIPTION:** The property of a business that engages in business activities or operations resulting from a transfer or lease of real property between the business and a public body was exempt from property taxation under the enterprise zone law if at the time of the transfer or lease of real property the following conditions were met:

- Business activities or operations of a business were located in a city that had population between 2,500 and 5,500 people
- The enterprise zone was located in a county that had population between 6,000 and 9,000 people.

Only businesses within the City of Burns met these conditions.

**PURPOSE:** “To stimulate and protect economic success...in those communities at the center of or outside major metropolitan areas for which geography may act as an economic hindrance...by providing tax incentives for employment, business, industry and commerce and by providing adequate levels of complementary assistance to community strategies for such interrelated goals as environmental protection, growth management and efficient infrastructure” (ORS 285C.055).

**WHO BENEFITS:** As of July 2016, no business qualified for this exemption.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 2.016 CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY A PORT

**Oregon Statute:** 307.110(3)(j) and note 2 following 307.110

**Sunset Date:** 07-01-2023

**Year Enacted:** 2013

2015-16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$32 Million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$700,000	\$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$700,000	\$100,000

- DESCRIPTION:** Beginning July 1, 2012, property owned by a port that is used or held for future use by a person other than the port pursuant to an agreement that obligates the person to provide common carrier rail freight service to shippers is exempt from property tax. The port must be organized under ORS chapter 777, have a board of commissioners appointed by the Governor, and be located in a county with a population of less than 450,000.
- PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. According to the legislative staff revenue impact statement for HB 3276 (2013), the purpose of this provision "...is to encourage infrastructure investment and operating agreements by ports in Oregon that help to retain and improve competitive multimodal transportation connections for Oregon communities and businesses. The investments would lay the groundwork for future economic development related to industrial and natural resource commodity movement."
- WHO BENEFITS:** In fiscal year 2015-16, one port met the criteria to receive this exemption. Property owned by the Port of Coos Bay and operated under an agreement by a taxable railroad company is exempt from property tax.
- EVALUATION:** *by the Oregon Business Development Department*  
Under this exemption a port can contract out operation of a port-owned rail line to a third party operator with experience and expertise in rail operations that the port does not possess. That third party operator must then provide common carrier rail freight service under its agreement with said port. The exemption benefits shippers and the public by helping to provide for more efficient rail operations, supporting economic activity and expansion.

## 2.017 BROWNFIELD DEVELOPMENT

**Oregon Statute:** Oregon Laws 2016, Chapter 96, Section 1 (1) (a)-(b)

**Sunset Date:** 01-01-2027

**Year Enacted:** 2016, (HB 4084)

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: Not Available

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Available	Not Available
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Available	Not Available

**DESCRIPTION:**

This provision allows a local governing body of a city, county, or port to adopt an ordinance or resolution providing for a program that offers property tax incentives of any land that constitutes a brownfield located within the jurisdiction of the city, county, or port. The property tax program as specified in the local ordinance may contain either or both of the following:

- Special assessment of the brownfield land
- Exemption or partial exemption of improvements and personal property on the brownfield land.

The following properties are not eligible for a local property tax incentive program:

- Properties centrally assessed by the Department of Revenue
- Industrial properties assessed by the Department of Revenue
- A federal Superfund site
- Any property granted any other special assessment, exemption or partial exemption.

The local ordinance does not become effective unless the districts representing at least 75 percent of the property taxes agree to the property tax incentive program.

Other elements of this program include:

- The owner of the property must obtain a site evaluation by a state registered geologist or professional engineer showing that the site needs remedial action due to the presence of hazardous substances.
- Initiating city/county/port specification of the period of the property tax incentive program, which cannot exceed more than 10 years. The ordinance may allow for an additional period, not to exceed five years.
- For ordinances that contain a provision for a special assessment, the special assessment shall be based on the real market value of the property if the property were not a brownfield minus the eligible costs required to clean up and contain the brownfield. Eligible costs include costs associated with site evaluations and remedial action, demolishing any existing improvements needed to complete remedial action, treating and disposing of hazardous waste and materials that contain hazardous waste, and constructing or modifying existing improvements to contain or abate hazardous substances. Eligible costs are reduced by government grants, tax credits, insurance proceeds or legal settlement funds received to offset remediation costs.

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- For an ordinance that contains an exemption or partial exemption of improvements and personal property on a brownfield, the ordinance must state the percentage of the exemption to be applied to the real market value of the improvements and personal property.
- A local government may adopt other criteria, so long as it does not conflict with the statutory provisions.
- The exemption will continue until the earlier of the exemption period expiring, the date on which the dollar amount of the benefit equals the eligible costs for the property, or discovery that the owner of the brownfield failed to comply with the agreement. If the land is specially assessed, the owner must report eligible costs incurred annually for purposes of verification against the benefit limit.
- Upon disqualification, the exempted taxes shall be added to the next tax roll.

If a local governing body adopts both a special assessment and an exemption or partial exemption program, the two tax program benefit must be granted concurrently for any property.

Applications are made to and approved by the local jurisdiction, and may require an application fee. Property approved for the benefits may also be charged a fee by the county assessor.

At any time, a local governing body may amend or repeal their program for property tax incentives related to brownfields. However, a property that is receiving a tax incentive brownfields program benefit at the point the program amended or repealed will continue to receive tax benefit that was in place at the time the tax benefit was initially granted.

Legislation in 2016 (HB 4084) enacted this provision. The last day a local governing body can adopt an ordinance as specified by this provision is January 1, 2027.

PURPOSE:

The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to allow the governing body of a city, state, or county, or port to provide a tax incentive program to encourage owners of brownfield land to take remedial action on the land, so that it is possible the land can be developed.

WHO BENEFITS:

Owners of brownfield land who take remedial action on that land.

EVALUATION:

*by the Department of Environmental Quality*

The legislation creating the brownfield property tax incentive option for local governments was passed during the during the 2016 legislative session. As of July 2016, no local government has enacted this new option so there is no experiential data yet available for evaluation. Furthermore, the number of local governing bodies who will utilize the opportunity to provide this tax incentive is not known. If authorized by a local government, it is expected that the incentive will contribute to creating a market for the brownfields properties, help in allowing for the cleanup and mitigation of these properties, and help to address the high costs of brownfield remediation that often hinder redevelopment opportunities throughout our communities in Oregon.

## 2.018 NEW INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY IN RURAL AREAS

**Oregon Statute:** Oregon Laws 2016, Chapter 112, Section 1 (2)(a) and Section 3 (1)(a)

**Sunset Date:** 01-01-2024

**Year Enacted:** 2016, (SB 1565)

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: Not Available

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Available	Not Available
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Available	Not Available

**DESCRIPTION:**

This provision allows a governing body of a city or county to adopt an ordinance or resolution granting a limited-duration property tax exemption or tax deferral for industrial property located within the boundaries of that city or county. The local ordinance does not become effective unless the districts representing at least 75 percent of the property taxes agree to the property tax incentive program.

The following criteria must be met according to the local governing body’s ordinance or resolution for the property to receive an exemption or tax deferral:

- The industrial property must be newly constructed or installed in a rural area. “Rural area” for the purpose of this provision is defined as an area located entirely outside of the urban growth boundary of a city with a population of 40,000 or more.
- The property must be newly constructed or installed industrial property must have a cost of initial investment to the purchaser of at least \$1 million and not more than \$25 million.
- The applicant must meet employment or other conditions per agreement with the city or county.
- Application must be filed timely with the initiating city or county by March 1, or with payment of a late fee as late as April 1 of the tax year in some cases. If approved and exempted, the county assessor may charge an annual fee to the applicant.

The exemption shall be granted as a 100 percent exemption of the real market value of the qualified property for any three out of five consecutive property tax years, unless the city or county specify otherwise.

If exempt property is not used in the manner or location for which it had been approved, or employment or other agreement terms are not met, the property may be disqualified from exemption and previously exempted tax would be charged on the next tax roll.

The county or city may specify in the ordinance or resolution:

- A minimum cost of initial investment greater than \$1 million,
- Any number of years not greater than five for which the exemption shall be granted,
- The percentage of real market value of the qualified property granted exemption each year, and

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- Different schedules in each property tax year for the number of exempt years and percentage of real market value exempt depending on the minimum cost of initial investment.

Instead of an exemption, a city or county may adopt an ordinance that defers the payment of tax that otherwise would be exempted as described above for qualified property. Interest is not accrued while the taxes are deferred due to the city or county ordinance. As with an exemption, the deferral cannot be granted for more than five years. The first year of deferred taxes are billed and due in the first tax year after the deferral ends. The second year of deferred taxes are billed and due in the second tax year after the deferral ends. This continues for each deferred year, year by year, until all deferred taxes are billed.

At any time, a city or county may amend or terminate their ordinance for exemption or deferral on qualified industrial property. However, a property that is receiving an exemption or deferral at the point the ordinance is amended or terminated will continue to receive the exemption or deferral that was in place at the time the exemption was initially granted.

Property cannot received this exemption or deferral and any other exemption or special assessment (excluding 2.011, Commercial Building Under Construction).

Legislation in 2016 (SB 1565) enacted this provision. The last day a local governing body can adopt an ordinance as specified by this provision is January 1, 2024.

PURPOSE:	The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. According to the legislative staff revenue impact statement for SB 1565 (2016), “The policy purpose of this measure is to allow cities and counties the ability to provide temporary property tax relief to industrial owners newly constructing or installing qualified industrial improvements in rural area, thereby encouraging business investment in such property and contributing to overall economic development.”
WHO BENEFITS:	Owners of industrial property in rural areas who construct or install new industrial property improvements.
EVALUATION:	<i>by the Oregon Business Development Department</i> This tax expenditure might contribute to economic development in Oregon by offering rural city/county jurisdiction a flexible alternative to enterprise zones (see exemption 2.013, Enterprise Zone Business) in a few cases. The department, however, lacks the data or direct experience to address it further.

## 2.019 INDUSTRY APPRENTICESHIP/TRAINING TRUST

**Oregon Statute:** 307.580

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1983

2015-16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$36 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$1,000,000	\$200,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$1,100,000	\$200,000

**DESCRIPTION:** All real and personal property owned, held under contract of sale, or leased by an industry apprenticeship or training trust is exempt from property taxation if the industry apprenticeship or training trust meets all of the following conditions:

- The trust is organized only for assisting or implementing training programs according to ORS Chapter 660, Apprenticeship and Training
- The property is used exclusively and actively in training
- The trust is exempt from federal income taxes
- The trust does not discriminate based on age, race, religion, sex, or national origin.

The organization must file an application with the county assessor to claim the exemption. Industries and occupations likely to benefit from this exemption may include carpentry, electrical, masonry, plumbing, sheet metal, painting, mechanical, and machinist trades.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to provide equity between training trusts and other private schools. Trusts cannot qualify for an exemption under other statutes because they are not incorporated and are prevented from doing so by federal regulation. Many skilled labor occupations require an apprenticeship period in order to obtain a license in Oregon, and apprenticeship trusts provide training often unavailable at traditional schools.

**WHO BENEFITS:** The exemption lowers the cost of operation to the apprenticeship trusts.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 2.020 RURAL RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT ZONE

**Oregon Statute:** 285C.362

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 2003

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$100 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$1,200,000	\$200,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$4,100,000	\$700,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Qualified property is exempt from property tax in a Rural Renewable Energy Development (RRED) Zone, if used for the generation of electricity from a “renewable energy resource” or for the manufacture, storage or distribution of biodiesel, ethanol or similar fuels made from applicable inputs, subject to hiring and other criteria.

Counties, cities in rural counties, or a combination of contiguous rural counties can request Oregon Business Development Department (Business Oregon) to designate them as a RRED Zone, encompassing all of the rural territory of the applicant jurisdiction(s), which is defined as any area outside the urban growth boundary of cities with a population of 30,000 or more. From 2006 to 2015, 14 counties were designated as RRED Zones, and one was re-designated to refresh the \$250-million cap discussed below. Three, expired in 2016 and were not renewed, so that 11 RRED Zones currently remain.

RRED Zones are indistinguishable from an enterprise zone in terms of the standard property tax exemption that it provides (see 2.013, Enterprise Zone Business). The geography for a RRED Zone is quite different from an enterprise zone, however. The entire territory of the applicant zone sponsor is designated as a zone, which is helpful in accommodating physically expansive developments, such as wind farms. In addition, a governing body of a zone sponsor (presently in all cases, the county government) may waive the employment requirement for projects with investment costs of \$5 million or more.

The overall amount of exemptions allowed within the zone is set by a local resolution with the zone’s designation, and by default, it cannot exceed \$250 million (increased from \$100 million in 2007) in real market value of property at the outset of the exemption.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose for this expenditure. Presumably, it is akin to that of the enterprise zone exemption, but specifically targeting renewable energy business development. See purpose of 2.013 Enterprise Zone Businesses.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Firms involved in the production of biofuels or electricity from renewable energy resources in rural communities. In fiscal year 2015–16, two projects received this exemption.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Oregon Business Development Department*

This expenditure has contributed to its purpose. Several businesses have placed projects into service, including biofuel production, community-size wind farms, geothermal power generation, and utility solar installations in rural areas, motivated in part it would seem by this incentive. Exempt 2015 projects employed at least 11

people full-time. (RRED Zone tax and other data are sometimes included as part of the annual county assessor reports required for standard enterprise zone exemptions, 2013, Enterprise Zone Businesses)

Biofuel projects can often just as easily use an existing enterprise zone, such that a RRED Zone designation offers only a convenient alternative for local governments. Initially suppressing actual use of this expenditure was the huge increase in the size of wind farms. As a result, such developments turned to a program more appropriate for their massive capital investments, see 2.101, Strategic Investment Program. After 2010, the RRED Zone program saw several different project types, but since then, use has subsided.

At the moment, upwards of 12 solar farms are authorized to begin exemptions anticipated during the 2017–19 biennium, but some of these and other potential solar energy projects may switch to or instead use another tax expenditure – 2.049, Solar Projects – reducing the estimated impacts above and future ones for this tax expenditure. In addition, even if using the RRED Zone program, these solar farms have generally received the \$5-million waiver noted above, absolving them of needing to create any job.

## 2.021 FEDERAL LAND UNDER SUMMER HOMES

**Oregon Statutes:** 307.183 and 307.184

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1975

2015-16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$56 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$1,300,000	\$200,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$1,400,000	\$200,000

**DESCRIPTION:** In general, when public property is held under contract of sale or is leased to a private individual or business, it is considered taxable. However, the land under summer homes that is owned by the Forest Service or Bureau of Land Management and used by permit or lease is exempt from property tax. The summer home, other buildings or structures, and improvements to the land (water or septic systems, electric service and landscaping) are all taxable to the lessee.

In 2013 the legislature removed the sunset for this exemption (SB 549).

**PURPOSE:** The statutes that allow this expenditure do not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to avoid the administrative difficulty of valuing federal property that has restrictions on land use.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Owners of summer homes on federal land.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 2.022 HOUSING AUTHORITY RENTAL UNITS

**Oregon Statute:** 307.092

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1937

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$800 Million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$24,500,000	\$4,900,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$26,000,000	\$5,200,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Property that is owned or leased by housing authorities is considered to be public property and is exempt from all state and local taxes and special assessments. This exemption does not apply to commercial property of the housing authority which is leased to taxable entity.

Property held in a partnership with private partners is also exempt so long as the housing authority is the general partner or manager of the property, and the property is used for housing low income persons.

Housing authorities are public corporations at the city or county level created under ORS 456.055. They provide affordable housing services to low income individuals and families.

**PURPOSE:** The exemption recognizes housing authority property as “public property used for essential public and governmental purposes” (ORS 307.092) and gives it the same exempt status as other public property. Presumably, the exemption also facilitates authorities providing lower rents to low income renters.

**WHO BENEFITS:** In tax year 2015-16, approximately 1,300 properties received this exemption.

**IN LIEU:** A housing authority can agree to make payments in lieu of tax payments for improvements, services, and facilities furnished by local governments, such as streets, lighting, water and sewer.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Housing and Community Services Department*

This expenditure achieves its purpose. Based on research, this statute was required with the federal Housing Act of 1937 that started housing authorities. Since then, the exemption has proven to be a critical component of housing authorities' ability to provide more units of housing and units at more affordable rates to very low income tenants.

The exemption achieves affordable rents in the following two ways. First, approximately 50 percent of housing authority tenants pay a rent of 30 percent of their income. That is the maximum they can pay under federal law in public housing—that is, federally subsidized, housing authority owned housing. The balance of their rent is paid by the federal government through the housing authority. Tenant rent cannot be increased if the cost of their housing unit is increased. The benefit of the property tax exemption in these units is that the housing authorities can make more units available to a larger number of tenants than if there were no exemption.

Second, approximately 50 percent of the tenants live in housing owned by housing authorities but not subsidized by the old federal public housing subsidies. Instead, this housing has been financed through a mix of commercial loans and “off market” financing sources including federal low income housing tax credits, the Oregon Housing Fund, and the property tax exemption. In these housing developments, rent

is not restricted to 30 percent of income. Even though the tenants are low income, their rents are directly related to construction and operating costs. The property tax exemption is a substantial part of making these units affordable to low income households.

The people who benefit from this expenditure have very low or no income at all. Clearly, fewer of them would have affordable housing, and some no housing at all, without this exemption. This exemption successfully achieves its purpose. The process for providing the exemption is very straightforward and easily administered; upon demonstration of a housing authority’s qualifying relationship to a given piece of property, the exemption is granted. It is unlikely that local jurisdictions would prefer to collect taxes and use them in a direct spending program to achieve the low income housing development that this exemption make possible. The exemption is also the most fiscally effective means of achieving its purpose.

## 2.023 LOCAL GOVERNMENT OWNED LOW INCOME HOUSING

**Oregon Statute:** 307.110(3)(h)

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 2013

2015-16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$4 Million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$100,000	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** In general, when public property is held under contract of sale or is leased to a private individual or business, it is considered taxable. However, property of any county or city, town or other municipal corporation or political subdivision of Oregon that is used for affordable housing or is leased or rented to persons of lower income is exempt from property taxation. A person of lower income is a person whose income is not greater than 80 percent of the area median income, adjusted for family size, as determined by the Oregon Housing and Community Services Department using United States Department of Housing and Urban Development information.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. According to the legislative staff revenue impact statement for HB 3112 (2013), the purpose of this provision “...is to provide cities and local governments with the ability to acquire property to build and maintain adequate low-income housing.”

**WHO BENEFITS:** In the 2015-16 tax year, one property in Portland benefited from this exemption.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Housing and Community Services Department*

This expenditure achieves its purpose. By allowing city and county affordable housing projects to be exempt from property taxation, the operating costs of the project are reduced. While not all cities and counties have the organizational and budget capacity to own and operate affordable housing, for those that do have the capacity, this reduction to operating costs serves as an incentive to acquire, build, and maintain affordable housing rental resources for low income households.

## 2.024 DEFENSE CONTRACTOR WITH FEDERAL PROPERTY

**Oregon Statute:** 307.065

**Sunset Date:** 6-30-2017

**Year Enacted:** 1965

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$0

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$0	\$0
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$0	\$0

**DESCRIPTION:** Property that is owned by the federal government and is in the possession of a private contractor upon an agreement with an Armed Forces agency is exempt from property tax. The property must be in use under a federal defense or space contract to assemble or manufacture a product.

Legislation in 2013 (HB 2227) placed a sunset date of June 30, 2017 on this exemption.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to clarify that this property is not taxable because of its federal ownership status and to help promote the defense industry in Oregon.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Defense and space contractors are potential beneficiaries, although no such company is using this provision.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 2.025 FEDERAL LAND UNDER RECREATION FACILITY

**Oregon Statute:** 307.182

**Sunset Date:** 06-30-2024

**Year Enacted:** 1975

2015–16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$81 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$1,800,000	\$300,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$1,900,000	\$300,000

**DESCRIPTION:** In general, when public property is held under contract of sale or is leased to a private individual or business, it is considered taxable. This provision ensures that federal government land remains exempt from property tax when occupied and used by a commercial recreation facilities operator under a permit. Examples are ski resorts and lake marinas on federal land. Only the land is exempt. All real and personal property improvements are taxable to the taxpayer having possession of the property.

This exemption applies only to recreation facility land held under permit. Some recreation facility land is held only by lease and is thus taxable.

This property tax exemption was allowed to sunset on June 30, 2012; however, legislation in 2013 (SB 549) reinstated this exemption retroactive to fiscal year 2012–13 and set a sunset date of June 30, 2024.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to avoid the administrative difficulty of valuing federal property that has restricted land use.

**WHO BENEFITS:** In fiscal year 2015–16, approximately 30 operators of recreational facilities that operate under permit on federal land benefited from this exemption.

**IN LIEU:** Recreational facilities pay for permits to use the land. Twenty-five percent of the fees paid to the Forest Service are shared with counties.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Oregon Business Development Department*

This expenditure achieves its purpose. Recreation areas that benefit from this legislation are on Forest Service land via a Special Use Permit. This permit, while long term, is very restrictive and not at all like a typical, private landlord–tenant arrangement. These restrictions make it very difficult to establish a value on the property. In addition, removal of the property tax exemption for recreation facilities on federal lands would subject these areas to some level of double taxation unless other adjustments were also made. Moreover, exceptional legal complexities might attend efforts to assess taxes on land effectively still under federal ownership and control. Nevertheless, a Federal Forest Task Force that met during 2008 recommended repeal of this exemption.

## 2.026 NONPROFIT ELDERLY HOUSING STATE FUNDED

**Oregon Statute:** 307.242

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1977

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$98 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	*	\$3,500,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$3,700,000	*

*\*Any taxes exempted under this provision and not paid by the state result in a loss to the taxing districts. The amount of taxes paid by the state represents costs borne by the General Fund. At this time, sufficient funds to pay the taxes for the 2015-17 biennium are expected to be shifted from the General Fund to the Elderly Rental Assistance Program. As no funds are yet allocated for the 2017-19 biennium, the exempted taxes represent a loss to the taxing districts under current law.*

**DESCRIPTION:** Homes for the elderly built or acquired after January 1, 1977, by private nonprofit corporations (defined in ORS 307.375) that receive subsidies under certain federal and state housing programs are exempt from property taxation. Only the land and improvement value, not personal property, may be exempted. The corporation may not charge more than one month’s rent as a “move in” fee or deposit, and rents must reflect the property tax savings. The occupants do not qualify for the veteran’s exemption or homestead tax relief. If the corporation receives a state subsidy, any property added after January 1, 1990, is not eligible for exemption.

Under this provision, an amount equal to what the exempt taxes would have been is billed to the Department of Revenue. Funds to pay these amounts are appropriated as part of the Elderly Rental Assistance program. If the Elderly Rental Assistance program appropriation is not sufficient to pay the liabilities in full, distributions to both the Elderly Rental Assistance program participants and the counties for

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nonprofit elderly housing property taxes exempted are prorated to the appropriation amount. In the event that this proration is necessary, it will result in a revenue loss to the taxing districts. For 2015-16, the payments made by the state totaled approximately \$1.7 million.

An annual claim must be filed with the county assessor. The assessor calculates the exempt property's taxes as if no exemption existed and that amount is paid by the state.

**PURPOSE:** To "assist private nonprofit corporations to provide permanent housing, recreational and social facilities, and care to elderly persons" (ORS 307.241).

**WHO BENEFITS:** Residents of exempted homes who pay lower rent as a result of the home not paying property tax. In 2016, eighteen counties had 49 homes receiving this exemption.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Housing and Community Services Department*

Generally, this expenditure appears to achieve its purpose. The effect of the state funded tax relief is to reduce housing project operating expenses, thereby reducing the rents to project occupants. Tenants otherwise would have to support the property taxes through the monthly rent they pay. The average monthly rent reduction is about \$40 per unit. For seniors on fixed incomes, any rent reduction can be significant.

Because eligible project sponsorship or ownership is limited to nonprofit corporations, it is assumed the full benefit of the tax relief is passed on to the project tenants. It is also assumed that the elderly households that reside in eligible housing projects have limited incomes that warrant the benefit of this rent reduction.

The current annual application process is very time consuming and involves a minimum of six separate steps each year. The administrative steps for county government include: 1) mail applications to each qualifying nonprofit, 2) verify information received from each applicant, 3) provide a copy of the information to the Department of Revenue, 4) notify applicant of approval/denial, 5) send tax statements and certification letter to the Department of Revenue for payment, and 6) notify applicant that the taxes have been paid. An alternative to the annual application could be a statement of compliance from the qualifying nonprofit, if verification is required.

An alternate means to provide an equal benefit to the project residents would be a rent subsidy program. However, administration of a rent subsidy program would be more administratively burdensome than the existing subsidy.

A direct property tax exemption may be a more efficient means to provide a like benefit to the project tenants. However, local taxing districts (such as cities and schools) would not receive compensating income if a direct property tax exemption were implemented in lieu of the tax relief program. This revenue loss would be relatively small when considered in the context of the overall scope of exemptions and special assessments. However, property taxes are direct expenses that affect the operating costs of rental housing. Without this exemption, seniors would likely experience corresponding increases in rent payments.

## 2.027 INVENTORY

**Oregon Statute:** 307.400

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1969

2015-16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$25.6 billion

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$714,000,000	\$137,000,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$766,000,000	\$147,000,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Inventory is exempt from property taxation. In general, inventory is tangible personal property that is or will become part of the stock held for sale in the ordinary course of a taxpayer's business. This includes materials, supplies, containers, goods in process, finished goods, and "for sale" inventory, but not machinery and equipment used to produce these goods.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to eliminate the tax compliance burden of enumerating inventory and to eliminate behavior specifically aimed at reducing inventories on the date of assessment.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Manufacturing, wholesale, and retail trade businesses are the primary beneficiaries of this exemption.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 2.028 BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY CANCELLATION

**Oregon Statute:** 308.250(2)(a)

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1979

2015-16 Assessed Value of Property Receiving Cancellation: \$298 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$8,300,000	\$1,600,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$8,900,000	\$1,700,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Property taxes levied on business personal property, such as office equipment, are canceled if the total assessed value owned by a taxpayer in a year is less than the specified maximum. The maximum threshold is \$16,500 for the tax year beginning July 1, 2016. It is indexed annually to inflation.

To receive this cancellation of taxes, the taxpayer must still file a return with the county assessor. After receiving an initial cancellation of taxes on this property, the taxpayer may file an annual statement declaring that the value continues to be less than the threshold.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to reduce the filing burden for small businesses and to reduce administrative costs related to the processing and collections of small business personal property accounts.

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WHO BENEFITS: Over 58,000 accounts benefited from cancellation in fiscal year 2015–16.

EVALUATION: Not evaluated.

## 2.029 CARGO CONTAINERS

**Oregon Statute:** 307.835

**Sunset Date:** 06-30-2020

**Year Enacted:** 1979

2015-16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$0.6 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** All cargo containers principally used for the transportation of cargo by vessels in trade and ocean commerce are exempt from property tax. Cargo containers must be designed for carriage of goods by vessels, be strong enough for repeated use, and be fitted with handling devices. Legislation in 2009 extended the sunset date from June 30, 2010 to June 30, 2014. In 2013, the Legislature again extended the sunset date to June 30, 2020.

This statutory exemption applies to containers owned by both domestic and foreign companies. However, the containers owned by foreign companies would be exempt even in the absence of this statute based upon interpretation of commerce law in the U.S. Constitution, as clarified under the rulings of the following court cases: *Japan Line Ltd., v. County of Los Angeles*, 441 US 434 (1979). See also *Itel Containers International Corp. v. Huddleston, Comm’r of Revenue of Tennessee*, 507 US 60 (1993) (explaining the scope of the holding in *Japan Line*).

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. According to the legislative staff revenue impact statement for HB 2904 (2013), “the purpose is to treat all domestic and foreign owned cargo containers similarly to help Oregon ports remain competitive with Washington and California, which exempt all cargo containers.”

**WHO BENEFITS:** Owners of cargo containers. There is currently no container service at the Port of Portland.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Oregon Business Development Department*

The Port of Portland and Oregon’s shipping interests face a very competitive environment in maintaining container shipping services for Oregon businesses. Because of that, both the Port and the Columbia River Steamship Operators Association have supported and continue to support retention of the cargo container exemption in the interest of maintaining the state’s access to international container shipping service. The exemption also benefits agricultural shippers and others seeking to move containerized cargo through the upriver ports of Morrow and Umatilla downriver to Terminal 6 at the Port of Portland. The exemption helps maintain competitive access to international container shipping service, which is important to many Oregon industries. It also supports the Port of Portland’s efforts to maintain container service in the face of a very competitive environment between West Coast ports, reducing shipping costs for those industries.

## 2.030 LEASED DOCKS AND AIRPORTS

**Oregon Statute:** 307.120

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1947

2015-16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$599 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$18,300,000	\$3,600,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$19,400,000	\$3,900,000

**DESCRIPTION:** In general, when public property is held under contract of sale or is leased to a private individual or business, it is considered taxable. This expenditure provides exceptions to this rule as it relates to leased dock and airport property.

Public dock property is exempt from property tax if it is leased, subleased, rented, or preferentially assigned and used for the following:

- Berthing ships or barges
- Handling, loading, and unloading cargo from ships
- Cleaning or decontaminating agricultural cargo as long as the property does not further alter or process an agricultural commodity.

Dock property that is leased or used for any other purpose is not exempt. Real property situated in the dock area, including structures, machinery and equipment, is also not included in this exemption.

By December 31 preceding a year in which the property is leased, or within 30 days of entering into the lease, whichever is later, the private lessee must file a request for the county assessor to compute a required in lieu payment.

The requirements above do not apply to property held under lease or rental agreement executed for any purpose prior to July 5, 1947 which is exempt and does not require the in lieu payment. In this case, the exemption continues only during the term of the lease or rental agreement in effect on July 5, 1947.

For a city owned airport or port district serving a population of fewer than 300,000, airport property that is leased and used by private individuals remains exempt as long as rent proceeds are used for airport maintenance. An in lieu payment is not required.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to exempt public dock and airport properties that are leased or rented, enabling them to be competitive with similar properties in other states.

**WHO BENEFITS:** The lessees of dock and airport properties benefit from this provision. In fiscal year 2015–16, approximately 367 exempt properties were located in twelve counties.

**IN LIEU:** For dock properties used for storage of cargo directly incidental to transshipment, an in lieu tax of one-quarter of one percent of real market value is assessed and distributed to school districts. Other dock properties and airports are not subject to the in lieu tax.

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EVALUATION: *by the Oregon Business Development Department*

This exemption shifts a portion of the local property tax burden from owners and users of dock and airport property to owners of other property. Increased economic activity due to this exemption may compensate for this tax shift by increasing other local and state tax collections, and by supporting the upkeep and use of port infrastructure and of local airports in smaller communities.

## 2.031 SHIP REPAIR FACILITY MATERIALS

**Oregon Statute:** 308.256(7)

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1957

2015-16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: Included in 2.027, Inventory

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Included in 2.027	Included in 2.027
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Included in 2.027	Included in 2.027

DESCRIPTION: Materials and parts held by shipyards and ship repair facilities as of January 1 are exempt from property tax if by April 1, the parts and materials are physically attached or become part of watercraft undergoing major remodeling, renovation, conversion, or repair. The parts and materials are initially assessed, but assessors must cancel the assessment if documentary proof of qualification for exemption is provided before April 1.

The value of watercraft under construction or undergoing major remodeling is also exempt, as described in tax expenditure 2.136, Watercraft Locally Assessed.

PURPOSE: The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to help Oregon shipyards compete with shipyards in other states.

WHO BENEFITS: This exemption predates the tax expenditure 2.027, Inventory. Most, if not all, of the material exempted by this statute would probably be considered inventory.

EVALUATION: Not evaluated.

## 2.032 AIRCRAFT BEING REPAIRED

**Oregon Statute:** 308.559

**Sunset Date:** 6-30-2017

**Year Enacted:** 1995

2015-16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$0

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$0	\$0
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$0	\$0

- DESCRIPTION:** Aircraft owned by an air transportation company are exempt from property tax during the time the aircraft are undergoing major work, which includes scheduled maintenance, repairs, renovation, and conversion in which the total labor expended for the work exceeds 10 hours.
- The value of an airline company is normally determined by first calculating the value of the entire company, then determining the Oregon portion of that value using an allocation formula that takes into account the number of Oregon departures, number of hours in Oregon, and the amount of Oregon cargo. This exemption reduces the number of hours an aircraft is in Oregon in the allocation formula, and thus reduces the Oregon property value for an airline doing aircraft repair in Oregon.
- Legislation in 2013 (HB 2227) placed a sunset date of June 30, 2017 on this exemption.
- PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to promote the aircraft repair industry in Oregon.
- WHO BENEFITS:** No taxpayer is currently using this provision.
- EVALUATION:** *by the Oregon Department of Revenue*
- This tax expenditure is scheduled to sunset on June 30, 2017, because it is not being used and has not been used since the 1999-01 biennium. Although the sunset was placed on this expenditure in 2013 (HB 2227), the actual sunset was placed four years into the future to allow any qualifying and interested companies or entities to make use of it. In that event, the Legislature, it is thought, would have time to reconsider the sunset prior to its expiration. Once sunset, at such a time in the future if the need arises, the expenditure may be reconsidered.

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### 2.033 RAILROAD CARS BEING REPAIRED

**Oregon Statute:** 308.665

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1973

2015-16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$5.3 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$100,000	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Railroad cars owned by private companies and undergoing major work are exempt from property taxation. Major work includes remodeling, renovation, conversion, or repairs, if the total labor exceeds 10 hours. A railroad car is exempt starting from the time it awaits transportation to a repair facility and ending with the time it has returned from a repair facility. Documentation proving qualification for the exemption must be furnished to the Department of Revenue.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to avoid the administrative problems of assessing the value of mobile property.

**WHO BENEFITS:** In fiscal year 2015-16, five private railroad companies with railroad cars undergoing major work benefited from this exemption.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

### 2.034 FOOD PROCESSING EQUIPMENT

**Oregon Statute:** 307.455

**Sunset Date:** 06-30-2020 (for first year exemption), 06-30-2024 (for final year exemption)

**Year Enacted:** 2005, Modified in 2015 (HB 3125), 2016 (SB 1506)

2015-16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$97 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$3,400,000	\$700,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$6,000,000	\$1,100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Upon application, qualified real or personal property machinery and equipment that is newly acquired by a food processing businesses is exempt from property taxation for five years. The machinery or equipment may be new or used, as long as it is newly acquired by the food processor. Food processing businesses are those that freeze, can, dehydrate, concentrate, preserve, process, or repack fruit, vegetables, nuts, legumes, or seafood in any procedure that occurs before the first sale by the processor. Producers of alcoholic beverages are ineligible.

Legislation in 2015 (HB 3125) expanded the exemption to include machinery and equipment used to process grains, bakery products, dairy products, and eggs, and prohibited anyone engaged in the business of producing marijuana or any product containing marijuana or a marijuana extract from qualifying for the exemption. The legislation also required qualified machinery and equipment used to process grains and bakery products to have real market value of at least \$100,000 when placed in

service in order to qualify for the exemption. However, the 2016 Legislature modified this provision to require the total cost of initial equipment investment by the food processor to be at least \$100,000 to qualify for the exemption.

Qualified machinery is certified by the Oregon Department of Agriculture. Machinery and equipment is exempt for five years following certification.

In the 2013 Legislative Session, the sunset date for this property tax exemption was extended (HB 2735). The last tax year property may qualify for a first year exemption is tax year 2019-20, and the last tax year a property may receive a fifth and final year exemption is tax year 2023-24.

**PURPOSE:** “The Legislative Assembly declares that a property tax exemption for qualified real property machinery and equipment encourages continued operation and expansion of the food processing industry in this state” (ORS 307.453).

**WHO BENEFITS:** Food processors that acquire machinery and equipment. Approximately 15 businesses per year use this exemption.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Agriculture*

Oregon has experienced the loss of many mid-scale food processors over the past two decades. Oregon small to mid-size food processors can be at a competitive disadvantage in a world marketplace.

This tax exemption has encouraged food-processing companies to replace aging equipment with more energy efficient, modernized equipment. Investments made by local businesses are an investment in local jobs and the health of the local community. Expanding the exemption to additional food-processing sectors further enhances job stability and economic vitality and opportunities for the local community.

The exemption also allows for Oregon to be more competitive when recruiting new business for Oregon. This aids in economic development, and competitiveness of Oregon based food processors and related jobs.

This exemption encourages reinvestment in food processing of local production, on farm value added opportunity, and job creation in this industry.

The exemption is narrowly targeted, and serves its purpose of creating investment, retaining and expanding jobs, and creating additional markets for Oregon growers.

## 2.035 FARM MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT

**Oregon Statute:** 307.394

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1973

2015–16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$3.5 billion

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$78,600,000	\$13,700,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$81,500,000	\$14,200,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Machinery and equipment classified as personal property and used in farm operations involving crops, livestock, poultry, fur bearing animals, bees, dairying, animal

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husbandry, or other agricultural or horticultural products are exempt from property tax.

Added by HB 2904 (2009), machinery and equipment used primarily to implement a plan certified by an agent of the Oregon State University Extension Service to remediate or mitigate severe adverse conditions on farmland is exempt while the plan is in process.

The revenue impacts of the following tax expenditures are included here:

- 2.036, Mobile Field Incinerators
- 2.043, Center Pivot Irrigation Equipment
- 2.044, Other Farm/Aquaculture/Egg Equipment
- 2.045, Field Burning Smoke Management Equipment.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purposes are to improve the financial viability of farming and ease tax administration.

**WHO BENEFITS:** All farmers who own machinery and equipment receive benefits from this provision.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Agriculture*

This expenditure appears to be achieving its purpose. Agricultural machinery is extremely expensive, and farmers spend more on machinery per worker than any other industry. Commodity prices fluctuate dramatically from year to year and profit margins in farming are very tight. Placing a fixed tax on equipment that may or may not bring a return to the owner in any given year creates a financial burden on the producers.

Arguably, many small producers could not afford a tax on personal property, and the costs of filing personal property tax returns would be an additional burden. The current tax exemption appears a more appropriate treatment of this particular situation than direct spending.

## 2.036 MOBILE FIELD INCINERATORS

**Oregon Statute:** 307.390

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1971

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: Included in 2.035, Farm Machinery and Equipment

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Included in 2.035	Included in 2.035
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Included in 2.035	Included in 2.035

**DESCRIPTION:** Mobile field incinerators owned by farmers and used exclusively for sanitizing grass seed fields by means other than open field burning are exempt from property tax. Incinerators must be purchased within five years after they are certified by the Department of Environmental Quality. If these incinerators are used at the field site in preparing the soil for farm purposes, these would be exempted under tax expenditure 2.035, Farm Machinery and Equipment.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to encourage pollution control by the use of mobile field incinerators in place of open field burning of grass straw.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Farmers with mobile field incinerators would receive the benefit. However, these incinerators are not commonly used.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Agriculture*

This expenditure is not achieving the purpose for which it was intended. The current technology of mobile field incinerators is too expensive to be viable and farmers have adopted other means to sanitize grass seed fields. Barring a major technological advance that reduces its cost, the use of mobile field incinerators is likely to cease completely.

## 2.037 CROPS, PLANTS, AND FRUIT TREES

**Oregon Statute:** 307.320

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1957

2015–16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$820 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$18,400,000	\$3,200,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$19,500,000	\$3,400,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Deciduous trees, shrubs, plants, crops, cultured Christmas trees, and cultivated hardwood trees growing on agricultural land are exempt from local property taxation. When crops and plants are harvested and unsold as of the assessment date, they are treated as inventory subject to the exemption described in tax expenditure 2.027, Inventory. Agricultural products held for use in farming operations are exempt as described in tax expenditure 2.038, Agricultural Products Held by the Farmer.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purposes are to improve the financial viability of agriculture by reducing the property tax burden and to ease administration by eliminating the filing of personal property tax returns for farmers.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Owners of deciduous trees, shrubs, plants, crops, cultured Christmas trees, and cultivated hardwood trees growing on agricultural land. Oregon has about three million acres of harvested cropland. About two thirds of that acreage is used for production of grains or hay. The remainder is in tree fruit or berry production as perennial crops or annual crops.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Agriculture*

This exemption is accomplishing its purpose. Commodities of this nature represent standing crop inventory or perennial stock, and may be, at any given time, unmarketable by industry standards. Given the vagaries of weather, etc., they may never reach marketability.

It is our view that this expenditure is the most fiscally effective means of achieving its purpose, also placing this inventory on par with the exemption of inventory tax on all businesses in Oregon.

## 2.038 AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS HELD BY THE FARMER

**Oregon Statute:** 307.325

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1965

2015–16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$2.9 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Agricultural products in the possession of the farmer who produced them or acquired them for use in the farm operation are exempt from property tax. These products are grain, seed, hay, fruit, vegetables, nuts, hops, wool, fish, livestock, fur bearing animals, bees, poultry, butter, cheese, milk (evaporated, condensed or concentrated), mint, bivalve mollusks, and vermiculture supplies and products.

Most products held by farmers are considered inventories because they are being held for ultimate sale and are exempt under tax expenditure 2.027, Inventory. This provision exempts those products not covered by the inventory exemption if they are held for use on the farm rather than for ultimate sale.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to eliminate the burden of enumerating livestock and crop inventories and to improve the financial viability of farming.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Most of the exempt value for this expenditure is used for cattle and calves. About 17,000 farms in Oregon raise some cattle. It also benefits farmers who primarily hold products for their own use. This includes those who raise hay and other feed for their own animals.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 2.039 NURSERY STOCK

**Oregon Statute:** 307.315

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1971

2015–16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$250 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$5,700,000	\$1,000,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$6,300,000	\$1,100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Nursery stock in the hands of growers or wholesalers is exempt from local property taxation. The stock can be bare root, balled, in containers, or in or upon the ground. Nursery stock includes ornamental plants, trees, and shrubs grown or kept for propagation or sale as defined in ORS 571.005(5).

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to improve the financial viability of the nursery industry by reducing the property tax burden.

**WHO BENEFITS:** About 1,300 farms in Oregon growing nursery crops. Most of these farms are in Western Oregon, concentrated in the Willamette Valley between Portland and Eugene.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Agriculture*

This tax expenditure is accomplishing its purpose. The exemption of nursery stock is consistent with the exemption provided for other farm commodities described in tax expenditure 2.037, Crops, Plants, and Fruit Trees, and with the exemption of inventories in nonagricultural industries described in tax expenditure 2.027, Inventory. Any change, such as the elimination of this exemption, resulting in an increase in market price would reduce the competitiveness of Oregon-grown nursery stock in the national and international marketplaces. The current tax expenditure is the most effective means of achieving this purpose, and places this inventory on par with all other business inventory in Oregon as tax exempt.

## 2.040 LEASED STATE AND LOCAL FARMING AND GRAZING LAND

**Oregon Statute:** 307.110(3)(b)

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1971

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: Included in 2.079, State and Local Property

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Included in 2.079	Included in 2.079
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Included in 2.079	Included in 2.079

**DESCRIPTION:** In general, when public property is held under contract of sale or is leased to a private individual or business, it is considered taxable. However, land owned by the state or a local government that is leased or rented for agricultural or grazing use by persons who do not pay rent in cash or as a share of the crop is exempt from property taxes. In some cases, the lessee performs a service in return for farming or grazing rights. For example, a farmer might use public land for agricultural purposes, and in return, agree to keep other state or locally owned land mowed.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to provide property tax relief to farmers and livestock owners, and to avoid the administrative difficulty of valuing these state and local government properties that have restrictions on land use.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Farmers and ranchers who lease state and local land. The expenditure also benefits state and local governments, who in exchange receive land maintenance, which may be more valuable than the potential rent due to management costs associated with small, isolated parcels.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Agriculture*

This expenditure effectively achieves its purpose. It produces benefits to local communities through the increased economic activities associated with the livestock industry. The increased economic activities provide additional tax resources for Eastern Oregon counties, and the state or local government is provided a service of land management, weed control, or other value in exchange for pasture feed.

Property Tax  
Full Exemption

Without this expenditure, it is likely that costs to governments would exceed benefits due to the substantial expenses needed to administer the lands in comparison to the returns to the state.

## 2.041 LEASED FEDERAL GRAZING LAND

**Oregon Statute:** 307.060

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1961

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: Included in 2.096, Federal Property

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Included in 2.096	Included in 2.096
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Included in 2.096	Included in 2.096

**DESCRIPTION:** In general, when public property is held under contract of sale or is leased to a private individual or business, it is considered taxable. However, federal land leased primarily for agricultural purposes from a federal wildlife conservation agency or used primarily for livestock grazing is exempt from local property taxation.

The Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service establish grazing fees based on animal unit months (AUM) rather than acres. An animal unit month is defined as the amount of forage needed to sustain one cow for one month. Part of the fee income paid to the federal government is shared with local governments.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purposes are to improve the financial viability of agriculture by reducing the property tax burden and to avoid the administrative difficulty of valuing federal property that has restrictions on land use.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Farmers and ranchers who lease federal land for grazing.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Agriculture*

The treatment of federal land under this exemption is consistent with the treatment of state and local land (2.040). Further, federal lands are not subject to property taxation by local jurisdiction regardless of use.

## 2.042 SHELLFISH GROWING ON STATE LAND

**Oregon Statute:** 622.290

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1969

2015–16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: Minimal

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** In general, when public property is held under contract of sale or is leased to a private individual or business, it is considered taxable. However, state land being used for the private cultivation of oysters, clams, and mussels under permit from the Department of Agriculture is exempt from local property taxation. Annual cultivation fees and use taxes are paid in lieu of property taxes and lease fees. For 2015, there was approximately \$1.8 million in oyster production on roughly 3,800 acres.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to encourage shellfish production and to avoid the administrative difficulty of valuing state property that has restrictions on land use.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Shellfish growers using state owned land. State land is leased for growing in Coos, Douglas, Lincoln, and Tillamook counties. Commercial lease holders range from individuals with only a few acres under lease to large companies with several thousand acres.

**IN LIEU:** The Department of Agriculture collected \$55,821 in fees in 2015. The in lieu fees were for leasing 3,837 acres and producing 51,362 total gallons of oysters in 2015. The fees support the department’s oversight of the oyster leasing program.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 2.043 CENTER PIVOT IRRIGATION EQUIPMENT

**Oregon Statute:** 307.398

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1973

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: Included in 2.035, Farm Machinery and Equipment

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Included in 2.035	Included in 2.035
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Included in 2.035	Included in 2.035

**DESCRIPTION:** Center pivot irrigation equipment used in farm operations is exempt from property taxation. The revenue impact for this tax expenditure is contained in 2.035, Farm Machinery and Equipment (Property Tax).

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to improve the financial viability of farming and ease tax administration.

Property Tax  
Full Exemption

WHO BENEFITS: Farmers who own center pivot irrigation equipment receive benefits from this provision.

EVALUATION: *by the Department of Agriculture*

See evaluation for 2.035, Farm Machinery and Equipment (Property Tax).

## 2.044 OTHER FARM / AQUACULTURE / EGG EQUIPMENT

**Oregon Statute:** 307.397

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1973

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: Included in 2.035, Farm Machinery and Equipment

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Included in 2.035	Included in 2.035
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Included in 2.035	Included in 2.035

DESCRIPTION: Certain machinery and equipment used in farm operations is exempt from property taxation. Under this section of statute, the following are exempt:

- Frost control systems
- Trellises for hops and other agricultural purposes
- Hop harvesting equipment
- In-water racks and other equipment for raising bivalve mollusks
- Equipment used in production and preparation of eggs for market
- Greenhouses that do not have a permanent heat source other than radiant heating provided by direct sunlight (exempted in 2009 by HB 2904).

The revenue impact for this provision is included under 2.035, Farm Machinery and Equipment (Property Tax).

PURPOSE: The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to improve the financial viability of farming and ease tax administration.

WHO BENEFITS: Farmers who own the specified equipment receive benefits from this provision.

EVALUATION: *by the Department of Agriculture*

See evaluation for 2.035, Farm Machinery and Equipment (Property Tax).

## 2.045 FIELD BURNING SMOKE MANAGEMENT EQUIPMENT

**Oregon Statute:** 307.391

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1973

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: Included with 2.035, Farm Machinery and Equipment (Property Tax)

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Included in 2.035	Included in 2.035
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Included in 2.035	Included in 2.035

- DESCRIPTION:** Radio communications equipment, meteorological equipment, or other tangible personal property used in connection with the operation of the field burning smoke management program (administered by the Oregon Department of Agriculture) is exempt from property taxation.
- The goal of the smoke management program is to offer maximum opportunities for open field burning, propane flaming, and stack burning with minimal smoke impacts on the public. At a minimum, farmers are required to have a radio to receive information regarding field burning. The field burning equipment itself would be exempt under tax expenditure 2.035, Farm Machinery and Equipment (Property Tax), as long as the burning was conducted for the purpose of soil maintenance for farming use.
- PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to reduce the cost of ownership of equipment used in conjunction with the field burning smoke management program.
- WHO BENEFITS:** All farmers who own the specified equipment receive benefits from this provision. Roughly 40 farmers will burn fields in 2016, down from 150 farmers as recently as 2009.
- EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Agriculture*
- With the restrictions on field burning put in place by the 2009 legislature, the number of farmers using field burning has decreased. In some parts of the state, field burning is the only available management technique, subsequently the practice is still used. This equipment is necessary. The equipment assists farmers in their ability to maintain regular communication with the Oregon Department of Agriculture so that field burning activities will have the least impact to the public.

## 2.046 CRAB POTS

**Oregon Statute:** 508.270

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1969

2015–16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$9.9 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$300,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$300,000	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Crab pots used by an owner with a commercial fishing license used with a commercially licensed boat are exempt from property tax if proof of required licensing is furnished to the assessor by August 1 of the assessment year.

Crab pots are considered personal property and would be fully taxable without this exemption. Because crab pots can be stored on land and then moved to the sea, they are not considered part of the vessel. This is unlike other types of fishing, where fishing gear (nets, hooks, lines, etc) is considered part of the ship and its value is included when the vessel is assessed (see 2.136, Watercraft Locally Assessed).

Approximately 133,400 crab pots were expected to be used for the 2015–16 crab fishing season, which is at the maximum limit set by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission. Depending on the vessel, the limit of crab pots per vessel can be 200, 300 or 500. These limits have been in effect since the 2006–07 crab season. Each crab pot requires a buoy tag, costing \$1 each, for each fishing season. Buoy tag receipts are used exclusively to purchase the buoy tags for the following year.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to provide tax relief to crab fishing operations. The exemption makes the treatment of crab fishing operations more consistent with those of other types of fishing.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Owners or operators of commercial crab fishing vessels. For the 2015–16 crab fishing season, owners/operators of over 400 vessels have crab permits.

**IN LIEU:** In 2016 the fees for a crab permit per vessel are \$202 resident, and \$252 non-resident. In 2015 the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife collected over \$40,000 from resident and over \$18,000 from non-resident crab fishers in crab permits. Those funds are used by ODFW for commercial fishery management. In addition, owners of vessels used for crab fishing are required to obtain the proper commercial boat and crew member licenses.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Fish and Wildlife*

This expenditure has effectively achieved its purpose. It provides tax relief to crab fishing operations, and it makes the property tax treatment of crabbing operations consistent with that of other types of fishing.

## 2.047 LAND LEASED FROM STATE LAND BOARD

**Oregon Statute:** 307.168

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1982

2015–16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$110 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$2,500,000	\$400,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$2,700,000	\$500,000

**DESCRIPTION:** In general, when public property is held under contract of sale or is leased to a private individual or business, it is considered taxable. However, the following land leased from the State Land Board or Department of State Lands is exempt from property taxation: submerged, submersible, and grazing land. The exemption does not apply to any buildings, improvements, mines, minerals or quarries on the land.

The State Land Board receives about \$2.1 million in gross lease revenue per year from grazing land and waterways for the Common School Fund.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to provide property tax relief to livestock owners and to avoid administrative difficulty of valuing state property with its restrictions on land use.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Lessees benefit through reduced costs.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of State Lands*

This exemption is effective in achieving its purpose. As trustee of the Common School Fund, the state manages lands owned by the Fund in order to maximize revenue, consistent with long term resource stewardship. Exempting leased Common School lands from taxation can help increase lease income, and therefore furthers the primary trust obligation.

## 2.048 NATURAL GAS PIPELINE EXTENSION

**Oregon Statute:** 307.107

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 2007

2015–16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$1.2 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** In general, when public property is held under contract of sale or is leased to a private individual or business, it is considered taxable. However, all property (real, personal, tangible and intangible) used for a natural gas pipeline extension project is exempt from property taxation if:

- Project is partially financed by Oregon Unified International Trade Fund

Property Tax  
Full Exemption

- Length of pipeline does not exceed 115 miles
- Owner of the property is a local government.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to clarify that under certain conditions government-owned pipeline is exempt if leased.

**WHO BENEFITS:** The only known natural gas pipeline that qualifies is 76 miles of pipeline owned by Coos County and leased to NW Natural.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 2.049 SOLAR PROJECTS

**Oregon Statute:** Note 3 following 307.175  
**Sunset Date:** 01-01-2022  
**Year Enacted:** 2015, (HB 3492)

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: Not Available

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Available	Not Available
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Available	Not Available

**DESCRIPTION:** Property constituting a solar project located in an unincorporated county area is exempt from property taxes when an agreement has been made between the governing body of the county and the owner or person in control of the solar project. A portion of the solar project may be located within the boundaries of an incorporated city, however in that case, the governing body of the city must also be a party to the agreement. An in lieu of tax payment is required as part of the agreement. The agreement is limited to 20 consecutive years. The last day an agreement can be made is January 1, 2022.

If the owner of the solar project fails to pay the in lieu fee by the prescribed date, the property does not receive an exemption the following property tax year. If the owner pays the delinquent fee plus interest within a year, they owner may continue with the agreement paying only the in lieu fee starting the following property tax year. However, if the owner fails to pay the in lieu fee for more than one year, the owner of the solar project is disqualified from receiving an exemption from property taxes.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. According to the legislative staff revenue impact statement for HB 3492 (2015), “The policy purpose of this measure is to provide tax relief and tax stability to utility scale solar production property owners and developers, which subsequently encourages the development of utility scale solar production.”

**WHO BENEFITS:** Owners of solar projects who have made an agreement with a county to receive a property tax exemption for that property.

**IN LIEU:** The fee in lieu of property taxes is computed at the rate of \$7,000 per megawatt of nameplate capacity of the solar project for each property tax year.

EVALUATION: *by the Oregon Business Development Department*

This tax expenditure should contribute to the development of utility-grade solar energy projects in Oregon by offering rural jurisdictions and the developers another way to reduce property tax payments. The main existing option is the five-year exemption in a Rural Renewable Energy Development Zone (RRED Zone, see exemption 2.020). The Legislature has provided a local waiver to the usual employment requirement in a RRED Zone for projects costing \$5 million or more, as well as utility policies and special funds that are meant to further stimulate this industry.

The department lacks data or direct experience with this expenditure, but there have been projects previously proposed in a RRED Zone, for which the county government and project owners have since agreed instead to use this expenditure, in addition to at least one county that has entered into an agreement for this expenditure on a more recently proposed project. In other cases, the decision was made for solar projects to stay with the RRED Zone exemption.

It might not be possible to generalize absolutely about the net tax effect of any given project's use of this expenditure versus a RRED Zone, which may depend on situational factors and project characteristics. Regardless, the predictable long-term cash flow with this tax expenditure is evidently much better suited to many project developers' business model. This might also be an advantage for local governments, compared to the short-term property taxes forgone in a RRED Zone followed by longer-term but hard-to-predict tax receipts. Nevertheless, the RRED Zone statutes offer a clearer basis to negotiate other issues, which may also include 'in-lieu-of-like' payments, and that exemption might be a better deal for other local taxing districts.

## 2.050 NONPROFIT SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITIES

**Oregon Statute:** 307.118

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1997

2015-16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: Minimal

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** An exemption from property taxes is allowed for wastewater treatment, sewage treatment, and related property owned by a nonprofit corporation engaged solely in wastewater treatment and sewage treatment facility applications. The nonprofit corporation must have been in existence as of January 1, 1997, and the facilities must have been constructed and in operation on January 1, 1997. The exemption was created for the Mapleton Commercial Area Owners' Association in Lane County, and it is unlikely any other facilities qualify for the exemption.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to assist nonprofit sewage treatment facilities.

Property Tax  
Full Exemption

**WHO BENEFITS:** There appears to be one entity in the state that qualifies for this exemption, the Mapleton Commercial Area Owners' Association in Lane County. The beneficiaries of this legislation are the owners of the homes and businesses that are members of the Mapleton Commercial Area Owners' Association.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 2.051 PROPERTY USED FOR GOLF COURSE AND EFFLUENT

**Oregon Statutes:** Note following 307.118

**Sunset Date:** 06-30-2021

**Year Enacted:** 2001

2015-16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$0

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$0	\$0
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$0	\$0

**DESCRIPTION:** This property tax exemption is for a nonprofit corporation that leases land from a municipality and uses the land both as a golf course and for the discharge of wastewater or sewage effluent. This exemption originally applied only to land, but the 2003 Legislature extended the exemption to include buildings or other improvements. It allows any unpaid property taxes and interest due to be waived beginning on or after July 1, 1998. An application must have been filed with the county assessor for this tax exemption on or before July 1, 2002.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to provide property tax relief for wastewater or sewage treatment plants that also include golf course land leased from a municipality. Formerly, the nonprofit corporation had to own the wastewater treatment facility.

**WHO BENEFITS:** As of tax year 2015-16 no properties qualify for this exemption.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 2.052 RIPARIAN HABITAT LAND

**Oregon Statute:** 308A.362

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1981

2015-16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$9.9 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$300,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$300,000	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Land designated as riparian land by the State Department of Fish and Wildlife is exempt from property taxation. Designated riparian land must be privately-owned stream beds and the land under adjacent vegetation influenced by the proximity to water, but which does not extend more than 100 feet from the stream bank.

The following types of designated riparian land qualify for the exemption:

- Lands located outside urban growth boundaries (UGB) and zoned as forest or agricultural (including range land) in compliance with statewide planning goals.
- Lands that were outside a UGB and zoned as forest or agricultural (including range land) as of July 1, 1997, but are no longer outside a UGB or so zoned, qualify. The landowner must apply for riparian designation within five years of the change.
- Lands within city and urban growth boundaries may qualify if the city and county authorize the exemption (ORS 308A.360).

The Department of Fish and Wildlife can designate land as riparian habitat land if the owner has developed and implemented a plan for continued protection of the land using approved rehabilitation techniques. The department cannot approve more than 200 miles (increased from 100 miles in 1997) of private stream bank in any one county per year. The department has never had to postpone applicants due to exceeding the 200 mile county limit per year.

The exemption continues until withdrawn by the owner or use is incompatible with riparian use. Upon withdrawal or disqualification, an additional tax equal to the sum of the tax benefit for each year exempt (up to five years) is due.

The exempt value is based on farm use assessed value as the alternative to riparian exemption. When land is specially assessed as farm, forest, or open space before riparian designation, any additional tax for a change in designation to riparian is abated.

**PURPOSE:**

To “maintain, preserve, conserve and rehabilitate riparian lands to assure the protection of the soil, water, fish and wildlife resources of the state for the economic and social well-being of the state and its citizens... to prevent the forced conversion of riparian environments to more intensive uses as a result of economic pressures caused by the assessment of those lands....at values incompatible with their protection as riparian lands and that tax exemption must be granted to permit the continued availability of riparian environments...” (ORS 308A.353).

**WHO BENEFITS:**

Owners of land that has been designated by the Department of Fish and Wildlife as riparian land.

As of June 2016, the Department of Fish and Wildlife had enrolled 1,457 acres (165 landowners) in the program along roughly 99 miles of streams.

**EVALUATION:**

*by the Department of Fish and Wildlife*

This expenditure, as amended in Oregon Laws 1997, Chapter 811, Section 2, may be more effective than it was previously. However, the usage and related expenditure data are not conclusive.

With the 1997 statute changes and increased efforts to save Oregon salmon runs, it was thought that the Riparian Habitat Land Exemption would become more widely used, but a number of features of the provision limit its effectiveness. First, the land that qualifies for the exemption is already taxed at relatively low levels as farm or forest land, so the exemption provides a relatively small reduction in taxes. Second, the program limits the amount of new riparian land that can be certified annually before July 1, 2004, to no more than 200 miles of stream bank per county. Removing

the latter restriction and modifying the provisions to allow for larger tax reductions could make the program more effective but at a higher cost. The 2001 legislative change to allow participation by cities could significantly increase participation in the program. This has not occurred however, as none of the cities and counties have adopted enabling ordinances.

## 2.053 ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE LOGGING EQUIPMENT

**Oregon Statute:** 307.827

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1999

2015-16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$249 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$5,500,000	\$1,000,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$5,800,000	\$1,000,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Environmentally sensitive logging equipment, defined as logging equipment manufactured after 1992, is exempt from property taxes. Machinery and equipment exempt under this provision is:

- Used in logging or forest management operations; and
- Specifically designed for activities related to water quality or fish and wildlife habitat protection in the forest; or
- An excavator used in logging road construction, maintenance, reconstruction or improvements, including the closing or obliterating of existing forest roads.

In the 2011 Legislative Session, the sunset date for this property tax exemption was repealed.

**PURPOSE:** "...to facilitate the transition of older logging equipment to newer equipment designed and manufactured to be as environmentally sensitive as current technology can provide, consistent with the need to match the equipment to the specifics of the site being harvested" (ORS 307.824).

**WHO BENEFITS:** Loggers who switch to logging equipment manufactured after 1992. In 2015-16, there were 500 exemptions in 20 counties.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Fish and Wildlife*

The effectiveness of this exemption has not been evaluated because its potential benefits to fish habitat are indirect. Yet log suspension in riparian zones, less ground and soil compaction and less sedimentation provide immediate improvements to aquatic habitat that fish depend on. The level of habitat improvement is expected to increase in proportion to the extent that the use of environmentally sensitive equipment replaces the use of less sensitive methods.

## 2.054 SKYLINE AND SWING YARDERS

**Oregon Statute:** 307.831

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1999

2015-16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: Included in 2.053, Environmentally Sensitive Logging Equipment

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Included in 2.053	Included in 2.053
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Included in 2.053	Included in 2.053

**DESCRIPTION:** Skyline and swing yarders capable of full log suspension are exempt from property taxation. Such logging equipment is used to lift logs by use of cables from the forest to a central location, usually near a logging road, especially when the terrain is steep and the use of traditional wheeled equipment is not feasible.

In the 2011 Legislative Session, the sunset date for this property tax exemption was repealed.

**PURPOSE:** "...to facilitate the transition of older logging equipment to newer equipment designed and manufactured to be as environmentally sensitive as current technology can provide, consistent with the need to match the equipment to the specifics of the site being harvested" (ORS 307.824).

**WHO BENEFITS:** See 2.053, Environmentally Sensitive Logging Equipment.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Fish and Wildlife*

See 2.053, Environmentally Sensitive Logging Equipment.

## 2.055 FEDERAL STANDING TIMBER UNDER CONTRACT

**Oregon Statute:** 307.050

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1965

2015-16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$113 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$2,500,000	\$400,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$2,700,000	\$500,000

**DESCRIPTION:** In general, when public property is held under contract of sale to a private individual or business, it is considered taxable. However, federal standing timber is exempt from property tax even if held under a contract of sale. The volume of federal timber under contract was more than 800 million board feet in 2015 and sold on average at about \$177 per thousand board feet.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, taxing timber under contract would be contrary to the tax treatment of private standing timber in Oregon, which under current law is treated as a crop, not as real property.

Property Tax  
Full Exemption

**WHO BENEFITS:** Companies buying federal standing timber for harvest. This includes both large and small companies that either do not have private timber supplies or who supplement their own supplies with federal timber.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Forestry*  
This expenditure is effective in achieving its purpose. It makes the treatment of federal timber under contract consistent with that of other standing timber.

## 2.056 STATE AND LOCAL STANDING TIMBER UNDER CONTRACT

**Oregon Statute:** 307.100

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1965

2015-16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$81 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$1,800,000	\$300,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$1,900,000	\$300,000

**DESCRIPTION:** In general, when public property is held under contract of sale to a private individual or business, it is considered taxable. However, state or local government standing timber is exempt from property taxation even if held under a contract of sale. The volume of state timber under contract was about 274 million board feet in fiscal year 2015 and sold on average at about \$367 per thousand board feet. The volume of local timber under contract is unknown but is thought to be small.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to treat timber under contract like other private standing timber in Oregon, which under current law is treated as a crop, not as real property.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Companies buying state or local standing timber for harvest. This includes both large and small companies that either do not have private timber supplies or who supplement their own supplies.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Forestry*  
This expenditure is effective in achieving its purpose. It makes the treatment of state and local timber under contract consistent with that of other standing timber.

## 2.057 WESTERN PRIVATE STANDING TIMBER

**Oregon Statute:** 321.272

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1977

2015-16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$20 billion

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$449,900,000	\$78,400,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$481,900,000	\$84,000,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Privately owned standing timber in western Oregon is exempt from local property taxes. Western Oregon includes Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Coos, Curry, Douglas, Hood River, Jackson, Josephine, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Tillamook, Washington, and Yamhill counties.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to improve the financial viability of timber production by eliminating the property tax burden and to lessen the incentive to prematurely liquidate immature timber by decreasing the holding costs of keeping the timber on the stump and growing.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Private timber owners in western Oregon. In fiscal year 2015–16 there were about 6 million acres of private land classified as forestland for property taxation purposes located in Western Oregon.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Forestry*

Before 1977, both land and timber were taxed as property. In some cases this led to premature harvesting to lower property tax burden. To encourage holding timber to longer rotation ages, the property tax on the value of the timber was eliminated, but a yield tax on timber harvest was retained. In 1993, in recognition of the agricultural crop nature of growing timber and the substantial investment it requires, the tax on the crop (privilege tax) was eliminated.

There are indications that timber harvests average approximately 50 years, and that the total private timber harvest, while declining since the late 1950s, has been essentially at sustainable levels through the past decade.

Information is lacking on the effectiveness of other methods of discouraging premature timber harvests. Regulatory methods would likely be exceedingly expensive to administer, and variable tax rates would require nearly confiscatory levels for young timber in order to be effective.

Property Tax  
Full Exemption

## 2.058 EASTERN PRIVATE STANDING TIMBER

**Oregon Statute:** 321.829

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1961

2015-16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$1.1 billion

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$24,600,000	\$4,300,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$26,300,000	\$4,600,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Privately owned standing timber in Eastern Oregon is exempt from local property taxation. Eastern Oregon includes Baker, Crook, Deschutes, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Jefferson, Klamath, Lake, Malheur, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wasco and Wheeler counties.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to improve the financial viability of timber production by eliminating the property tax burden and to lessen the incentive to prematurely liquidate immature timber by decreasing the holding costs of keeping the timber on the stump and growing.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Private timber owners in eastern Oregon. In fiscal year 2015-16 there were about 2.2 million acres of private land classified as forestland for property taxation purposes located in Eastern Oregon.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Forestry*

Before 1977 in Western Oregon and 1961 in Eastern Oregon, both land and timber were taxed as property. In some cases this led to premature harvesting to lower property tax burden. To encourage holding timber to longer rotation ages, the property tax on the value of the timber was eliminated, but a yield tax on timber harvests was retained. In 1993, in recognition of the agricultural crop nature of growing timber and the substantial investment it requires, the tax on the crop (privilege tax) was eliminated.

## 2.059 PRIVATE FARM AND LOGGING ROADS

**Oregon Statute:** 308.236

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1963

2015-16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$1.9 billion

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$42,400,000	\$7,400,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$45,400,000	\$7,900,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Farm, grazing, and logging roads on private land are exempt from local property taxation. Exempt property also includes the culverts, drains, fill, surfacing, and bridges associated with these roads. The land under the roads is taxable. The exemption does not apply to principal exterior timber access roads, which are two-

lane improved roads that are continuously maintained and connect a timber conversion center or public highway to a principal forest area. Many logging roads are built specifically to allow timber to be harvested. Once the harvest is finished, the roads have little or no value. Some logging roads, however, are used for forest management and fire suppression on an ongoing basis, so they maintain value long after they are built.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to avoid the administrative difficulty of valuing these roads, most of which are logging roads.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Owners of farm and timberland where roads have been built. Most of the value exempt under this provision is logging roads. Logging roads are expensive to build because they must accommodate heavy logging equipment and are usually built in hilly or mountainous terrain. Farm roads are generally on flat land and involve little cost to build.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 2.060 FOREST FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

**Oregon Statute:** 307.125

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1957

2015-16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$9 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$200,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$200,000	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** All personal and real property of forest protection districts, organizations, associations, and agencies is exempt from property taxation if the property is used exclusively for forest protection and fire suppression under ORS Chapter 477.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to help keep the cost of protecting timber assets low.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Forest protection associations. Most of the property of forest protection entities has been deeded over to the Department of Forestry, and the associations work under contract or cooperative agreement with the department. Currently, there are twelve forest protection districts in the state, with nine of them managed by one agency, the Department of Forestry, and the other three managed by three separate forest protective associations. The three largest associations operate in Douglas County, Coos and Curry counties, and northern Klamath County.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Forestry*

This provision is effective in achieving its purpose. The costs of providing forest fire prevention and suppression varies among districts due to the fuel and weather conditions that prevail on the lands protected and the risks and hazards that exist. It appears that this tax treatment provides the equity desired, as the purely

administrative costs do not appear to be different among the various districts, whether association or state operated. Because the expenses of these associations are largely borne by the forest landowner, the associations would likely raise the assessments to landowners if this property were not exempt.

## 2.061 NONPROFIT PUBLIC PARK USE LAND

**Oregon Statute:** 307.115

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1971

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$10 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$300,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$300,000	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Nonprofit corporation property used for public park or recreation purposes is exempt from property taxation if the following conditions are met:

- The purpose of the corporation is to acquire park or recreation property or maintain and operate a public park and recreation facility.
- The property is used for public park or public recreation purposes and cannot be used for the production of income.
- Any net earnings of the corporation must not benefit any private individual.
- Upon dissolution, any remaining assets must revert to the state or a local government.
- The granting authority (either a city or a county governing body depending on which has jurisdiction) approves the application for exemption.

The nonprofit corporation must file an application with the county assessor to claim the exemption. The city or county governing body having jurisdiction will act on the application. This exemption is for 10 years and is renewable by reapplication.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to encourage development of parks by private nonprofit corporations.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Roughly 35 privately owned parks are exempt under this provision.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department*

This exemption appears to be effective in achieving its implied purpose. The exemption encourages the preservation of open space and park land. Little information or resources exist to allow an in-depth evaluation of this program, but as a matter of public policy, it contributes to the special quality of life in Oregon and helps meet the needs of a growing population for parks, open spaces, greenways, natural settings, and recreational facilities. The program also supplements what the government can provide by encouraging land protection and management decisions by nongovernment entities that also contribute to the public good. Studies show that parks and recreational facilities also contribute to local economies.

## 2.062 INACTIVE MINERAL INTERESTS

**Oregon Statute:** 308.115

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1997

2015-16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$2 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000

<b>DESCRIPTION:</b>	Mineral interests owned separately from surface interests are exempt from local property tax if the property is not being mined.
<b>PURPOSE:</b>	The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to eliminate the administrative expense of assessing this property.
<b>WHO BENEFITS:</b>	Owners of mineral interests who are not actively mining those interests. In 2015-16, county assessors reported approximately 1800 accounts receiving this exemption.
<b>EVALUATION:</b>	Not evaluated.

## 2.063 MINING CLAIMS ON FEDERAL LAND

**Oregon Statute:** 307.080

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1889

2015-16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$14 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$300,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$300,000	Less than \$100,000

<b>DESCRIPTION:</b>	Unpatented mining claims on federal property are exempt from local property taxation. Any improvements or equipment on the claim are taxable. Unpatented mining claims are private claims to public land without the federal government having conveyed title.
<b>PURPOSE:</b>	The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to reduce the administrative expense associated with assigning value to mining claims which are intangible in nature.
<b>WHO BENEFITS:</b>	In 2016, there were about 6,000 active mining claims in Oregon. Claims are usually between 20 and 160 acres.
<b>EVALUATION:</b>	<i>by the Department of Revenue</i>  This exemption achieves its purpose of reducing the administrative costs associated with valuing mining claims which are intangible in nature.

Property Tax  
Full Exemption

## 2.064 SMALL WATERCRAFT

**Oregon Statute:** 830.790(3)

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1959

2015-16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$977 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$26,800,000	\$5,100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$27,000,000	\$5,200,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Sailboats over twelve feet, all motorboats, and amphibious vehicles requiring an original or renewal certificate of number or registration from the State Marine Board or Oregon Department of Transportation are exempt from property tax. Centrally assessed boats are not eligible for the exemption.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to avoid administrative problems dealing with a mobile property.

**WHO BENEFITS:** In 2015, there were approximately 168,000 boats registered in Oregon.

**IN LIEU:** Fees for registration and title were \$3.3 million in 2015. Registration fees are paid every two years and are based on a flat fee of \$4.50 per foot of watercraft length. The per foot registration fee increased from \$3.00 on November 1, 2015. In addition, regardless of length, a \$6 Aquatic Invasive Species Surcharge is due with each registration.

No fee is required for boats owned by eleemosynary organizations which are operated primarily as a part of organized activities for the purpose of teaching youths scout craft, camping, seamanship, self-reliance, patriotism, courage and kindred virtues. Boating programs are funded entirely by user fees.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 2.065 RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY USED FOR ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION

**Oregon Statute:** 307.205

**Sunset Date:** 6-30-17

**Year Enacted:** 1977

2015-16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$0

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$0	\$0
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$0	\$0

**DESCRIPTION:** This tax expenditure is scheduled to sunset on June 30, 2017, because it is not being used. Until the sunset occurs, real property owned by a railroad is exempt from property tax if the property is temporarily and exclusively used for public alternative transportation. A claim must be filed with the county assessor by April 1 of each year.

Legislation in 2013 (HB 2227) placed a sunset date of June 30, 2017 on this exemption. The sunset was placed four years into the future to allow any qualifying and interested companies or entities to make use of it, but none have done so.

- PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to encourage railroads to allow their unused right of way to be used for such things as public light rail systems or bicycle paths.
- WHO BENEFITS:** No railroad real property is currently known to qualify. Formerly exempt routes have been sold or transferred to public ownership.
- EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 2.066 MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAILERS

**Oregon Statute:** 803.585

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1919

2015-16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$34.4 billion

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$950,500,000	\$182,800,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$988,900,000	\$190,200,000

- DESCRIPTION:** Most vehicles are exempt from property taxation. The exemption covers virtually all vehicles that transport people or goods over public roads including cars, trucks, buses, most travel trailers, campers, and motorcycles.
- Travel trailers include park trailers less than 8½ feet wide. Although travel trailers are normally exempt from property taxation, an owner may have one assessed for property taxation if the trailer is used as a permanent home or for purposes other than recreation (ORS 308.880). No registration as a vehicle is needed in this case.
- Fixed-load vehicles that are not used primarily to transport people or property over public roads are generally taxable. ORS 801.285 lists five fixed-load vehicles that are exempt, including self-propelled mobile cranes.
- Owners of exempt vehicles are required to pay registration fees in lieu of property taxes.
- PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to avoid administrative problems of dealing with mobile property.
- WHO BENEFITS:** In 2015 there were about 3.4 million registered cars and pickups and about 900,000 other registered vehicles and trailers in Oregon.
- IN LIEU:** The two year registration fee for passenger vehicles is \$86; for motorcycles and mopeds, it is \$48. The four year new car registration fee is double the two year amount. The fee for large trucks and buses varies by registered weight. Other on- and off-road vehicles have different fees for various time periods. The in lieu registration fees are forecasted to be \$511 million in 2015–17 and \$511 million in 2017–19.

Property Tax  
Full Exemption

EVALUATION: *by the Department of Transportation*

The vehicle registration fees support the costs to administer the Driver and Motor Vehicle Division. Revenue net of these costs is shared between ODOT and Oregon's counties and cities. In addition, registration fees have been raised through legislation to support the debt service on bonds for large transportation improvement programs.

Removal of this exemption would allow for the imposition of ad valorem taxes on vehicles, increasing both highway dedicated revenue and administrative costs.

## 2.067 ODOT LAND UNDER USE PERMIT

**Oregon Statute:** 307.110(3)(c)

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1981

2015-16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: Minimal

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** In general, when public property is held under contract of sale or is leased to a private individual or business, it is considered taxable. However, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) real property used by a person under a land use permit is exempt from property taxation. The exemption applies to real property with use restrictions such that only an administrative processing fee can be charged. These are generally small parcels abutting highways used for pasture or landscaping. Other real property leased for more than an administrative fee, such as for parking or commercial displays, is taxable.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to lower the cost for taxpayers using ODOT property under a use permit, and to avoid the administrative difficulty of valuing this property.

**WHO BENEFITS:** People using property with use restrictions under permit.

**IN LIEU:** In June 2016, ODOT had 177 active permits that provide approximately \$9,200 in annual administrative fees. By permitting this use, ODOT saves maintenance and weed control costs.

EVALUATION: *by the Department of Transportation*

This provision is effective in achieving its purpose. It reduces costs to both ODOT and county governments.

## 2.068 TOLLWAYS AND RELATED FACILITIES

**Oregon Statutes:** 383.017(7)

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1995

2015-16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$0 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$0	\$0
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$0	\$0

**DESCRIPTION:** Tollways, and any related facilities that would normally be purchased, constructed, or installed by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) if the tollway were a conventional highway that was constructed and operated by ODOT, are exempt from property taxation.

**PURPOSE:** The statutes that allow this expenditure do not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose for this expenditure is to support the construction of transportation infrastructure and to treat privately-owned tollways the same as publicly-owned tollways from a property taxation perspective.

**WHO BENEFITS:** No taxpayer is using this provision. Potential beneficiaries include private investors in tollways, presumably as part of public-private partnerships.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Transportation*

This expenditure is effective in achieving its purpose of leveling the playing field between public and private investment. However, the expenditure has not been effective at actually getting any tollways built. Many other important issues are involved.

No private entity is currently using the expenditure. There are some projects under development that could become privately-owned tollways in the distant future. None are expected to come into existence during the next two biennia.

## 2.069 FOREIGN OWNED AIRCRAFT AND AIRCRAFT NOT OWNED BY AIR TRANSPORTATION COMPANIES

**Oregon Statutes:** 308.558(4) and (5)

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1987

2015–16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$747 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$20,500,000	\$4,000,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$20,900,000	\$4,000,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Generally, aircraft not owned by air transportation companies are exempt from property taxation but pay registration fees to the Department of Aviation. Aircraft owned by a foreign (international) carrier are exempt from property taxation.

Aircraft owned by air transportation companies are described in 2.118, Aircraft under 75,000 Pounds Owned by Air Transportation Companies.

Property Tax  
Full Exemption

**PURPOSE:** The statutes that allow this expenditure do not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to avoid administrative problems of assessing the value of mobile property.

**WHO BENEFITS:** The Department of Aviation registers approximately 4,000 aircraft that are exempt from property tax.

**IN LIEU:** The annual registration fee for aircraft not owned by a foreign carrier varies from \$700 for a turbojet to \$25 for a drone under 55 pounds. The Department of Aviation received approximately \$400,000 in registration fees for aircraft registered in 2016.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

**2.070 NONPROFIT WATER ASSOCIATIONS**

**Oregon Statute:** 307.210  
**Sunset Date:** None  
**Year Enacted:** 1937

2015–16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$17 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$400,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$400,000	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Property of mutual or cooperative water associations is exempt from taxation if:

- The association is nonprofit
- The primary purpose of the association is to store, convey, and distribute water to its members for domestic use or irrigation
- No more than 15 percent of the members are commercial establishments using water for commercial purposes
- No more than 25 percent of the total annual volume of water furnished by the association is used by commercial establishments for commercial purposes.

Property exempt under this provision includes land, improvements, fixtures, equipment, supplies, dams, and dikes.

An association seeking to claim this exemption must file an application with the county assessor. Associations do not need to reapply each year as long as the ownership and use of the property remain unchanged from the previous tax year.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to encourage the distribution of water in areas not supplied by publicly owned water systems.

**WHO BENEFITS:** In tax year 2015–16, approximately 377 water associations were exempt under this provision. Six of these associations are regulated by the Public Utility Commission.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Public Utility Commission*

The Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) currently regulates six nonprofit water associations that meet the definition stated above. Based on ORS

757.063, this number could potentially increase if members of nonprofit water associations petition the Commission for regulation. Commission policy has been to not assign a rate of return on rate base. As such, the associations do not earn net income (profit) maintaining their nonprofit status. As a result, the tax exemption theoretically encourages the distribution of water in areas not supplied by publicly owned water systems by allowing rates to be lower than if a profit and tax expense (income and property) were included in rates.

## 2.071 NONPROFIT ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION ASSOCIATIONS

**Oregon Statute:** 308.805

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1943

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$810 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$22,800,000	\$4,400,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$25,600,000	\$4,900,000

<b>DESCRIPTION:</b>	<p>The transmission and distribution lines of a mutual or cooperative electrical association are exempt from local property taxation if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The association is nonprofit</li> <li>• The principle purpose of the association is to distribute electricity to its members.</li> </ul> <p>The exemption for transmission and distribution lines includes all property that is energized or energizable and all property supporting or integrated with energized or energizable property. This includes but is not limited to: substations, poles, conductors, transformers, services, meters, street lights, easements, generators, communication equipment, lines leased to government agencies, tools, supplies, and office furniture and equipment.</p> <p>Exempt associations must pay the lesser of a tax in lieu of the property tax, at four percent on gross revenue minus power costs, or property tax at the Measure 5 limits plus a bond rate, if applicable. Gross revenue includes all revenue from the operation of electric distribution systems except line lease payments from government agencies.</p> <p>Proceeds from these payments are distributed to the counties in proportion to the system’s wire miles in each county. Within each county, 66.7 percent goes to the county and 33.3 percent to the county school fund.</p>
<b>PURPOSE:</b>	<p>The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to avoid the difficulty of assessing electrical lines and to encourage the distribution of electricity in areas not supplied by for-profit companies because of the distribution cost.</p>
<b>WHO BENEFITS:</b>	<p>Nineteen cooperatives are exempt under this provision.</p>
<b>IN LIEU:</b>	<p>In tax year 2015–16, the four percent in lieu tax on gross revenue was less than property taxes for 16 of the 19 cooperatives. The total gross revenue tax paid by these cooperatives in 2015–16 was \$7.7 million.</p>

Property Tax  
Full Exemption

EVALUATION: *by the Public Utility Commission*

This provision appears to be effective in achieving its purpose, but an in-depth evaluation of the program is not possible because these cooperatives are not regulated.

All 19 electric cooperatives in the state qualify for the exemption. Sixteen of these were charged the in lieu tax in 2015–16. As a result, their distribution lines need not be assessed for property tax purposes, resulting in savings for the state. Imposing property taxes on these cooperatives would likely result in higher electricity rates for their customers. If that were to happen, it may be that for-profit private utilities could then offer electricity at rates lower than the cooperatives, but without more information it is not possible to evaluate that possibility.

## 2.072 NONPROFIT TELEPHONE ASSOCIATIONS

**Oregon Statute:** 307.220

**Sunset Date:** 6-30-2017

**Year Enacted:** 1941

2015-16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$0

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$0	\$0
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$0	\$0

DESCRIPTION: Upon application, certain telephone system property of a mutual or cooperative telephone association is exempt from property taxation if:

- The association is nonprofit
- The sole purpose of the association is the operation of a telephone system for the use of its members
- The association does not own, lease, or have an interest in the switchboard exchange
- The system has a cash value of less than \$2,500.

Property exempt under this provision includes improvement, fixtures, equipment and supplies. Land and buildings are not exempt.

Legislation in 2013 (HB 2227) placed a sunset date of June 30, 2017 on this exemption.

PURPOSE: The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to encourage telephone service in rural areas.

WHO BENEFITS: Nonprofit telephone associations would have lower costs due to this property tax exemption and should pass these along to their customers in the form of lower rates. No taxpayers are currently using this exemption. Because of technological advances in telephone communications, the equipment that qualifies for this exemption appears to be obsolete.

EVALUATION: Not evaluated.

## 2.073 PRIVATE SERVICE TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT

**Oregon Statute:** 307.230

**Sunset Date:** 6-30-2017

**Year Enacted:** 1941

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: Minimal

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Upon application, certain telephone property that serves only the system owner’s property is exempt from property taxation if the individual is not engaged in public service operations, and the system’s value does not exceed \$1,500. Property exempt under this provision includes improvements, fixtures, equipment, and supplies used for the construction, maintenance, and operation of the telephone system.

Legislation in 2013 (HB 2227) placed a sunset date of June 30, 2017 on this exemption.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to reduce the administrative expense associated with assigning value to private service telephone equipment.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Owners of private service telephone equipment. For tax year 2015-16, fewer than five taxpayers are using this exemption.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 2.074 BEVERAGE CONTAINERS REQUIRING DEPOSIT

**Oregon Statute:** 307.402

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1983

2015-16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$2 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$100,000	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** All beverage containers that have a refund value (requiring a deposit), as specified in the Bottle Bill (ORS 459A.700–459A.740), are exempt from property tax. These containers are not considered inventory if owned by the distributor. The containers are not “sold” with the contents but are intended to be returned for a refund.

Distributors must pay stores the refund value for each container returned for recycling. Distributors keep the deposits on the containers that are not returned for the refund. Deposit containers for carbonated soft drinks, soda water, mineral waters, and beer or other malt beverages may be glass, metal, or plastic.

The 2007 Legislature expanded the Bottle Bill to include a refundable deposit for all bottled water and flavored water containers under three liters effective January 1, 2009. The 2011 Legislature expanded the Bottle Bill to include additional beverage

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containers under specified circumstances or no later than January, 2018, and authorized an increase of the redemption value if beverage container return rates fell below a specified level. In August of 2016 the Oregon Liquor Control Commission determined that redemption rates for containers were below the specified amount, and announced that the deposit amount would increase from 5-cents per container to 10-cents starting in April of 2017.

- PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to eliminate the tax compliance burden of enumerating the containers returned.
- WHO BENEFITS:** The beneficiaries of this exemption are bottlers, distributors, and retail stores that temporarily hold beverage containers requiring a deposit.
- EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 2.075 LOW VALUE MANUFACTURED STRUCTURE IN LARGE COUNTY

**Oregon Statute:** 308.250(2)(b)  
**Sunset Date:** None  
**Year Enacted:** 2010

2015-16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$50 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$1,400,000	\$300,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$1,500,000	\$300,000

- DESCRIPTION:** The county assessor for a county with a population of more than 340,000 must cancel the annual personal property tax assessment on a taxpayer’s manufactured structures, typically dwellings, if the total assessed value owned by the taxpayer in any assessment year is less than a specified amount. The amount is indexed annually to inflation; for tax year 2015-16, the amount was \$16,500.
- PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. According to the legislative staff revenue impact statement for HB 2676 (2013), the purpose of this provision “...is to reduce administrative costs associated with processing personal property accounts with low value. It is also to provide tax relief to low income homeowners living in inexpensive structures.”
- WHO BENEFITS:** Individual owners of low value manufactured structures who reside in counties with a population of more than 340,000. Four counties are in this size category: Clackamas, Lane, Multnomah and Washington. For the 2015-16 property tax year, roughly 12,300 taxpayers benefited from this exemption.
- EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 2.076 PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR PERSONAL USE

**Oregon Statute:** 307.190

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1854

2015-16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$46 billion

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$1,280,000,000	\$246,000,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$1,320,000,000	\$253,000,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Tangible personal property held by the owner for personal use is exempt from property tax. Examples of personal property for personal use are household goods, furniture, appliances, personal effects, clothing, recreational goods, and entertainment equipment.

The exemption does not apply to any property that is:

- Wholly or partially used in the ordinary course of a trade or business
- Used for the production of income or solely for investment
- Required to be licensed or registered
- A floating home, boathouse, or manufactured structure.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to reduce the administrative expense associated with assigning value to various personal property items that was not intended to be taxed as property.

**WHO BENEFITS:** The exemption benefits all households.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 2.077 BEACH LANDS

**Oregon Statute:** 307.450

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1969

2015-16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: Not Available

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Available	Not Available
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Available	Not Available

**DESCRIPTION:** Beach lands are exempt from property taxation. However, improvements are not exempt. Generally, beach lands are those along the Pacific Ocean between the extreme low tide and the vegetation line. While much of this land is publicly owned, some is privately owned, but in most cases it has severe restrictions on development (ORS 390.605 to 390.729). While this tax expenditure covers all beach land, regardless of ownership, the publicly owned portion of beach land would be exempt under tax expenditure 2.079, State and Local Property, if this provision did not exist.

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**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to preserve public access to ocean beaches and to clarify that ocean beaches, even if privately owned, are exempt from property taxation.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Owners of beach front property and others who use Oregon beaches.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 2.078 PROPERTY OF INDIANS AND ON TRIBAL TRUST LAND

**Oregon Statute:** 307.180, 307.181(1), and 307.181(2)

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1854, Modified in 2015 (HB 2148)

2015-16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: Not Available

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Available	Not Available
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Available	Not Available

**DESCRIPTION:** Real property owned by an Indian tribe or tribal member and located on an Indian reservation or tribal trust land is generally exempt from property tax. Exempt property must be real property of Indians residing upon reservations who have not severed their tribal relations or taken land in severalty. Land acquired by an Indian tribe is exempt from property taxation if the land is within ancient tribal boundaries and is held in or in the process of being placed in a U.S. trust for the tribe.

Legislation in 2015 (HB 2148) exempted from state and local property taxes and fees those permanent improvements (regardless of ownership) located on land that is held in trust for a federally recognized tribe or individual member, unless the property is centrally assessed.

**PURPOSE:** The statutes that allow this exemption do not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to comply with the status of Indians under federal law before statehood.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Nine federally recognized tribal governments exist in Oregon. Two additional federally recognized tribal governments also have land within Oregon's boundaries. In total, eleven tribes have land located in 15 counties. In 2016, reservation and land in trust acreage totaled approximately 875,000 acres in Oregon, plus approximately 6,000 acres in the process of being placed in U.S. trust. Other beneficiaries include people who own permanent improvements located on land that is held in trust for a tribe or tribal member.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 2.079 STATE AND LOCAL PROPERTY

**Oregon Statute:** 307.090

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1854

2015-16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$98 billion

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$2,700,000,000	\$520,000,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$2,900,000,000	\$550,000,000

**DESCRIPTION:** State and local government property is exempt from property taxation. Generally state or local government property held under contract of sale or lease by a private party is taxable. For example, office buildings owned by the State of Oregon and used for public purposes are exempt, but space in those same buildings, if leased to a private company, is taxable. Certain nonprofit entities created by the Oregon Health and Science University are considered public corporations and thus their property can be exempt from property taxation under this provision.

The Oregon Legislature exempted some leasehold interests that otherwise would be taxable state and local property. Refer to the following tax expenditures in this report:

- 2.003, Leased Student Housing Publicly Owned
- 2.004, Higher Education Parking Space
- 2.006, Leased Health Care Property
- 2.030, Leased Docks and Airports
- 2.031, Ship Repair Facility Materials
- 2.010, Fairground Leased Storage Space
- 2.040, Leased State and Local Farming and Grazing Land
- 2.042, Shellfish Growing on State Land
- 2.056, State and Local Standing Timber Under Contract
- 2.047, Land Leased From State Land Board
- 2.048, Natural Gas Pipeline Extension
- 2.067, ODOT Land Under Use Permit.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to avoid reciprocal taxation among public entities; to avoid taxing public services that are funded through the tax.

**WHO BENEFITS:** State and local governments in Oregon. County assessors reported approximately 53,000 state and local government properties throughout Oregon in fiscal year 2015-16.

**IN LIEU:** The following types of property make in lieu payments to local taxing districts:

- City Property Used to Produce Energy (ORS 307.090(2))
- Fish and Wildlife Commission Lands (ORS 496.340)

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- State Timber Land (ORS 530.110–530.115)
- Common School Fund Lands (ORS 327.410–327.420).

EVALUATION: Not evaluated.

## 2.080 CORPORATIONS FOR IRRIGATION, DRAINAGE, WATER SUPPLY OR FLOOD CONTROL

**Oregon Statute:** 554.320

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1963

2015-16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: Included in 2.079, State and Local Property

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Included in 2.079	Included in 2.079
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Included in 2.079	Included in 2.079

**DESCRIPTION:** Nonprofit corporations organized for use or control of water are exempt from property taxation. The corporation must be organized as a nonprofit and all revenues and incomes of the corporation must be exclusively used for improvements or maintenance of lands subject to the corporation’s rates, tolls, charges, fees, fines, or assessments.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to treat nonprofit corporations organized for use or control of water similar to local taxing districts which are exempt from property taxation under 2.079, State and Local Property.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Nonprofit corporations organized for use or control of water and members of the nonprofit corporations receiving services at presumably lower costs.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 2.081 LOCAL GOVERNMENT PUBLIC WAYS

**Oregon Statute:** 307.200

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1895

2015-16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: Not Available

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Available	Not Available
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Available	Not Available

**DESCRIPTION:** Privately held land that is subject to a designated public right-of-way is exempt from taxation. Affected land is land “within the boundary of any county road, and all dedicated streets and alleys in any incorporated or unincorporated city or town...”

The property owners do not have private use of the land. The land is not assessed and is not tracked on the assessment or tax roll.

Land subject to this exemption has economic value, but it is unclear if it carries direct value in the context of how property is valued in the property tax system. The value of the right-of-way may be captured in the increased value of adjoining lands and properties.

- PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to compensate owners for the loss of private use of the land and to recognize the difficulty associated with placing a value on the land.
- WHO BENEFITS:** Owners of designated public right-of-way land.
- EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 2.082 COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT FOR MARITIME EMERGENCY RESPONSE

**Oregon Statute:** 307.197  
**Sunset Date:** None  
**Year Enacted:** 2010

2015-16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: Minimal

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000

- DESCRIPTION:** Communications equipment, emergency response equipment and other tangible personal property is exempt from ad valorem property taxation if the equipment or property meets all three of these criteria:
- It is acquired or used primarily for the purposes of responding to and maintaining the capability to respond to shipboard fires or oil spills in navigable waters
  - It is owned by a nonprofit corporation under ORS chapter 65 that operates as a maritime fire and safety association
  - And it is made available by the nonprofit corporation for use by a federal, state, or local emergency response agency pursuant to a mutual aid compact.
- PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to encourage nonprofit maritime fire and safety associations to own communications equipment used for maritime emergency response and to provide access for public agencies to use this specialized equipment in emergency situations.
- WHO BENEFITS:** Maritime fire and safety associations which own communications and emergency response equipment used primarily for the purposes of responding to shipboard fires or oil spills. Federal, state and/or local emergency response agencies may also benefit by having the ability to use the equipment.
- EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 2.083 INTERSTATE BRIDGES OF OTHER STATES OR SUBDIVISIONS

**Oregon Statute:** ORS 381.824

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 2014

2015-16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$0

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$0	\$0
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$0	\$0

**DESCRIPTION:** Bridges that pass over a river or body of water forming a boundary between Oregon and another state, and that are operated by another state or by a subdivision of that state are exempt from property taxation for the portion of the bridge in Oregon. This exemption is conditional on the other state similarly exempting bridges in the other state that are owned by the state of Oregon or its subdivisions from property taxation.

This property tax exemption was removed by legislation in 2007 (SB 1022); legislation in 2014 (SB 1534) reinstated this exemption and made it retroactive to January 1, 2008.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the exemption serves several purposes: to receive reciprocal treatment for Oregon bridges that cross into other states, to avoid the administrative difficulty of separating the value of a bridge from the likely already exempt highway, and to avoid taxing property that might be jointly owned by already exempt entities.

**WHO BENEFITS:** The owners of bridges that cross into Oregon that are operated by another state or any subdivision of that state. Currently no bridges qualify for this exemption, however the existence of this exemption enables two bridges owned by subdivisions of Oregon that cross into the State of Washington to be exempt from property tax in that state under the agreement for reciprocal treatment.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Transportation*

There are nine bridges that connect Oregon to Washington. Seven of those bridges are jointly owned by the two states, one is owned by the Port of Cascade Locks and one is owned by the Port of Hood River. The seven jointly owned bridges are not subject to taxation. Historically, Oregon and Washington had a reciprocal agreement that made the two port-owned bridges exempt from taxation, as long as each state had statutory language supporting the reciprocity. In 2007, Oregon's language was inadvertently removed from Oregon law through a statutory clean-up. SB 1534 (2014) was intended to correct the error and restore the language in Oregon law that supports the reciprocity of tax exemption for the two ports for the interstate bridges.

## 2.084 INDIAN PROPERTY USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICES

**Oregon Laws:** 307.181(3)

**Sunset Date:** None (6-30-2017 for new low income rental housing)

**Year Enacted:** 2012

2015–16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$12 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$400,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$400,000	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Property owned exclusively by an eligible Indian tribe, or by an entity wholly owned by an eligible tribe, and used exclusively for certain government services is exempt from property taxation. Application is required under either ORS 307.112, 307.166, or ORS 307.162. This exemption is applicable to Indian tribe government service properties that otherwise would be taxable. Tribe-owned properties that provide tribal government services located on Indian Reservations and that are exempt under federal law are also exempt from taxation under 2.078, Property of Indians and on Tribal Trust Land.

Eligible government services are specified and include: tribal administration, elementary, secondary, or higher education, utility, low income rental housing, and health, fire or police services.

Properties leased or rented to low income persons by an eligible tribe or a partnership, nonprofit corporation, or limited liability company of which an eligible Indian tribe is a general partner, limited partner, director, member, manager or general manager, are also exempt. All agreements necessary for the construction and operation of low income rental housing must be executed on or before June 30, 2017. All properties where agreements are executed on or before the June 30, 2017 deadline remain exempt, however, properties that did not meet the deadline will not receive the exemption. A report to the Commission on Indian Services is required annually from Tribes receiving an exemption related to low income housing property.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. According to the legislative staff revenue impact statement for HB 4041 (2012), “The purpose of this tax expenditure is to extend property tax benefits to Indian tribal governments for providing government services equivalent to those provided by other governmental entities. Additionally, the expenditure encourages the provision of housing to low-income individuals while achieving consistency in the administration of property tax exemptions.”

**WHO BENEFITS:** Indian Tribes holding property used for government services. For tax year 2015-16, six tribes have property benefiting from this exemption.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 2.085 FEDERALLY LEASED HIGH-VOLTAGE ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION PROPERTY

**Oregon Statute:** 307.040(3)

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 2013

2015-16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$160 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$4,500,000	\$900,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$1,000,000	\$200,000

**DESCRIPTION:** In general, property that is owned by a non-governmental entity is taxable, even if it leased to the United States. This provision ensures that property that is leased to the United States under a lease or lease-purchase agreement from non-government entity is exempt from property tax if:

- The property is operated or used in furtherance of a statutory responsibility of the United States with respect to a high-voltage electricity transmission system that the United States owns and operates within the Pacific Northwest;
- The property is constructed on or affixed to real property interests of the United States and;
- Upon expiration of the lease or lease-purchase agreement, the United States has an option to purchase the property for a nominal price, if the debt incurred by the entity to acquire the property has been paid.

When this exemption was enacted in 2013, it applied retroactively, beginning with tax year 2008-09. Any property that met the requirements of the exemption could receive a refund for any taxes paid from tax year 2008-09 to tax year 2012-13. In addition, any property taxes and interest not paid during this time period on property that met the requirements of this exemption were abated.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. According to the legislative staff revenue impact statement for SB 261 (2013), “The purpose of this tax expenditure is to treat leased property as property of the United States government if it is used for electricity transmission by a federal agency. The purpose is also to expand energy transmission in Oregon.”

**WHO BENEFITS:** Third-parties that finance equipment and facilities for the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), as they would not be required to pay property tax on the equipment and facilities they own. This would ultimately reduce the cost for the BPA, as their lease payments would be reduced.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Public Utilities Commission*

This provision could to be effective in achieving its purpose, but an in-depth evaluation of the program is not possible because the third-parties that finance equipment and facilities for Bonneville Power Administration are not necessarily regulated by the Public Utility Commission. The Public Utility Commission does not have any financial or other information about these companies.

## 2.086 CHARITABLE, LITERARY, AND SCIENTIFIC ORGANIZATIONS

**Oregon Statute:** 307.130

**Sunset Date:** None (6-30-2022 for low income housing exemption)

**Year Enacted:** 1854, Modified in 2015 (HB 2171), 2016 (HB 4081)

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$6.5 billion

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$179,800,000	\$34,600,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$190,700,000	\$36,700,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Property owned or under contract of sale by literary, benevolent, and charitable organizations or scientific institutions is exempt from property taxation. To qualify, the organization or institution must:

- Be a nonprofit corporation
- Provide a charitable gift to the public without expectation of payment
- Occupy and use the property in a manner that furthers the organization’s charitable purpose.

Shelter workshops and retail stores selling donated or consigned goods to support a welfare program or not-for-profit housing program are exempt. Parking lots are exempt as long as there is no charge for at least 355 days each year. The organization or institution must file an application with the county assessor to claim the exemption. (ORS 307.162)

Legislation in 2007 exempted from taxation real and personal property of retail stores owned by nonprofit entities if the retail stores deal exclusively in donated inventory and the proceeds from the stores’ sales are used to financially support a not-for-profit housing program.

Legislation in 2014 exempted from property taxation real or personal property of a nonprofit corporation that was offered, occupied, or used as low income housing and granted exemption by the county as of the property tax year beginning July 1, 2012. This exemption originally sunset June 30, 2018, but legislation in 2016 changed the sunset data to June 30, 2022.

Legislation in 2015 expanded the exemption to include real and personal property owned or leased by a history museum or science museum if property is used to fulfill the mission of the museum and is used or occupied for one or more specific qualifying purposes, including food service facility or concession, retail store, parking lot, theater located in a museum, unimproved land that is not specially assessed, displays storage areas, and educational classrooms or meeting areas. The legislation also specified that the exemption does not apply to property used or occupied as a hotel, water park, chapel, or for any commercial enterprise.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to recognize the social benefits of some nonprofit organizations by providing tax relief.

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**WHO BENEFITS:** This exemption applies to many nonprofit organizations. Examples are some hospitals, social services, museums, youth and athletic groups, summer camps, and conservation groups. In fiscal year 2015–16, approximately 6,500 properties were exempt, but the number of organizations is unknown because the same organization may have property in more than one county.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 2.087 FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

**Oregon Statute:** 307.136

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1961

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$530 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$14,600,000	\$2,800,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$15,500,000	\$3,000,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Property used for fraternal lodge work, entertainment, or recreational purposes is exempt from property taxation. Fraternal organization property remains exempt even while being rented or leased to other persons so long as the rent does not exceed expenses for heat, lights, water, janitorial services and supplies. Parking lots are exempt as long as there is no charge for at least 355 days each year. The fraternal organization must file an application with the county assessor to claim the exemption.

To qualify, a fraternal organization must:

- Be organized as a nonprofit
- Be established under the lodge system with ritualistic form of work and representative form of government
- Support some benevolent or charitable activity
- Not distribute any income to its officers, members, or employees except for reasonable compensation for services
- Not be a college fraternity or sorority.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to recognize the social benefits of fraternal organizations.

**WHO BENEFITS:** In fiscal year 2015-16, approximately 1,180 properties were exempt. Qualifying organizations include the State Grange, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Eagles, Elks, Masons, Moose, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Knights of Columbus, Lions Clubs, Soroptimists, Rotary, and Kiwanis.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 2.088 RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

**Oregon Statute:** 307.140

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1854

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$4.2 billion

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$116,800,000	\$22,500,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$123,900,000	\$23,800,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Houses of public worship and other buildings or property used solely for administration, education, literary, benevolent, charitable, entertainment and recreational purposes by religious organizations, and cemeteries are exempt from property tax. Parking lots are exempt as long as there is no charge for at least 355 days each tax year. The religious organization must file an application with the county assessor to claim the exemption.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to recognize the social benefits of religious organizations.

**WHO BENEFITS:** In fiscal year 2015–16, approximately 8,180 properties were exempt.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 2.089 TRANSFER OF LAND FROM CEMETERY TO SCHOOL

**Oregon Statutes:** 307.157

**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2010 (owned or purchased by), 6-30-2021 (full sunset)

**Year Enacted:** 2001

2015-16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$1.2 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** In general, if land that was used or held exclusively for cemetery or crematory purposes ceases to be used or held exclusively for cemetery or crematory purposes, it becomes taxable. Additional taxes on the land are applied at the time of the property's disqualification from exempt status. The additional taxes are equal to the taxes on the land for the last 10 years that would have been calculated if not for the exempt status (see ORS 307.155).

Under this provision, land that ceases to be used for cemetery or crematory purposes exempt under 2.090, Cemeteries, Burial Grounds, and Mausoleums, remains exempt as long as the land was owned or being purchased by an incorporated charitable institution in connection with educational purposes between December 31, 2000 and January 1, 2011.

The additional taxes that would have been due except for this provision are also reduced by 10 percent for each 12-month period that the land is owned or was being

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purchased by the charitable institution for use in connection with educational purposes.

To qualify for this deferral and reduction of the potential additional tax, the property must have been owned or was being purchased between December 31, 2000 and January 1, 2011. As long as the ownership and educational use continues, the exemption and deferral of additional tax continues through tax year 2020-21.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to eliminate the potential tax burden when transferring property from cemetery to educational use.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Owners of land that transferred from a cemetery to an incorporated charitable institution in connection with educational purposes between December 31, 2000 and January 1, 2011.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 2.090 CEMETERIES, BURIAL GROUNDS, AND MAUSOLEUMS

**Oregon Statute:** 307.150

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1854

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$240 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$6,600,000	\$1,300,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$7,000,000	\$1,300,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Burial grounds, tombs, and rights of burial are exempt from property taxation. Also, land not exceeding a total of 30 acres and buildings of crematory associations are exempt. Buildings to store maintenance equipment are included in the exemption. To qualify, a claim must be filed with the county assessor. Family burial grounds are exempt without application.

This statute exempts both nonprofit and for-profit cemetery and crematory associations, as well as family burial grounds. The property tax exemption for cemeteries and crematory properties is granted regardless of the organizational structure or state in which an association is organized.

Cemeteries owned by cities, counties, or cemetery districts are exempt by tax expenditure 2.079, State and Local Property. Cemeteries owned and maintained by religious organizations are exempt by tax expenditure 2.088, Religious Organizations.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is implementation of traditional public policy to not tax cemeteries.

**WHO BENEFITS:** For tax year 2015–16, almost 1,130 properties were exempt. Over half of the exempt value is located in Multnomah County.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 2.091 CONVENTION FACILITIES

**Oregon Statutes:** 263.290

**Sunset Date:** 6-30-2017

**Year Enacted:** 1985

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$0

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$0	\$0
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$0	\$0

**DESCRIPTION:** Any real or personal property acquired, owned, leased, controlled, used, or occupied by a sports and convention facilities commission established under ORS 263.210 is exempt from property taxation. The commission must be created by a ballot measure and established as a municipal corporation.

Legislation in 2013 (HB 2227) placed a sunset date of June 30, 2017 on this exemption.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to ensure the property of these municipal corporations is not taxed.

**WHO BENEFITS:** There are no known beneficiaries of this statute.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 2.092 CITY OWNED SPORTS FACILITY

**Oregon Statutes:** 307.171

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 2001

2015-16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$48 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$2,100,000	\$200,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$2,200,000	\$300,000

**DESCRIPTION:** In general, when public property is held under contract of sale or is leased to a private individual or business, it is considered taxable. However, this provision exempts any sports facility owned by a city with a population of at least 500,000 from taxation, even if leased to or operated by a taxable entity.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to encourage the use of the specific qualifying facility as a private sports venue.

**WHO BENEFITS:** The only facility affected by this statute is Providence Park in Portland.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 2.093 EXEMPT LEASE FROM TAXABLE OWNER

**Oregon Statute:** 307.112

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1977

2015-16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \*

	Loss	Shift
2013-15 Revenue Impact:	*	*
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	*	*

\* Included in other ORS Chapter 307 property exemption tax expenditure listed below.

**DESCRIPTION:** Property that is held under lease, sublease, or lease-purchase agreement by an entity that qualifies for a property tax exemption (under ORS Chapter 307) is exempt from property taxation. Eligible entities are institutions, organizations, and public bodies (other than the state of Oregon). The property must be used for a qualifying purpose, and the rent charged must be below market value in reflection of the exemption. The lessee must file an application with the county assessor to receive this exemption.

Related tax expenditures are:

- 2.001, Academies, Day Care, and Student Housing
- 2.007, Senior Services Centers
- 2.079, State and Local Property
- 2.084, Indian Property Used Exclusively for Government Services.
- 2.086, Charitable, Literary, and Scientific Organizations
- 2.087, Fraternal Organizations
- 2.088, Religious Organizations.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to extend equal treatment to exempt organizations whether they rent, lease, or sublease property.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Exempt organizations and local governments.

**EVALUATION:** This exemption extends the other Chapter 307 exemptions listed in the description. See the evaluations for those related expenditures.

## 2.094 EXEMPT LEASE FROM EXEMPT OWNER

**Oregon Statute:** 307.166

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1973

2015-16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \*

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	*	*
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	*	*

\* Included in other ORS Chapter 307 property exemption tax expenditures.

**DESCRIPTION:** Property that is leased or rented to an entity that qualifies for a property tax exemption (under ORS Chapter 307) from an owner who also qualifies for an exemption is exempt from property tax. Eligible entities are institutions, organizations, and public bodies. The property must be used for a qualifying purpose, and the rent charged must not exceed the cost of repairs and maintenance. The lessee must file an application with the county assessor to claim the exemption, or a federal, state, or local government leasing property to another governmental entity only needs to provide the assessor with basic information about the nature of the lease and the exempt entities.

Related statutes and tax expenditures are:

- 2.001, Academies, Day Care, and Student Housing
- 2.007, Senior Services Centers.
- 2.079, State and Local Property
- 2.086, Charitable, Literary, and Scientific Organizations
- 2.087, Fraternal Organizations
- 2.088, Religious Organizations.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to extend equal treatment to exempt organizations whether they rent, lease, or sublease property.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Exempt organizations and local governments.

**EVALUATION:** This exemption extends the other Chapter 307 exemptions listed in the description. See the evaluations for those related expenditures.

## 2.095 PROPERTY OF LLC OWNED BY NONPROFIT CORPORATION

**Oregon Statute:** 307.022

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 2005

2015-16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \*

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	*	*
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	*	*

\* Included in other ORS Chapter 307 property exemption tax expenditures.

**DESCRIPTION:** A Limited Liability Company (LLC) that is wholly owned by a nonprofit corporation qualifies for a special assessment or property tax exemption if the nonprofit corporations would qualify. The LLC's property qualifies for special assessment or exemption if it is exclusively using the property consistent with the non-profit corporation's purposes.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to allow nonprofit owners of property to structure their property ownership in a way that provides the limited liability protection of an LLC while still providing the owner a property tax benefit.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Nonprofit corporations that would qualify for a property tax exemption or special assessment that own property through wholly owned LLCs.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 2.096 FEDERAL PROPERTY

**Oregon Statute:** 307.040

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1848

2015-16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$66 billion

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$1,841,700,000	\$354,200,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$1,939,900,000	\$373,000,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Property of the United States and its agencies is exempt from property tax when taxation is prohibited by federal law. Federal property held under contract of sale or lease by a private party is generally taxable.

The Oregon Legislature exempted some leasehold interests of federal land that otherwise would be taxable. Refer to the following exemptions in this report:

- 2.025, Federal Land Under Recreation Facility
- 2.021, Federal Land Under Summer Homes
- 2.041, Leased Federal Grazing Land
- 2.055, Federal Standing Timber Under Contract

- 2.063, Mining Claims on Federal Land.

**PURPOSE:** To comply with federal law.

**WHO BENEFITS:** The United States owns about 32 million acres in Oregon, or 53 percent of the land. The exempt value includes federal structures and equipment, land, and saw timber. Most of the value is standing timber. In fiscal year 2015–16, there were approximately 23,500 exemptions for federal property reported by Oregon counties.

**IN LIEU:** The federal government makes payments in lieu of property taxes to local governments for certain types of federal land, for example:

- Federal forest land
- Land subject to the Payments In Lieu Of Taxes Act of 1976
- Coos Bay Wagon Road lands
- Public land resource sales
- Bureau of Land Management grazing lands
- U.S. mineral leases.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Revenue*  
This expenditure achieves its purpose of compliance with federal law.

## 2.097 AMTRAK PASSENGER RAILROAD

**Oregon Statute:** 308.515(3)(d)

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1983

2015–16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$71 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$2,000,000	\$400,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$2,100,000	\$400,000

**DESCRIPTION:** National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) property is exempt from property tax; federal law exempts the company from paying any state or local taxes. Amtrak does not own land or structures in Oregon but leases or pays fees for use. If taxed, the value would likely be computed using an allocation formula based on share of passenger miles traveled in Oregon.

**PURPOSE:** To comply with federal law.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Amtrak benefits by not paying property taxes.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Revenue*  
This expenditure achieves its purpose of compliance with federal law.

## 2.098 FRATERNITIES, SORORITIES, AND COOPERATIVES

**Oregon Statute:** 307.471

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1973

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$40 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$500,000	\$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$500,000	\$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Certain property owned by a qualified nonprofit corporation, such as a fraternity, sorority, or cooperative housing organization, is exempt from property taxes imposed by schools, educational service districts, and community colleges. The property must be rented exclusively to students who attend an accredited educational institution which offers at least a two-year program acceptable for full credit toward a baccalaureate degree, and student occupancy must be nondiscriminatory with regard to race, creed, color, and national origin.

An application to the county assessor is required to claim the exemption. If an exempt property loses qualified status, the owner is required to notify the assessor. If notification is not provided and the property is disqualified, additional taxes equal to the tax benefit of the exemption for all exempted prior years plus interest and a 20 percent penalty on the tax amount shall be assessed. Tax expenditure 2.003, Leased Student Housing Publicly Owned, covers similar property owned by a public college.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to help keep college housing costs to a minimum and provide equitable treatment with those students living on campus in publicly-owned residence halls.

**WHO BENEFITS:** In fiscal year 2015–16, approximately 80 accounts were exempt and located primarily in Benton, Lane, and Yamhill counties.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission*

This tax expenditure achieves its purpose and contributes to containing the costs of higher education. Fraternities, sororities, and cooperatives are not-for-profit organizations that primarily or exclusively serve students. They are also important and traditional components in the housing supply for colleges and universities. These organizations provide the second largest option for campus student housing (residence halls are the first). Consequently, this exemption is valuable in supporting higher education. It is a fiscally effective means of achieving its purpose.

## 2.099 NEW RURAL HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

**Oregon Statutes:** 307.804(2)

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 2001

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$0

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$0	\$0
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$0	\$0

<b>DESCRIPTION:</b>	<p>Real and personal property of a rural health care facility may be exempt from property taxation if the property constitutes new construction, new additions, new modifications, or new installations of property as of the first assessment date for which the facility is in service. Land and other existing property are not exempt.</p> <p>The exemption lasts three years, but the taxpayer must file its intention to take the exemption each year. The exemption is available only in a county where the county governing body has passed a resolution authorizing the exemption and then only from the taxes of taxing districts that elect to participate by also passing a resolution or ordinance.</p> <p>A rural health care facility is one that is located in a rural health service area with an average travel time of more than 30 minutes from a population center of 30,000 or more, as determined by the Office of Rural Health, and is used exclusively to provide medical care.</p>
<b>PURPOSE:</b>	The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to promote health care in rural areas.
<b>WHO BENEFITS:</b>	No facilities are currently using this exemption.
<b>EVALUATION:</b>	Not evaluated.

## 2.100 LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES

**Oregon Statute:** 307.811

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1999

2015–16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$3.8 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$100,000	Less than \$100,000

<b>DESCRIPTION:</b>	<p>A property tax exemption is allowed for real and personal property that is used solely in the operations of a long term care facility that has been certified for the tax year as an essential community provider long term care facility. Qualifying long term care facilities are: nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, residential care facilities, and adult foster homes. The owner of the facility must file with the county assessor a copy of a certificate issued by the Senior and People with Disabilities Division of the Oregon Department of Human Services. Adult foster homes must have an average</p>
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residency rate of at least 60 percent of residents eligible for Medicaid, whereas all other qualifying facilities must have a residency rate of 50 percent. (ORS 443.888). The facility will only receive a property tax exemption from those taxing districts granting the exemption.

**PURPOSE:** The statutory policy is to recognize that "...owners of long term care facilities that devote substantial proportions of those facilities to providing long term care to residents eligible for medical services under Medicaid provide an essential community service. The Legislative Assembly declares that a property tax exemption will enable these essential community provider long term care facilities to increase the quality of care provided to facility residents." (ORS 307.808)

**WHO BENEFITS:** In fiscal year 2015-16, three accounts total were reported to receive this exemption in Jefferson and Harney counties.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Human Services*

This tax measure has been a foundational part of the establishment and growth of long-term care facilities. However, the correlation between the savings from this tax measure and increased quality of care has not been quantitatively or qualitatively validated. This measure does achieve the goal of incentivizing individuals to provide long-term care services.

## 2.101 STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PROGRAM

**Oregon Statute:** 307.123

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1993, Modified in 2015 (HB 2652 and SB 129)

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$14.5 billion

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$406,300,000	\$78,100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$447,100,000	\$86,100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** A partial property tax exemption is allowed for up to 15 years on eligible projects, if the real market value of the new investment exceeds \$100 million, or \$25 million in rural areas, which are defined as outside the current urban growth boundary (UGB) surrounding any city of 40,000 or more in population. (Prior to 2015, rural was based on UGBs as they existed in 2002 and a city population maximum of 30,000) The assessed value of the property below the threshold amount, based on its real market value (RMV), is still subject to taxes; the remainder of RMV is exempt. This exemption threshold then increases 3 percent each year during the exemption period.

The new investment must benefit a traded-sector industry, which is one that sells goods or services in markets with national or international competition, including but not limited to manufacturing, and the business making the investment and operating the project needs to enter into a "first source" hiring agreement with local publicly funded job training providers.

Approval of a Strategic Investment Program (SIP) project requires a county public hearing, written agreement between the business and the county (and city if applicable), and formal action by the county governing body. The Oregon Business

Development Commission (OBDC) makes a final determination of project eligibility in order for it to receive SIP tax treatment.

In contrast to local negotiation of a unique agreement each time and case-by-case approval, a county may request that the OBDC establish a Strategic Investment Zone (SIZ), in which eligible projects are then subject to standardized local requirements and a streamlined approval process. Three SIZs were designated in 2009 and 2010, but they have not yet seen an eligible project.

In applying to the state for this exemption, businesses must pay fees equal to \$10,000 (\$5,000 in rural areas). An additional \$50,000 (\$10,000 in rural areas) is due with the OBDC's determination of eligibility, from which the Department of Revenue receives 50 percent for administrative purposes. The remaining funds are deposited in the Oregon Business, Innovation and Trade Fund

A business benefitting from this tax expenditure also needs to pay to the county an annual community service fee (see In Lieu below) in addition to other requirements under the agreement with the county, which typically entail further payments to local governments.

In 2007, the Legislature provided for local "gain share" of annual personal income tax revenue from state tax collections attributable to new and retained employment at SIP projects between 2011 and 2020. A percentage of the estimated amount of state revenue is transferred to the county and distributed locally under the same formula agreed to among taxing districts for the community service fee. In 2015, the Legislature (SB 129):

- Extended the gain-share provisions through 2024.
- Capped the total that any one county could receive at \$16 million per year, currently affecting only Washington County.
- Reduced from 50 percent to 20 percent, the portion of estimated tax revenue from retained jobs that is subject to transfer (it is still 50 percent for new-job revenue).

**PURPOSE:** "...to improve employment in areas where eligible projects are to be located and [the Legislative Assembly] urges business firms that will benefit from an eligible project to hire employees from the region in which the eligible project is to be located whenever practicable" (ORS 285C.603).

**WHO BENEFITS:** By 2016, 17 SIP projects were receiving the property tax exemption; five others had been formerly exempt. The Intel Corporation continues to dominate the program with investments in high-technology semiconductor fabrication; other projects include paper products, biopharmaceuticals and (mostly) electricity generation. Currently, Intel has only one exempt project, which was approved in 2005 for as much as \$25 billion, presently accounting for 60 to 70 percent of the program's total property value. In 2014, Intel executed its fifth SIP agreement in Washington County for future investments up to \$100 billion.

**IN LIEU:** Businesses that have value exempt under SIP pay a community service fee each year equal to 25 percent of the property taxes that would have otherwise been imposed. The fee is capped at a maximum of \$2 million (\$500,000 in rural areas) per year. In 2015, businesses in the Strategic Investment Program paid \$7 million in statutory community services fees on top of \$38 million in other locally negotiated payments. The community service fees are distributed generally among the county, city (if any) and other (non-school) taxing districts under a local intergovernmental agreement.

EVALUATION: *by the Oregon Business Development Department*

The program appears to achieve its goal of leveling the proverbial playing field for extraordinarily large, highly capital-intensive investments in Oregon, particularly in high technology and power generation industries.

A key question in evaluating this tax expenditure is the counterfactual of whether the investments would have been made without the program. This cannot be answered with certainty, but anecdotal evidence suggests that the program was crucial for Oregon locations being chosen as the site of exceptionally large investments in new property and for keeping key existing industries in the state. That local officials have thoughtfully approved more than 20 SIP projects indicates that these officials consider these tax expenditures to have a net positive value on their communities.

Judgments vary as to whether or not tax incentives like SIP are good for local or regional economies. Some observers contend that such incentives merely benefit participating companies, who receive lower tax bills at the expense of participating jurisdictions or existing taxpayers. Other experts would show how both participants gain from well-structured arrangements, with companies paying more reasonable taxes in communities that place a higher value than other localities on the companies' jobs, local purchases and other benefits, and that these incentives generally stimulate growth and competitiveness.

In 2014–15, businesses in the program enjoyed net savings of \$174 million in property taxes, less \$45 million of nontax fees paid under local SIP agreements, representing around \$137 million in net revenue loss to local government (after also adjusting for levy shifts)—such amounts might well exceed the taxes paid by residential or commercial developments that have considerably greater impacts on public services.

Offsetting these amounts, as reported under the gain-share provisions discussed above, are full-time equivalent jobs, created or retained directly by these projects, numbering 12,506, and earning incomes of nearly \$120,000 per year on average, and thereby, generating an estimated \$94 million in state personal income taxes in 2015.

Such investments and employment will also generate indirect and induced economic effects that cycle through to public revenues, in addition to direct revenue from other taxes and fees paid by the businesses.

The 2003 Legislature added a lower rural threshold of \$25 million, so that the program could enjoy greater variety in terms of geography and industry types, but even outside of rural areas, \$25 million still signifies an unusually large and special project. This rural version of SIP appears to have had the desired effect, although it was in no way intended as a panacea for Oregon's struggling rural economies, which might hope for even greater diversity under the program. Intel is essentially the lone remaining user of the SIP's urban version.

Finally, about \$150 billion in eligible investments has been approved, with still much of it yet to occur and most of it, of course, in the Hillsboro semiconductor industry. In light of the gross property taxes that arise, such quantities of private capital expenditure might be very unlikely without SIP or something like it.

## 2.102 CAP ON CENTRAL ASSESSMENT FOR CERTAIN COMPANIES

**Oregon Statute:** 308.674

**Sunset Date:** 6-30-2021

**Year Enacted:** 2015, (SB 611)

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$0

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$500,0000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$1,000,000	\$200,000

**DESCRIPTION:** A company that is centrally assessed under ORS 308.515(1) will receive an exemption on any value above 130 percent of the historical or original cost of the company’s real property and tangible personal property included in the unit subject to central assessment. The exemption is calculated so as to not double count any exemption elected under 2.104, Certain Communication Related Property. In addition, the amount of this exemption may not exceed an amount equal to 95 percent of the real market value of the company’s real property and tangible and intangible personal property included in the unit subject to central assessment.

The property of a company that is granted this exemption for a property tax year is not eligible to receive any other property tax exemption, including 2.103, Gigabit Internet, except as provided by 2.104, Certain Communication Related Property. In addition, a company granted this exemption for a property tax year has no effect on the benefits that the property of the company or the company may be granted under Chapter 285C (Enterprise Zone tax expenditures) or 2.101, Strategic Investment Programs for the property tax year.

For any company whose property is eligible for an exemption under both this exemption and 2.103, Gigabit Internet, the Department of Revenue shall appraise the value of the property under both exemptions for each property tax year and use the provisions of the section that result in the lowest amount of taxable value.

Because the legislation enacting this statute did not explicitly set a sunset for this tax expenditure, ORS 315.037(3) establishes the sunset as six years after the first effective tax year. In this case, the last effective tax year is 2021.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. According to the legislative staff revenue impact statement for SB 611 (2015), “The policy purpose of this measure is to provide tax relief for centrally assessed companies, primarily those with high levels of intangible value and to create a tax environment that incentivizes investment by centrally assessed communication companies in Oregon.”

**WHO BENEFITS:** In tax year 2016-17, 42 communication companies received this exemption. The assessed value of property exempted for these companies was \$34 million.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Oregon Business Development Department*

This tax expenditure should help to improve the competitiveness of telecommunication investments in Oregon, relative to full application of utility/unitary methods employed in other states that incorporate intangible assets of

nationwide telecommunication companies in assessing their taxable value. The relative size of such assets might be extraordinarily high by historic standards for such businesses. The department, however, lacks the data or direct experience to address this expenditure further.

## 2.103 GIGABIT INTERNET

**Oregon Statute:** 308.677

**Sunset Date:** no new approvals after 6-30-2021

**Year Enacted:** 2015, (SB 611)

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$0

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$0	\$0
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Available*	Not Available*

\* 2017-19 revenue impact not provided, as there a very few companies seeking approval and currently there are no companies that have been approved for this exemption. Revenue impact will not be provided until at least one or more companies are approved.

**DESCRIPTION:**

A company that is designated to be centrally assessed by ORS 308.515(1) may receive an exemption if the company builds, maintains and operates a qualified project in Oregon.

A project is qualified for this exemption if

- The project requires capital investment in new infrastructure that enables the company to offer communication services with capacity to provide, at least, approximately one gigabit per second symmetrical service, to a majority of the residential customers of the company’s broadband services; and
- With respect to communication services offered by the company using the infrastructure, the company does not deny access to the communication services to any group of residential customers because of the income level in the area where they live.

The expenditure exempts value above the greater of \$250 million or the real market value of the company’s real and tangible personal property. The exemption is calculated so as to not double count any exemption elected under 2.104, Certain Communication Related Property.

A company seeking this exemption must submit an application to the Public Utility Commission, who will determine if the company’s project is a qualified project. The Department of Revenue will grant the exemption annually to qualified projects that are built, maintained and operated.

The property of a company that is granted this exemption for a property tax year is not eligible to receive any other property tax exemption, including 2.102, Cap on Central Assessment for Certain Companies, except as provided by 2.104, Certain Communication Related Property. In addition, a company granted this exemption for a property tax year has no effect on the benefits that the property of the company or the company may be granted under Chapter 285C (Enterprise Zone tax expenditures) or 2.101, Strategic Investment Programs for the property tax year.

For any company whose property is eligible for an exemption under both this exemption and 2.102, Cap on Central Assessment for Certain Companies, the Department of Revenue shall appraise the value of the property under both exemptions for each property tax year and use the provisions of the section that result in the lowest amount of taxable value.

Because the legislation enacting this statute did not explicitly set a sunset for this tax expenditure, ORS 315.037(3) establishes the sunset as six years after the first effective tax year. In this case, there can be no more approvals after tax year 2021.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. According to the legislative staff revenue impact statement for SB 611 (2015), “The policy purpose of this measure is to provide tax relief for centrally assessed companies, primarily those with high levels of intangible value and to create a tax environment that incentivizes investment by centrally assessed communication companies in Oregon.”

**WHO BENEFITS:** Companies approved that build, maintain and operate qualified gigabit internet projects and the public that has access to the services generated.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Public Utility Commission*

While three projects have been qualified and are therefore eligible to request a tax break from DOR, none have received an exemption. Therefore, it cannot be determined if the exemption is meeting its purpose.

## 2.104 CERTAIN COMMUNICATION RELATED PROPERTY

**Oregon Statute:** 308.671

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 2001, Modified 2015 (SB 611)

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$940 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$33,600,000	\$6,500,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$42,300,000	\$8,100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** A communication company may elect one of the following types of property to be exempt from property taxation:

- Licenses granted by the Federal Communication Commission.
- If the company is in the business of communication, franchises.
- Satellites that are used by the company to provide communication services directly to retail customers or that are being constructed for such use and Federal Communications Commission licenses related to the use of the satellites to provide the communication services.

The value of the property is equal to the book value of the property carried in the accounting records of the owner and may not be included in the real or tangible personal property value of these companies.

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Legislation in 2015 (SB 611) added the exemptions for franchises and satellites to this provision.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. According to the legislative staff revenue impact statement for SB 611 (2015), which modified this provision, “The policy purpose of this measure is to provide tax relief for centrally assessed companies, primarily those with high levels of intangible value and to create a tax environment that incentivizes investment by centrally assessed communication companies in Oregon.”

**WHO BENEFITS:** Communication companies that have FCC licenses, franchises or satellites are the main beneficiaries of this provision.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Public Utility Commission*

The statute appears to provide tax relief for centrally assessed companies, primarily those with high levels of intangible value and to create a tax environment that incentivizes investment by centrally assessed communication companies in Oregon. However, the PUC does not have information on which companies have received tax relief under this option. Presumably, this option would remove one potential barrier for some types of companies looking to invest in Oregon.

## 2.105 VERTICAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ZONE

**Oregon Statute:** 307.864

**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2025 (for new certifications)

**Year Enacted:** 2001, Modified in 2015 (HB 2126)

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$44 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$1,300,000	\$300,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$1,400,000	\$300,000

**DESCRIPTION:** A partial property tax exemption is available for qualified residential housing combined with nonresidential uses in a vertical housing development zone. A vertical housing development zone is a designated area sponsored by a city or county that has been approved by the Oregon Housing and Community Services Department (OHCS).

The qualified project must consist of a multiple-story building or group of buildings, including at least one multiple story building containing nonresidential and residential space in any proportion. The partial property tax exemption depends on the number of floors dedicated to residential housing, calculated using an equalized floor measure which is the total square footage of the project divided by the number of floors that are at least 500 square feet per floor. If the project consists of one equalized floor of residential housing, it is 20 percent exempt; with two equalized floors, it is 40 percent exempt; with three equalized floors, it is 60 percent exempt; and with four or more equalized floors, the project is 80 percent exempt. The exemption lasts for a maximum of 10 years. If any of the residential floors are converted to commercial space, the project may receive a reduced exemption or be disqualified.

A project may be new construction or rehabilitation of an existing building. The land on which a project is located may be included in the partial exemption if the project restricts participation of at least a portion of the residential units to low income persons or families, defined as having income 80 percent or less of area median income, adjusted for family size, as determined by the Oregon Housing and Community Services Department. Land adjacent to or surrounding the low income residential project contained in separate tax lots, excess, or surplus land that is not necessary for the project is not eligible for partial exemption.

The vertical housing development project partial exemption does not apply to the taxes of any local taxing district or special district that elects not to participate.

Legislation in 2015 (HB 2126) extended the sunset for new certifications through 2025, added a definition for “nonresidential use,” and allowed any local taxing districts to opt out of the exemption and thus tax these properties at their full assessed value.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to encourage investment in and rehabilitation of properties in targeted areas of a city or community, to augment the availability of appropriate housing, and to revitalize communities.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Property owners of approved projects receive short term partial property tax exemptions. In 2015-16, there were twenty-four vertical housing development zones and twelve certified projects.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Housing and Community Services Department*

This expenditure achieves its purpose. The program is relatively efficient to administer in comparison with other types of housing funding. The exemption offers an incentive to encourage the construction or rehabilitation of properties in targeted areas of communities in order to augment the availability of appropriate housing and to revitalize such communities.

Although it is assumed that the placement of these projects benefits the communities and results in gentrification of the area and an increased tax base, the program is not structured to get feedback from the communities to verify this.

## 2.106 NEW SINGLE UNIT HOUSING

**Oregon Statute:** 307.664

**Sunset Date:** None (Construction period expires 06-30-2025)

**Year Enacted:** 1989

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$180 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$5,400,000	\$1,100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$5,600,000	\$1,100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** A city may grant a property tax exemption for newly constructed owner-occupied single unit housing for homeownership by low and moderate income families. Newly constructed condominiums as well as single family homes can qualify for this exemption. A manufactured structure is eligible if the jurisdiction adopts placement

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standards for the approval of manufactured homes located outside mobile home parks as defined in ORS 197.307 (8) (a) to (f). Housing can be exempt from property tax for up to 10 successive tax years. Only the value of the dwelling is exempt; the land remains taxable.

Property approved for this exemption are only exempt from property taxes imposed by the approving city, unless other taxing districts elect to participate in the exemption. The exemption also applies to the taxes of all districts that pass resolutions supporting the exemption and when the total combined rate of taxation of the city and agreeing taxing districts equals at least 51 percent. If a city has more than 40 percent of the total rate of taxation of all taxing districts with jurisdiction over the property, a county resolution or ordinance is required for the city to grant this exemption to the property.

To qualify for the exemption, the property must meet all the following guidelines:

- Be constructed after January 1, 1990, and before July 1, 2025
- Be used as a dwelling for one person or family
- Have a value that is no more than 120 percent of the median sales price of single family homes located in the city as determined prior to January 1 each year from annual sales data for the period ending the prior November 30.

The property owner must file an application with the city to claim the exemption. A change of use will disqualify the property from the program. Upon disqualification, an additional tax is due; this tax is equal to the tax benefit in the last year exempt, multiplied by the number of years exempt, up to ten years.

Legislation in 2013 (HB 2349), extended the sunset for the construction period and removed a requirement that the property must be located in a distressed area.

**PURPOSE:** To “encourage home ownership among low and moderate income families” (ORS 307.654).

**WHO BENEFITS:** Most of these accounts are in the Portland area. In tax year 2015-16, there were approximately 1400 accounts with this exemption in Multnomah County.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Housing and Community Services Department*

This expenditure achieves its purpose. The program is relatively efficient to administer in comparison with other types of housing funding. There is no need to channel funding through different layers of government and minimal need to establish larger bureaucratic mechanisms to develop program guidelines or to review for program eligibility. The home either qualifies, or it doesn't. The exemption is intended to provide an incentive for builders to build housing that they would not otherwise build by providing to the purchaser of a qualifying home a full property tax exemption on the building for 10 years. Whether any given home would or would not have been built without the benefit of the exemption is difficult to determine. The popularity of the program with builders suggests that the exemption functions well.

A major advantage of tax exemptions over a direct expenditure is the ability to tie the exemption to the specific project with little risk to the city. If the project is not constructed, the assistance is not tied up pending the fate of the project in the way a direct budgeted funding commitment would be. In other words, there is no lost

opportunity of funds committed to a project that is not constructed; nor is there any lost revenue.

Additionally, the program provides an additional incentive that helps to design housing in ways consistent with local policy.

The program is available to both for profit and nonprofit housing developers. Local programs can be designed with a variety of monitoring and evaluative controls.

## 2.107 REHABILITATED HOUSING

**Oregon Statute:** 308.459

**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2016

**Year Enacted:** 1975

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$1.5 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000

NOTE: The revenue impact estimate includes the effect of the sunset.

**DESCRIPTION:** A city or county may exempt from property tax any value that is attributed to the rehabilitation of housing or conversion of buildings for housing (single or multi-family) for 10 years. If the housing is at least 25 years old at the time of application, it may qualify if it has undergone rehabilitation during or after September 13, 1975, and before January 1, 2017. The rehabilitation must have cost at least 5 percent of the assessed value of the property before rehabilitation. Regardless of the age of the housing, it may qualify if it has undergone rehabilitations after October 3, 1989, and before January 1, 2017, that cost at least 50 percent of the assessed value of the property before rehabilitation. Applications must have been filed with the governing body prior to January 1, 2015.

In addition, the property must:

- Before rehabilitation, fail to comply with one or more standards of applicable building or housing codes
- Be residential units of which at least 50 percent are for nontransient occupants
- If owner-occupied, be in a distressed area as designated by the city or county
- Be approved for exemption by the city or county.

A property’s value is frozen at its value before rehabilitation for 10 years. However, if the owners of the property enter into in a low income rental assistance contract with a government agency during this time, and if the contract expires after the ten year period, the property value remains frozen through the term of the contract.

Qualified property is generally exempt only from city or county taxes. However, if districts representing at least 51 percent of the taxes on the property pass resolutions supporting the exemption, then the exemption applies to the taxes of all districts.

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**PURPOSE:** To “encourage the rehabilitation of existing units in substandard condition and the conversion of transient accommodation to permanent residential units and the conversion of nonresidential structures to permanent residential units in order to make these units sound additions to the housing stock of the state” (ORS 308.453).

**WHO BENEFITS:** This exemption is primarily used in Multnomah County which reported 8 rehabilitation properties in 2015-16. The number of units has been declining for the last several years.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Housing and Community Services Department*

This expenditure achieves its purpose. This is a relatively older tax exemption program, and it offers a greater track record than others. The exemption is intended to provide an incentive for investor owners of rental properties to preserve and rehabilitate qualified housing that might not otherwise be improved.

The owner applies for the exemption up front, during the building permit phase of the conversion or rehabilitation project. An inspector comes to the property, makes the necessary determination that the property is not in substantial compliance with applicable codes, and assesses what changes need to be made to bring the development into substantial compliance. The owner then undertakes the prescribed work, agrees to limit the rate of investment return from rents to 10 percent per year, and receives the rehabilitation exemption in return. The requirements that the development be out of code compliance at the beginning of the project and the participating owner’s rate of investment return be limited act as a restriction on the level of rents charged or other possible abuse of the exemption.

After the 10 year exemption, the property comes back onto the tax rolls at its new, higher value, increasing revenues to the taxing jurisdictions. Tenants, property owners, and local governments all benefit in the long term. When looking at the increased use of this exemption in the Portland area alone, it is easy to see the magnitude of change has occurred in large part to this exemption program. It has the added advantage of being easy to access and easy to administer. Determination of a home or development’s qualification for the exemption is easily made. This tax exemption appears to be both a fiscally effective and an efficient means of achieving its public purpose.

**2.108 MULTI-UNIT RENTAL HOUSING IN CITY CORE**

**Oregon Statute:** 307.612

**Sunset Date:** 01-01-2022

**Year Enacted:** 1975

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$231 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$7,000,000	\$1,400,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$7,100,000	\$1,400,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Cities and counties may grant a property tax exemption for multiple unit rental housing (excluding land) in areas designated as core, light rail station, and transit oriented areas for up to 10 successive years. Housing includes newly constructed housing and conversions to housing.

Core, light rail station, and transit oriented areas are locations designated by the city or county acting to grant the property tax exemption. Cities may designate any of these types of areas, while counties may designate light rail station areas or transit oriented areas, but not core areas.

Approved property is exempt from city or county property taxes, depending on which initially granted the exemption. The exemption also applies to the property taxes of all districts that pass resolutions supporting the exemption and when the total combined rate of taxation of the city or county and agreeing taxing districts equals at least 51 percent.

The exemption does not include the land or any improvements not part of the multiple unit housing, but may include parking constructed as part of the multiple unit housing construction, addition, or conversion. In the case of a structure to which improvements are added or the structure is converted, only the addition or conversion value is exempt. Construction is to be completed by January 1, 2022, but an extension is possible.

Any county over 300,000 in population, and any city, may include urban renewal land and land near the central business district within its eligible core area.

Legislation in 2011 (SB 322) included commercial property as eligible for this exemption if the commercial property is a required design or public benefit element of a multiple-unit housing construction, addition or conversion approved by an authorizing city or county.

For additional provisions associated with this exemption see 2.109, Low Income Multi-Unit Housing.

**PURPOSE:** To “stimulate the construction of rental housing in the core areas of Oregon’s urban centers to improve the balance between the residential and commercial nature of those areas...” and to have city programs emphasizing the “development of vacant or underused sites in the core areas...” with “rental rates accessible to a broad range of the general public” (ORS 307.600).

**WHO BENEFITS:** For fiscal year 2015–16, two counties reported properties which benefited from this exemption: Multnomah County reported 45, and Lane County reported 162 exempt properties.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Housing and Community Services Department*

This expenditure achieves its purpose. This is a relatively older tax exemption program that offers a long track record to judge its success. The exemption offers an incentive for developers to construct or convert to rental housing developments they would not otherwise construct or convert in city downtown core areas. The burden of proof falls on the developers as to whether any given development would have been built without the benefit of the exemption. This point must be demonstrated through a series of public hearings. The exemption is popular, but the process for either seeking or receiving qualification for the exemption is expensive and time consuming.

The Portland Bureau of Housing ensures the exempted property provides such public benefits as: reduction of rents, a limited rate of return on investment to the developer and the subsequent owner of only 10–12 percent per year, and public art, landscaping, child care, or set-asides of land for public parks. Although

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developments need only 10 units or more to qualify for the exemption; the complexity of the process makes it impractical for all but large developments. Therefore, the exemption tends to exclude smaller projects and less sophisticated housing developers.

The exemption seems to perform a solid public purpose, but is subject to a locally designed approval process.

## 2.109 LOW INCOME MULTI-UNIT HOUSING

**Oregon Statute:** 307.612

**Sunset Date:** 01-01-2022

**Year Enacted:** 1999

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: Included in 2.108, Multi-Unit Rental Housing in City Core

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Included in 2.108	Included in 2.108
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Included in 2.108	Included in 2.108

**DESCRIPTION:** This tax expenditure is an addition to the tax expenditure 2.108, Multi-Unit Rental Housing in City Core. A city or county may exempt from property tax any building operated as low-income rental housing under a low income assistance contract with the state or federal government, and the duration of exemption may run no more than 10 years unless extended by the city or county to run through the tax year in which the contract terminates. The property is not required to be in a core, light rail station, or transit oriented area.

An exemption is allowed only when the city or county has designated an area in which exemptions may be granted and has approved the exemption application. This exemption does not include the land associated with the multi-unit housing. Applications must have been received for tax years beginning July 1, 2000, or later, and received through January 1, 2022.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to provide an incentive to maintain or expand the supply of low cost rental housing.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Owners of low income rental housing complexes; the properties exempt under this provision are included in those receiving the exemption for 2.108, Multi-Unit Rental Housing in City Core.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Housing and Community Services Department*

The tenants of subsidized housing are of very low income and would have very limited opportunities in finding replacement housing at the same subsidized rents without this program.

## 2.110 NEW HOUSING FOR LOW INCOME RENTAL

**Oregon Statutes:** 307.517 and 307.518

**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2019

**Year Enacted:** 1989, Modified 2015 (HB 2130)

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$70.7 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$2,200,000	\$400,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$2,300,000	\$500,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Newly constructed rental housing occupied by low income persons or property held for a reasonable period of time for future development as low income rental housing is exempt from property taxes for 20 years if the property is:

- Located in a city or county that adopts statutory standards and guidelines to be used in administering applications for exemption
- Built after the city or county adopts state statutes, and completed before January 1, 2020
- Approved by the city or county upon application
- For projects requesting an exemption after October 5, 2015, any additional criteria established by the city or county prior to the application
- Rented only to persons with income at or below 60 percent of area median income based on U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development criteria
- Rented at rates that reflect the full property tax reduction.

The owner may be either a for-profit business or nonprofit entity. A nonprofit corporation that has only a leasehold interest in the property is considered a purchaser of the property if the lease requires payment of property tax or the rent reflects the exemption tax savings. In addition, low income rental residences owned by a nonprofit public benefit or religious corporation under state law (rather than as a federal 501(c)(3) nonprofit) are exempt provided the corporation uses 90 percent of its rental income from residential rentals for repair, purchase, or acquisition of low income residential property, or for onsite daycare services for the residents.

Qualified property is generally exempt only from city or county property taxes. However, if districts representing at least 51 percent of the taxes on the property pass resolutions supporting the exemption, then the exemption applies to the taxes of all districts.

Legislation in 2015 (HB 2130) amended the law to allow cities or counties to establish reasonable maximum holding times for land designated for low-income housing development. The legislation also permits cities or counties to elect additional qualifying criteria before granting the exemption.

**PURPOSE:** The statutes that allow this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to encourage for-profit businesses to develop low income housing by providing an exemption similar to that available to nonprofit organizations in cities adopting an exemption program under ORS 307.541; see tax expenditure 2.111, Nonprofit Low Income Rental Housing.

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**WHO BENEFITS:** For fiscal year 2015–16, counties reported approximately 75 properties exempt, most located within Lane County.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Housing and Community Services Department*

This expenditure is critical to the viability of many low-income housing developments; it achieves its stated purpose. The exemption reduces the operating expenses for the provider of low income housing, thereby resulting in lower rents. Without this assistance in lowering rents, some Oregonians could not afford decent housing; in some cases, this housing would not be built.

Where a taxing jurisdiction has adopted the authorizing provisions, the process by which it grants the exemption is quite straightforward; if a development meets the criteria, it receives the benefit of the exemption. It is relatively easy to administer once in place.

The taxing entity typically requires an annual report of tenant income levels and the rental rates being charged in exempted developments. This helps ensure fulfillment of the requirement that the project rental rates reflect the full property tax reduction and prevents possible abuse of the exemption by developers or development owners.

After the 20-year exemption, the entire property comes onto the tax rolls at its full assessed value. Tenants, property owners, and local governments benefit in the long term.

Since Measure 50 took effect in 1997, property tax exemptions have caused actual revenue losses to local governments. Before Measure 50, exemptions did not decrease local tax revenues because other property tax payers paid at a higher tax rate to compensate. Despite the loss to local governments caused by Measure 50, local governments have elected to increase the exempted value significantly since Measure 50.

This exemption enables local governments to contribute to providing affordable housing in their communities without raising additional revenue and spending it on affordable housing. The administrative costs of this exemption are likely less than would be incurred through a direct program developed to achieve this objective. This exemption fits well with other direct and indirect spending programs for affordable housing assistance. The exemption is both fiscally effective and an efficient means of achieving its public goal.

## 2.111 NONPROFIT LOW INCOME RENTAL HOUSING

**Oregon Statute:** 307.541

**Sunset Date:** 06-30-2027

**Year Enacted:** 1985, Modified in 2015 (HB 2130 and HB 3082)

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$800 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$24,600,000	\$4,900,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$26,100,000	\$5,200,000

**DESCRIPTION:** A city or county may exempt from property tax low income rental housing owned or being purchased by a nonprofit corporation. The property must be in use as housing

or must be held for that purpose. Qualifying nonprofit corporations must be exempt from federal income tax [Section 501(c)(3) or (4) of the Internal Revenue Code] and upon liquidation distribute remaining assets to other tax-exempt charitable organizations or the state of Oregon.

Qualified property is exempt only from city or county taxes, whichever granted the exemption. To exempt the property from all property taxes, districts levying 51 percent or more of the taxes on the property must pass resolutions to approve the exemption.

When applying for the exemption, the nonprofit corporation must certify that the income level of each renter is at or below 60 percent of area median income which is determined by the State Housing Stability Council based on information from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. In addition, the nonprofit corporation must describe how the exemption will benefit project residents, and, for projects after October 5, 2015, must meet any additional criteria established by the city or county prior to the application.

Each year the nonprofit corporation must file an application with the appropriate city or county to claim the exemption. The exemption is only allowed for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1985, and before July 1, 2027.

This expenditure is similar to 2.110, New Housing for Low Income Rental. The qualifications are not identical, but for a nonprofit organization, it could be possible that it would qualify under either requirement.

Legislation in 2015 (HB 2130) amended the law to allow cities or counties to establish reasonable maximum holding times for land designated for low-income housing development and permits cities or counties to elect additional qualifying criteria before granting the exemption. HB 3082 in 2015 amended the law to allow alternative definitions of low-income, up to 80 percent of area median income, for the purpose of renewing an existing application.

- PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to encourage nonprofit organizations to help fill the need for low-income housing.
- WHO BENEFITS:** Nonprofit organizations benefit directly. The tenants of the housing benefit to the extent that below-market rate rental housing is available. For fiscal year 2015-16, counties reported approximately 600 properties, and most are located in Multnomah County.
- EVALUATION:** *by the Housing and Community Services Department*
- This expenditure achieves its purpose. The exemption is intended to enable community development corporations and other qualifying local nonprofit organizations to provide affordable rental housing for low income households they would otherwise be unable to provide. To qualify for this popular program, the nonprofit submits an application each year for a one-year exemption, renewable indefinitely before the exemption's sunset date as long as the organization, tenants, and property continue to meet the qualifying criteria. The exemption is simple to administer because the criteria are clear: the benefiting organization must be a qualified nonprofit, the benefiting tenants must have qualifying income levels, and

the property must consist of qualifying rental housing. Having met these requirements, a nonprofit will receive its exemption.

The tax expenditure appears to be both a fiscally effective and efficient means of achieving its goal. These exemptions can be counted as matching funds by the state and other local participating jurisdictions to enable the expenditure of HUD Home Investment Partnerships funds.

## 2.112 DISABLED VETERANS OR THEIR SURVIVING SPOUSES

**Oregon Statute:** 307.250

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1921

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$1 billion

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$28,600,000	\$5,500,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$30,900,000	\$5,900,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Eligible veterans or their surviving spouses may file a claim to have a portion of their homestead or personal property’s assessed value exempt from property taxes. Claims must be filed by April 1 or within 30 days of acquiring property between March 1 and June 30.

To qualify for this exemption:

- The taxpayer must own and live on the property. The surviving spouse of a veteran must not remarry.
- A veteran must have disabilities of 40 percent or more as certified by The United States Department of Veterans Affairs or any branch of the United States Armed Forces. Alternatively, a veteran can be certified as having disabilities of 40 percent or more by a private licensed physician, however the veteran must have total gross income of not more than 185 percent of federal poverty guidelines. Legislation in 2007 removed the annual filing requirement for this exemption except for veterans with exemption contingent on meeting the income criteria.

For fiscal year 2016–17, the exemption amount was \$20,158. If the veteran had service connected disabilities the exemption amount was \$24,191. These amounts increase by 3 percent each year.

Qualified nonprofit homes for the elderly as defined in a related expenditure, 2.113, Veterans in Nonprofit Elderly Housing, can claim this exemption for their eligible residents if they pass the tax benefit through to these residents in terms of lower rents. The revenue impacts reported here include those real property exemptions for eligible veterans or their surviving spouses who live in these qualified nonprofit homes for the elderly.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to recognize the service and sacrifices made by veterans for the country and to compensate veterans for reductions in civilian earning capacity due to disabilities.

**WHO BENEFITS:** For fiscal year 2015–16, counties reported that approximately 41,770 properties inhabited by eligible veterans or their surviving spouses claimed this exemption.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Veterans' Affairs*

This tax expenditure achieves its purpose by providing an additional income benefit to disabled veterans and surviving spouses of veterans. In many cases, if it were not for this benefit, the veteran or spouse may lose their home or become dependent on social assistance programs. This additional spendable income also helps the local economy.

The expenditure is fiscally effective. It allows disabled veterans and surviving spouses to remain independent and reduces their use of other social programs.

## 2.113 VETERANS IN NONPROFIT ELDERLY HOUSING

**Oregon Statute:** 307.370

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1969

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$10 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$300,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$300,000	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Personal property used in the operation of nonprofit homes for the elderly and attributable to veterans or their surviving spouses is exempt from property taxation. A claim for this exemption must be filed with the county assessor.

To qualify for this exemption:

- The home must be exclusively occupied and used in the operation of a nonprofit home for elderly persons.
- The home must receive at least 95 percent of its operating revenue (excluding investment income) from residents for living, medical, recreational and social service costs.
- The home cannot allow any of its net earnings to benefit any private individual.
- The nonprofit corporation provides in its articles that, if the corporation is dissolved, any remaining assets revert to the state or to an exempt, religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational organization.

There are two related tax expenditures. An exemption for real property is included in expenditure 2.112, Disabled Veterans or Their Surviving Spouses. Expenditure 2.125, Nonprofit Housing for the Elderly, allows these nonprofit homes the option of using a special assessment that generally results in lower assessed values and taxes on these properties.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to extend veteran property tax exemption benefits to those not owning a home, but living in a nonprofit home for elderly persons. In addition, the personal property exemption is to encourage housing for the elderly.

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**WHO BENEFITS:** In fiscal year 2015–16, three counties reported fewer than ten nonprofit homes for the elderly claimed this exemption for their personal property.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Veterans' Affairs*

This tax expenditure achieves its purpose by allowing disabled veterans and spouses who are living in nonprofit homes for the elderly to receive a rent reduction equivalent to the tax reduction for those who own their homes, as described in 2.112, Disabled Veterans or Their Surviving Spouses. This benefit may allow disabled veterans and surviving spouses to remain independent and reduce their use of other social programs.

According to statute, each nonprofit corporation must provide information to the county assessor to show that the appropriate rent credit was given to each applicable resident.

## 2.114 EGG PROCESSING EQUIPMENT

**Oregon Statute:** 307.462

**Sunset Date:** 06-30-2012

**Year Enacted:** 2007

2015–16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$9.8 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$0	\$0

**DESCRIPTION:** The Egg Processing Equipment property tax exemption expired as of June 30, 2012, however, there can be revenue impacts in the 2015–17 biennium due the property being exempt for five years after certification. Newly acquired machinery or equipment used by egg processing businesses is exempt from property taxation for five years. The last year a business can receive the exemption is for tax year 2015-16. The machinery or equipment may have been new or used, as long as it was newly acquired by the egg processor. Qualified machinery was certified by the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

Egg processing businesses are those that freeze, can, dehydrate, concentrate, preserve, process or repack eggs in any procedure that occurs before the first sale by the processor. This exemption differs from 2.034, Food Processing Equipment (other than the type of equipment exempted), as the Egg Processing Equipment exemption applies only to the taxes of taxing districts that have adopted an ordinance or resolution authorizing the exemption.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose was to encourage the continued operation and expansion of the egg processing industry in Oregon.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Egg processors that acquired machinery and equipment. In 2015-16, fewer than five accounts received this exemption, all in Marion County.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 2.115 ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SYSTEMS

**Oregon Statute:** 307.175

**Sunset Date:** 06-30-2018

**Year Enacted:** 1975

2015–16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$61 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$1,800,000	\$400,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$1,200,000	\$200,000

NOTE: The revenue impact estimate includes the effect of the sunset.

**DESCRIPTION:** Solar, geothermal, wind, water, fuel cell, or methane gas energy systems used for heating, cooling, or generating electricity are exempt from property tax. In order to qualify, the system must be a net metering facility or a system primarily designed to offset onsite electricity use. Additional value added to the underlying property because of the existence of the alternative energy system, is exempt. No application is required.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to encourage the use of alternative sources of energy.

**WHO BENEFITS:** For 2015-16, counties reported that approximately 1,400 properties received this exemption.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Energy*

It is difficult to measure the impact the tax exemption has made on the number of households and businesses installing equipment that uses solar, wind, hydro, or geothermal energy. The predominant incentives that have encouraged such installations have been the tax credits described in 1.435, Alternative Energy Devices (Residential), and 1.437, Business Energy Facilities, available under the income tax. The property tax exemption may work in tandem with those credits. Without the exemption, homeowners and businesses might hesitate to invest in a system that would increase their assessed valuation.

## 2.116 POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITIES

**Oregon Statute:** 307.405

**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2007 (for new certifications)

**Year Enacted:** 1967

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$2.5 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** A pollution control facility owned or leased by a cooperative or nonprofit corporation and used in connection with its trade or business was eligible for a property tax exemption. The Environmental Quality Commission certified the facility cost and the exemption percentage, and the exemption lasts up to 20 years from the date of certification. Sunset date in this case means the deadline for facility certification.

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A pollution control facility was any land, structure, machinery, equipment, or device that prevented, controlled, or reduced air, water, noise, or nonpoint source pollution, solid or hazardous waste, or recycled or disposed of used oil. In most cases, the percentage allocable to pollution control depended on whether the owner earns any income from the facility. Thus, if a pollution control facility, in addition to reducing pollution, had some useful end product, then only a portion of the construction of the facility might be allocated to pollution control.

The program provided an incentive to cooperatives and nonprofits for installing pollution control facilities not required under current law; defined as “sole purpose facilities.” The program also compensated cooperatives and nonprofits for installing facilities required by the Department of Environmental Quality or by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, defined as “principal purpose facilities.”

This exemption was a companion to the income tax credit described in tax expenditure 1.447, Pollution Control. For-profit companies were eligible for the income tax credit, while nonprofits and cooperatives were eligible for the property tax exemption.

**PURPOSE:** To “assist in the prevention, control and reduction of air, water and noise pollution and solid waste, hazardous wastes and used oil in this state by providing tax relief...” (ORS 468.160).

**WHO BENEFITS:** In 2015–16, there was one pollution control facilities located in Hood River, and two in Tillamook County that benefitted from this exemption.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 2.117 WATERCRAFT CENTRALLY ASSESSED

**Oregon Statute:** 308.515

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1925

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: Not Available\*

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Available*	Not Available*
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Available*	Not Available*

\* In certain cases, to conform with taxpayer privacy disclosure laws, revenue numbers are not provided for tax expenditures that may affect at most a few taxpayers. This includes tax expenditures that do not currently affect any Oregon taxpayer, but could at a later date.

**DESCRIPTION:** Watercraft centrally assessed by the Department of Revenue (DOR) that are used on the high seas or outside Oregon, are exempt from property taxation. The watercraft of water transportation companies (such as barges, tugboats, and excursion boats) involved in transportation of people or goods on inland waters, including border rivers and coastal bays, are centrally assessed for property taxation by the Department of Revenue. Also, the department assesses watercraft of centrally assessed utilities. Trips between inland ports and high seas are treated as high seas use. Property used by or for water transportation companies exclusively for hire by other persons for boating and rafting, dredging, log or marine salvage, ship berthing, maintenance, sludge removal, cleaning or repair, marine or water-based

construction or guide service is also exempt. These watercraft are taxable to the extent they are used on Oregon inland waters. Interstate ferries also fall within this exemption.

A related provision, 2.136, Watercraft Locally Assessed, allows for special assessment of some other types of commercial watercraft.

- PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to apportion to Oregon the taxable value of watercraft based on their use in Oregon.
- WHO BENEFITS:** Only a small number of centrally assessed water transportation companies qualify for the exemption.
- EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 2.118 AIRCRAFT UNDER 75,000 POUNDS OWNED BY AIR TRANSPORTATION COMPANIES

**Oregon Statutes:** 308.558(2) and (3), and 308.565(5)

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1987

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$74 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$2,200,000	\$400,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$2,300,000	\$500,000

- DESCRIPTION:** Aircraft owned by air transportation companies that weigh less than 75,000 pounds are 40 percent exempt from property taxation. Transportation company aircraft weighing 75,000 pounds or more are fully taxable and are centrally assessed by the Department of Revenue in proportion to the company's business in Oregon.
- Aircraft not owned by air transportation companies are described in 2.069, Foreign Owned Aircraft and Aircraft Not Owned by Air Transportation Companies.
- PURPOSE:** The statutes that allow this expenditure do not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to avoid the administrative problems of assessing the value of mobile property.
- WHO BENEFITS:** For the 2015-16 property tax year, five air transportation companies owned aircraft under 75,000 pounds and benefited from this exemption.
- EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 2.119 HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

**Oregon Statute:** 307.286

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 2005

2015–16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$4.5 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$100,000	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Oregon residents who are serving in the Oregon National Guard, military reserve forces, or organized militia of any other state may apply for an Oregon property tax exemption on their homestead up to a specified amount of assessed value if:

- The resident serves on active duty under Title 10 of the United States Code or is deployed under the Emergency Management Assistance Compact for at least one day of the tax year (July 1 through June 30) claimed.
- The resident serves at least 178 consecutive days on active duty, regardless of the location of service.
- Application is made to the county assessor by August 1 following the end of the tax year for which the exemption is claimed.

Any taxes paid by the taxpayer on the exempt value are refunded.

In tax year 2016–17, the maximum exemption is \$83,055. The allowable amount of exemption increases by three percent each fiscal year year.

If the qualified service member dies while performing the service, the person occupying the service member’s home may file for the exemption.

The usual tour of duty for military call-up is 15–24 months, so most taxpayers who qualify will be able to claim the exemption for two or three consecutive years.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to assist Oregon households where a member has been called away from home to active military service during the year.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Members of the Oregon National Guard, Armed Forces Reserves, or organized militia who are homeowners and who spend extended periods on federal active duty service during the tax year. Members of their households may also benefit from this expenditure. In 2015-16, there were approximately 460 exemptions.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Military Department*

This tax expenditure alleviates property tax burdens for members of the Oregon National Guard and Reserve members of the United States Armed Forces who are deployed on federal active duty for 178 days or more. The direct recipients are the service members and their families, who often are impacted financially and emotionally during long deployments. It serves as valuable acknowledgement of the sacrifices service members and their families make in honored service to the nation.

## 2.120 SURVIVING SPOUSE OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER

**Oregon Statute:** Oregon Laws 2016, Chapter 56

**Sunset Date:** 6-30-21

**Year Enacted:** 2016 (SB 1513)

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$0

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Oregon counties may, by ordinance or resolution, allow an exemption of up to \$250,000 of assessed value of the homestead of a surviving spouse of a fire service professional, police officer, or reserve officer killed in the line of duty. A homestead is defined as the owner-occupied principal dwelling, either real or personal property, owned by a surviving spouse and the tax lot upon which the dwelling is located. A surviving spouse seeking the exemption must file an application with the county assessor on or before April 1 preceding the property tax year for which the exemption is sought. The surviving spouse must not remarry to qualify for the exemption.

Because the legislation enacting this statute did not explicitly set a sunset for this tax expenditure, ORS 315.037(3) established the sunset as six years after the first effective tax year. In this case, the last effective tax year is 2020-21.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. According to the legislative staff revenue impact statement for SB 1513, "... the purpose of this measure is to allow counties to extend tax exemption for police, firefighters, and their families and to extend similar support to first responders."

**WHO BENEFITS:** The surviving spouses of fire service professionals, police officers, or reserve officers killed in the line of duty.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 2.121 RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY IN WATER DISTRICT

**Oregon Statute:** 264.110

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1943

2015–16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$140 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Railroad right of way, improvements, and rolling stock are exempt from property tax imposed by any water supply district that was formed after June 9, 1943.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to avoid taxing a property that would not significantly benefit from a water district's services.

Property Tax  
Partial Exemption

WHO BENEFITS: Railroad companies that have property in water supply districts.

EVALUATION: Not evaluated.

## 2.122 RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY IN HIGHWAY LIGHTING DISTRICT

**Oregon Statute:** 372.190

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1947

2015–16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: Minimal

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000

DESCRIPTION: Railroad rights of way are exempt from property tax imposed by a highway lighting district unless the right of way is at a grade crossing.

PURPOSE: The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to avoid taxing a property that would not significantly benefit from a lighting district's services.

WHO BENEFITS: Railroad companies that have property in highway lighting districts. There are very few highway lighting districts in Oregon.

EVALUATION: Not evaluated.

## 2.123 RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY IN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT

**Oregon Statute:** 478.010(2)(d)

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1969

2015–16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$550 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$2,100,000	\$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$2,200,000	\$100,000

DESCRIPTION: Railroad right of way, improvements, and rolling stock are exempt from property tax imposed by a rural fire protection district unless the railroad consents to be taxed.

PURPOSE: The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to avoid taxing a property that would not significantly benefit from a rural fire district.

WHO BENEFITS: Railroad companies that have property in fire districts.

EVALUATION: Not evaluated.

## 2.124 USE-RESTRICTED MULTI-UNIT RENTAL HOUSING

**Oregon Statutes:** 308.704

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 2001

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$170 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$5,200,000	\$1,000,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$5,500,000	\$1,000,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Owners of multi-unit rental housing property that is limited by government restrictions on use may apply for special assessment of the property. The property must be residential, consist of four or more units, and not be an assisted living facility. The restrictions on use include restricting rents and qualifying tenants based on income which thereby allows the owner to take advantage of government incentive programs such as a federal low income housing tax credit, a low interest or government guaranteed loan, or rent subsidies.

The owner of the property must apply to the assessor before April 1 of the assessment year applied for. If the application is submitted between April 1 and December 31, a late fee must accompany the application.

A property granted this special assessment may have the taxable special assessed value of the property calculated by using either of:

- An annual net operating income approach and a capitalization rate
- An adjustment of market value based on the ratio of the average rent of restricted income rental units to the average rent of similar units that do not have tenant income qualifications and limited rents.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to establish common appraisal methods and tax treatment for multi-unit low-income rental housing complexes in a way that provides tax relief to compensate for the government imposed restrictions on use of such properties.

**WHO BENEFITS:** For fiscal year 2015–16, almost all counties report at least one property using this exemption; there are over 600 properties statewide.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Housing and Community Services Department*

This expenditure achieves its purpose. The community of affordable housing developers, consisting of both for-profit and nonprofit organizations, were experiencing economic hardships with the valuation of properties based on the cost of development. The restricted rental incomes of the affordable housing developments throughout the state did not generate enough cash flow to cover property taxes based on valuations related to cost of development. Owners of some newly created developments were forced to access operating reserves as a short term gap to meet the additional property tax expenses. Without the relief offered through this special assessment, affordable housing developments were at risk of technical or actual default with their primary lenders. Without the relief, these same lenders would be less willing to underwrite new loans without additional subsidies from government entities thereby reducing the number of new affordable units that could be deployed.

The amount of loss identified assumes that the properties should have been assessed by other methods. Rather, OHCS believes that the more accurate evaluation may be the net income approach.

## 2.125 NONPROFIT HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY

**Oregon Statute:** 308.490

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1969

2015–16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: Minimal

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** The assessed value of a home for the elderly operated by a nonprofit corporation may only be calculated using certain appraisal methods. These methods shall not take into account considerations of replacement cost, but rather consider:

- The amount of money for which the property may be exchanged in a reasonable period of time under conditions in which both parties to the exchange are able, willing and reasonably well informed
- The gross income that reasonably could be expected from the property if leased or rented to the public generally, less annual operating expenses, reserves for replacements and insurance, depreciation and taxes
- The relative supply and demand for similar properties
- The relative value of the location of the property.

Use of these considerations rather than replacement cost generally results in lower assessed values and taxes on these properties.

The nonprofit corporation must be organized and operated to provide permanent residential, recreational, and social facilities primarily for the elderly and receive 95 percent of its gross operating revenue from payments for housing, medical, and recreation services received in its facilities.

**PURPOSE:** The statutory policy is to recognize “... benefits inherent in operation of these homes, especially in the housing and care furnished to elderly persons for whom this state and its political subdivisions otherwise might be responsible” (ORS 308.490(1))

**WHO BENEFITS:** Nonprofit organizations that own elderly residence facilities receive the direct benefit from this expenditure. Qualifying facilities may serve a wide range of tenants, and these tenants may have any income level because there is no tenant income requirement.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## 2.126 FARMLAND

**Oregon Statute:** 308A.062, 308A.068, 308A.128

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1967

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$16 billion

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$354,200,000	\$61,700,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$375,800,000	\$65,500,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Land used exclusively for farming may be specially assessed at its value for farm use instead of its highest and best use value.

Farm use value is determined using the income approach. Under this approach, farmland value is based on the farmland’s potential ability to generate farm income. Farmland is categorized into one of seven classifications related to soil quality. Farmland value is then established on a per acre basis for each class of land. Similarly classified farmland can be valued differently depending on the value zone (based on such variables as rainfall, expected frost days, and distance to market) the farmland resides within. This value is converted to present value using the local property tax rate plus the five year average interest rate charged by the Federal Farm Credit Bank on loans for Oregon farm properties.

Farm activity must involve the use of the land for crops, livestock, poultry, fur bearing animals, honeybees, dairies, animal husbandry, aquatic species, or cultured Christmas trees. Farm use land may also include a woodlot of 20 acres or less, wasteland, land under farm buildings, and ponds. In 2009, the Oregon Legislature expanded the definition of farm use and farm land to include land subject to or in the process of implementing a remediation plan. Remediation plans are certified by the Oregon State University Extension Service and are plans to remediate or mitigate severe adverse conditions on farmland. The farmer must intend to make a profit, with an exception for donations to food banks or schools, using accepted farming practices.

There are two farm use special assessment categories: farmland inside an exclusive farm use (EFU) zone and farmland in a nonexclusive (non-EFU) zone. The farm use value of EFU and non-EFU farmland is determined the same way. However, the eligibility and disqualification procedures are different.

Special assessment of EFU farmland does not require an application if the land is in a qualifying farm use. EFU farmland is disqualified if it is not being farmed in a qualifying farm use, the land is approved for nonfarm dwelling under ORS Chapter 215, or the land is rezoned to a non-EFU zone. If land is disqualified, an additional tax may be required. The additional tax is equal to the difference between the taxes assessed against the land in each of the prior years (up to a maximum) of special assessment and the taxes that would have otherwise been assessed. The maximum number of calculation years for EFU zoned land is 10 for land outside an urban growth boundary and five if the land is inside an urban growth boundary. However, if a disqualification is based on a zone change that was not requested by the owner, the additional tax is cancelled.

An application must be filed for special assessment of non-EFU zoned farmland. There are two tests for qualification in a non-EFU zone, farm use and gross income.

Farm use must have occurred in the current year and the two years prior. Gross income from farm use is required in three of the last five non-flood, non-drought, or non-farmer illness calendar years. For farms of 6.5 acres or less, the minimum gross income is \$650; for farms of more than 6.5 acres, but fewer than 30 acres, the minimum income required shall be at least equal to the product of \$100 times the number of acres and any fraction of an acre of land included; and for farms of 30 acres or more, the income requirement is \$3,000.

When land is disqualified, it may be assessed at current market value and an additional tax may be imposed. The additional tax is equal to the difference between the taxes assessed against the land and the taxes that would otherwise have been assessed against the land for each year the land qualified for special assessment up to five years. If land is disqualified from farm use special assessment because the gross income test is not met, the additional taxes are deferred as long as the land remains in limited farm use and one year of additional taxes is abated (forgiven) for each year the land remains in limited farm use. If after disqualification the land qualifies for another special assessment, the additional tax is deferred.

Additionally, Oregon statute (ORS 308A.128) exempts land, that is qualified for special assessment as EFU farmland, from the assessments and property taxes of certain sanitary and water supply districts or authorities.

**PURPOSE:** “The Legislative Assembly recognizes that agriculture and related land uses contribute significantly to Oregon’s character and economy. The Legislative Assembly finds that providing the means for agriculture to continue and prosper is in the interest of all citizens of this state, who benefit directly or indirectly from agriculture production and stewardship of farmlands and ranchlands. Valuation of farm properties based upon the market data from sales for investment or other purposes not connected with bona fide farm use encourages the conversion of agriculture land to other uses. The identification of agricultural land for farm use, as provided by law, substantially limits alternative use of such land and justifies the valuation of that land based on its agricultural production capability. Therefore, it is the declared intent of the Legislative Assembly that bona fide farm properties be assessed for ad valorem property tax purposes at a value that is exclusive of values attributable to urban influences of speculative purposes” (ORS 308A.050)

**WHO BENEFITS:** Owners of farmland benefit directly. In 2015–16, approximately 143,500 accounts comprising roughly 15.3 million acres of land were assessed at farm use value as reported by counties. Thirteen percent of the acreage is in Western Oregon and 87 percent is in Eastern Oregon.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Land Conservation and Development*

The special farm use assessment of land zoned for exclusive farm use is one of the essential tools used to achieve Oregon’s Agricultural Land Use Policy to preserve the maximum amount of agriculture land in large acreages. Special assessment is the primary incentive offered to encourage owners of rural farmlands to hold such lands in exclusive farm use zones (see ORS 215.243). The other primary tool is regulatory: EFU zoning of rural farmland (i.e., agricultural land that is outside urban growth boundaries). The effective protection of agricultural land requires well coordinated special assessment and land use programs.

Special assessment shifts the burden of funding public services onto other community residents and businesses that do not have special assessments. At the same time, farmland can provide communities a variety of benefits in return, including making

positive contributions to groundwater recharge and filtration, carbon sequestration, air quality, habitat protection and scenic values.

The special farm use assessment program can conflict with other aspects of Oregon’s land use programs in both urban and rural areas. Inside UGBs it can discourage timely development by lowering an owner’s holding costs and tying up land that is otherwise planned for urban development. This can put pressure on cities to expand their UGBs onto rural EFU lands when existing farmland inside the UGB is withheld from development.

Outside UGBs in non-EFU zones, the ability to apply for special assessment by meeting a minimum income test is a disincentive to property owners to use their land for rural residential development, for which it is often zoned. This may make development in EFU zones (where there is no application or income requirement) more attractive to those seeking a rural homesite and put pressure on counties to permit more low density rural residential housing in EFU zones.

## 2.127 FARM HOMESITES

**Oregon Statute:** 308A.253

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1987

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$1.1 billion

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$24,400,000	\$4,200,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$25,800,000	\$4,500,000

**DESCRIPTION:** A farm homesite being used in conjunction with specially assessed farmland has a special assessed property value. “Homesite” means land including all tangible improvements to the land under and adjacent to a dwelling and other structures, customarily provided in conjunction with the dwelling. It does not include the value of dwellings or structures built on the land.

Farm homesites in nonexclusive farm use (non-EFU) zones qualify for special assessment only if the farmland was operated as a part of a farm unit that produced more than one-half of the adjusted gross income of the owner or owners in the year prior to application and each subsequent year the special assessment is desired. Farm homesites in exclusive farm use zones are not subject to the aforementioned income requirements. Because of the non-EFU income requirements, few specially assessed homesites are in these areas.

The homesite specially assessed value is calculated as the average per acre real market value, as defined in ORS 308.205, for the contiguous bare farmland under the same ownership plus up to \$4,000 for land improvements. Land improvements would include a well and septic system necessary for a homesite. If disqualified, no additional tax is imposed unless the homesite is established as a nonfarm dwelling under ORS 215.236.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to extend the benefit of specially assessed farmland to farm homesites. See purpose for 2.126, Farmland.

Property Tax  
Special Assessment

WHO BENEFITS: For 2015–16, counties reported approximately 40,900 homesites.

EVALUATION: *by the Department of Land Conservation and Development*

Extending special farm assessments to farm homesites reinforces the effects of special assessment for 2.126, Farmland.

## 2.128 HISTORIC PROPERTY

**Oregon Statute:** 358.505

**Sunset Date:** 06-30-2020

**Year Enacted:** 1975

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$680 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$20,700,000	\$4,100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$22,000,000	\$4,400,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Qualified historic property can be specially assessed at a frozen value for 10 years. The specially assessed value is the assessed value at the time of application for special assessment. The assessed value cannot exceed the assessed value at the time of application; increased value from improvements or inflation is exempt for 10 years. Applications for special assessment must be approved by the State Historical Preservation Officer. Applicants must pay a fee and file a plan for proposed rehabilitation and maintenance. Property may not be classified and specially assessed if the application is filed after June 30, 2020.

Property is dropped from this special assessment at the end of the 10 year period, but can qualify for a second 10 year period if reapplication is approved and the local government (city, or county if not located in a city) does not prohibit it (by resolution). Approval of reapplication requires plans for significant investment in seismic upgrades, energy conservation, or disability access. Following the second 10 year period, the property can no longer qualify.

If, during the course of a special assessment term, the historic property is disqualified, either at the owner's request or from failure to meet the requirements, the tax savings from having a frozen value must be repaid. The additional tax and interest is equal to the sum of the tax benefit received for each year of special assessment as historic property. In addition, a penalty of 15 percent of the back taxes and interest owed is levied upon the disqualified property owner. However, if the property is destroyed or substantially altered by acts of nature or other events for which the owner is not responsible, or transferred to a tax-exempt owner, or transferred to a new owner who expressly assents to and continues to implement the preservation plan in effect, no additional tax or penalty is charged.

Senate Bill 192, passed in 2009, made several changes to the historic property tax special assessment program including:

- Special assessment period reduced from 15 years to 10.
- As part of a submitted preservation plan, applicants must commit to expending ten percent of the property's real market value (at time of first year's special assessment) within the first five years of special assessment.

- Property owners must now submit progress reports concerning the original preservation plan to the State Historic Preservation Officer in the third, sixth, and ninth years of special assessment.
- The application fee was reduced from one-third of one percent of real market value to one-tenth of one percent of the assessed value of the property at time of application.
- Qualifying properties no longer have to be open to public sight-seeing at least one day per year.
- Restricted tax benefits for converting historic property to condominium use.

PURPOSE: To "...maintain, preserve and rehabilitate properties of Oregon historical significance..." (ORS 358.475).

WHO BENEFITS: In the tax year beginning July 1, 2016 there were 22 new and 454 total historic properties participating in the program. Commercial projects accounted for 27 percent of the new projects and 57 percent of the total assessed value of the new projects. Of the 22 new participating properties, 14 were located within Multnomah County. Participating properties are in almost every county, but they are concentrated in Multnomah County, accounting for 77 percent of the total assessed value of all participating properties.

EVALUATION: *by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department*

This expenditure has been very successful in achieving its purpose, but the substantial reduction in property taxes caused by Measures 5 and 50 in the 1990s reduced the incentive for taxpayers to participate in the program. Despite a mild resurgence of new projects during the 2004–2007 economic upswing, the average number of new projects was still less than half of the 140 average experienced during the program's heyday of the late 1980s and early 1990s.

Oregon's program is the nation's oldest tax incentive for the preservation of historic property. The incentive attracts both commercial and residential clients, representing all economic groups. The benefit, originally enacted as an anti-demolition incentive, has been used to save hundreds of significant abandoned or economically underutilized historic properties and to revitalize whole areas in communities. Direct investment in rehabilitation, stabilization, or expansion of the work force in historic urban commercial areas, re-use of existing infrastructure, and stabilization or expansion of the existing tax base are all measurable benefits of the expenditure. Other benefits include the preservation of the tangible remnants of Oregon's history, the enhancement of Oregon's quality of life, and the economic development and tourism benefits.

The economic benefits of the program more than offset the costs to local government. Rehabilitation activity might have occurred without the incentive, but certainly not at the pace or extent that has been exhibited in the past. In Multnomah County, for example, the amount of property taxes saved by a specially assessed commercial building during its entire term is only about fifteen percent of the amount of rehabilitation expenditures (\$1.3 million on average), which has a substantial ripple effect in the local economy. The tax incentive is especially important for commercial projects, where the incentive is often critical to making projects feasible for business owners and developers.

Despite the reduction in benefits due to Measures 5 and 50, and to changes made in the 2009 Legislative Session, this program continues to provide an attractive incentive for historic building owners. Though the benefit has diminished over time, it still helps offset the high costs of restoring and maintaining some of Oregon's significant historic architecture.

The program's administrative burden, which had increased over its 34-year life, was reduced as a result of some of the 2009 changes, making it easier for both OPRD staff and applicants.

In terms of other ways to achieve the goals of this program, a direct expenditure, namely grants for restoration, could accomplish some of the purposes, but there would most likely not be a sufficient level of funding to accommodate all worthy projects. Plus, in a competitive grant selection process, it is likely that the applications from smaller and more rural projects would be edged out by more sophisticated and comprehensive applications from urban areas where professional expertise is more readily available.

Another incentive option is a state investment tax credit. A percentage of restoration costs (20-25 percent, in most states with such an incentive) is applied to the owner's state income tax. This benefit would be directly proportional to the owner's investment (which is not true with the current property tax freeze program), and the program would be easier to administer because it would not entail monitoring for 10 years. A non-profit historic preservation group is spearheading an effort to establish a state tax credit in the 2019 legislative session.

## 2.129 WILDLIFE HABITAT

**Oregon Statute:** 308A.415

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1993

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$60 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$1,400,000	\$200,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$1,600,000	\$300,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Owners of property that is clearly identifiable as containing significant wildlife habitat property or zoned as exclusive farm use or mixed farm and forest use or forest use may apply to participate in a wildlife habitat conservation management plan. Application is made to the Department of Fish and Wildlife. By entering into such a plan, the property owner receives the benefit of having the property valued as the farm or forest land special assessment without being required to meet all the farm or forest land special assessment qualifications. See 2.126, Farmland; 2.133, Western Private Forestland; or 2.134, Eastern Private Forestland, for descriptions of the assessment methods.

Wildlife habitat special assessment is only available in counties or cities that have requested to be in the program. Management plans must be developed in conjunction with a cooperating agency such as the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Oregon

State University Extension Service, or others. The plans must be approved by the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Once approved, the land is assessed at either the farm use or forestland value. If land becomes disqualified, an additional tax may be imposed.

Once property is assessed under wildlife habitat special assessment, the property may roll back into the original farm or forest use special assessment without penalty if certain conditions are met. Likewise, farm or forest use specially assessed property may roll into the wildlife habitat special assessment without penalty for leaving the farm or forest use.

**PURPOSE:** To encourage “the protection and preservation of wildlife resources ... by recognizing wildlife habitat conservation and management as a legitimate land use” (ORS 308A.403).

**WHO BENEFITS:** The direct beneficiaries are landowners who voluntarily enter into a Wildlife Habitat Conservation and Management Program (WHCMP) approved by the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

As of June, 2016, there were 353 participants in the WHCMP with a total of 73,369 acres enrolled. Properties in 13 counties benefit from this special assessment.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Fish and Wildlife*

In 2007, the department completed a staff survey evaluation of the program. In general, the department believes the program is protecting wildlife habitat as intended. In districts where the counties are participating, the districts unanimously felt that the Wildlife Habitat Conservation Management Program (WHCMP) is a positive program that helps assure landowner obligation to manage their properties with wildlife habitat protection, restoration, and enhancement as the main priority. The districts liked the coordination between the department and landowners, who believe the program makes significant improvements in their land management practices to benefit wildlife. Other benefits include creating more partnerships with local nonprofits, watershed councils and SWCD's. Staff also identified a number of concerns with the program. For districts with counties that had opted out of the program, low participation was the main concern. For districts with participating counties, the lack of dedicated staff was the main issue. It represents an unfunded mandate that requires staff to redirect limited time away from other important priorities. The department may need to conduct a serious program evaluation to determine if future staff participation is appropriate. All of the high participation districts felt that the program was not meeting its potential due to the lack of staff primarily at the field level, but also at headquarters level. Some districts felt that for the program to function fully, it would need a dedicated district staff person. All of the high participation districts responded that they did not have time to adequately monitor the approved plans, recruit new landowners, or work with interested landowners to develop plans. One district identified that many landowners do not have the financial means to achieve optimal WHCMP goals. Therefore, the department approved plans that participants could implement, which was typically far short of what could be accomplished using outside funds. Other comments included inconsistency in enrollment requirements and vague conservation plans, especially older plans. There is currently no mechanism to update these plans. Some districts identified that some plan holders were not continuing promised maintenance.

The provisions for exemption were not fully extended to forestland until adoption of the same 2001 act. Before that time, a pilot program was established for agricultural

land in Marion and Polk counties by a 1993 legislative act. The scope of the program was expanded to lands zoned for exclusive farm use or mixed farm and forest use throughout the entire state by a 1997 act, but not made mandatory for the counties. The 2001 act also gave counties the option to affirmatively “opt out” of the program until January 2003. If counties did not opt out by that date, they are in the program. As of January 2003, 22 of the 36 counties had opted out of the program. The 2003 Legislature amended the statute so that cities and counties may request the department designate areas as eligible for wildlife habitat special assessment. In 2005-07, Washington County opted back into the program. Benton County also added some areas as eligible for wildlife habitat special assessment.

## 2.130 CONSERVATION EASEMENTS

**Oregon Statute:** 308A.456

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 2007

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$24 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$700,000	\$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$800,000	\$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Qualifying property owners can execute an easement on all or a portion of their property. The owner executes and records an easement on their property that exclusively commits that property for a designated conservation purpose. The easement is placed in the control of a qualifying public entity or other qualifying holder who is responsible for ensuring the property is managed consistent with the easement. Following certification to the county assessor, the property that is the subject of the easement is specially assessed depending on which special assessment it might qualify for, either as forestland (2.133, Western Private Forestland or 2.134, Eastern Private Forestland) or specially assessed as farmland (2. 126, Farmland).

Failure to manage the land in accordance with the terms of the conservation easement can result in disqualification by the assessor. In the event of disqualification, an additional tax may be imposed.

**PURPOSE:** “...retaining or protecting natural, scenic, or open space values of real property, ensuring its availability for agricultural, forest, recreational, or open space use, protecting natural resources, maintaining or enhancing air or water quality, or preserving the historical, architectural, archaeological, or cultural aspects of real property” (ORS 271.715).

**WHO BENEFITS:** Landowners who set aside land for conservation and those already enrolled in other special assessment programs that wish to transfer land to this program without penalty. Most of the property under this special assessment program is anticipated to be transferred from existing special assessment programs. 308 properties in 12 counties qualified for this exemption in 2015-16.

EVALUATION: *by the Department of Fish and Wildlife*

This program offers another advantage to holding land in conservation easements for landowners as they can get special assessments as farm or forest land and the accompanying tax benefits. As such, wildlife and fish benefit from the existence of more habitat on these private lands. The people of Oregon and visitors enjoy the experience of hunting, fishing, and viewing wildlife that is enhanced through the existence of more lands set aside for conservation. In areas where habitat is degraded, nearby conservation lands can be critical in maintaining species integrity.

## 2.131 OPEN SPACE LAND

**Oregon Statute:** 308A.300

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1971

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$56 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$1,500,000	\$300,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$1,500,000	\$300,000

DESCRIPTION:

Open space land is specially assessed for property tax as though its current highest and best use is open space use rather than an alternative use. While the land benefits from the special assessment, improvements on open space land do not receive the special assessment and are valued normally.

Open space land is any land designated as open space in an official comprehensive land use plan or any land that, if preserved in its present use, would accomplish one of the following:

- Conserve and enhance natural or scenic resources
- Protect air, streams, or water supply
- Promote conservation of soils, wetlands, beaches, or tidal marshes
- Conserve landscaped areas, such as golf courses
- Enhance the value of neighboring parks, forests, wildlife preserves, or other open space
- Enhance recreation opportunities
- Preserve historic sites
- Promote orderly urban or suburban development
- Retain land in its natural state under conditions required by the legislative body granting the open space classification.

Open space land may be changed from one open space use to another without paying the additional tax. However, if land is withdrawn from open space classification, any tax benefits received from open space classification in previous years must be paid back plus 8 percent annual interest. The amount of the payback is based on the difference between the assessed value in an alternative use and open space value in

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the year of withdrawal and each year the land was specially assessed (ORS 308A.318).

**PURPOSE:** “The legislature hereby declares that it is in the best interest of the state to maintain, preserve, conserve and otherwise continue in existence adequate open space lands and the vegetation thereon to assure continued public health by counteracting pollutants and to assure the use and enjoyment of natural resources and scenic beauty for the economic and social well-being of the state and its citizens. The Legislature further declares that it is in the public interest to prevent the forced conversion of open space land to more intensive uses as the result of economic pressures caused by the assessment thereof for purposes of property taxation at values incompatible with their preservation as such open space land, and that assessment practices must be so designed as to permit the continued availability of open space lands for these purposes, and it is the intent of ORS 308A.300 to 308A.330 to so provide” (ORS 308A.303).

**WHO BENEFITS:** Approximately 400 properties were reported by county assessors to benefit from this tax expenditure in tax year 2015-16.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department*  
This exemption appears to achieve its stated purpose. The exemption encourages the preservation of open space and park land. Little information or resources exist to allow an in-depth evaluation of this program, but as a matter of public policy, it contributes to the special quality of life in Oregon and helps meet the needs of our growing population for open spaces, greenways, natural settings, and recreational facilities. The program also supplements what the government can provide by encouraging land protection and management decisions by nongovernment entities that also contribute to the public good.

## 2.132 FOREST HOMESITES

**Oregon Statute:** 308A.253

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1989

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$410 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$9,100,000	\$1,600,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$9,100,000	\$1,600,000

**DESCRIPTION:** A forest homesite used in conjunction with specially assessed forest land has a special assessed property value. "Homesite" means land including all tangible improvements to the land under and adjacent to a dwelling and other structures, customarily provided in conjunction with the dwelling. It does not include the value of the home built on the land which is assessed the same as any other house.

A forest homesite used in conjunction with growing and harvesting trees must be on a parcel of more than 10 acres of highest and best use or designated forestland. The homesite specially assessed value is the value of one acre, calculated as the average real market value for all contiguous bare forestland (on a per acre basis) under the

same ownership, plus up to \$4,000 for land improvements. Land improvements include a well and septic system necessary for a homesite.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to improve the financial viability of growing and harvesting trees on forestland by reducing the cost of taxation. The special assessment grants forest homesites the same treatment as farm homesites.

**WHO BENEFITS:** For 2015–16, counties reported approximately 11,200 forest homesites.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Forestry*  
Extending special forest assessments to forest homesites reinforces the effects of special assessments for forestland.

## 2.133 WESTERN PRIVATE FORESTLAND

**Oregon Statute:** 321.354

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1977

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$4.2 billion

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$90,900,000	\$15,800,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$97,400,000	\$17,000,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Forestland is considered either: 1) highest and best use forestland or 2) designated forestland which is specially assessed. Value is determined for these specially assessed properties by the potential of the land to grow timber. Each acre of land is assigned one of seven productivity classes based on the rate of growth of standing timber or the potential to grow timber. Western Oregon includes Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Coos, Curry, Douglas, Hood River, Jackson, Josephine, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Tillamook, Washington, and Yamhill counties.

Counties identify the highest and best use forestland within their county. Highest and best use forestland is defined as land whose best, most economically productive use is to grow timber and other forest products. For these lands, the special assessment value equals the real market value. Therefore, there is no tax expenditure associated with them.

Designated forestland properties have a highest and best use as something other than forest use, but are valued as if the land’s highest and best use was forestland. The owners of these properties have applied to the county for special designation as forestland. The application contains a signed statement that the owner intends to use this property for the primary purpose of growing and harvesting trees. Lands that do not continue to meet the requirements of this program will be disqualified and be required to repay up to five years worth of tax based on the difference between the tax calculated at the property’s specially assessed value and what would have been calculated using the property’s highest and best use value.

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Small forestland owners (those who own 10 to 4,999 acres of forestland) have the option of participating in the program described in 2.135, Small Tract Forestland Option.

**PURPOSE:** According to ORS 321.262, the stated purposes of this expenditure are encouraging the growing and harvesting of timber, promoting the continuous production of forest products from private forestlands, and encouraging forestry and the restocking of forestlands to provide present and future benefits by enhancing the water supply, preventing erosion, providing habitat for wildlife, providing scenic and recreational opportunities, and providing for needed products.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Owners of designated forestland property. There are approximately 2.4 million acres of designated private forestland (specially assessed) in Western Oregon.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Forestry*

The program encourages retention of forestland for forest use. Owners must meet stocking standards of the Forest Practices Act or have a management plan to meet requirements. Owners pay assessment based on 100 percent of the value of land as forestland, so no severance tax is due at harvest.

Forestland owners delay timber harvests for an indeterminate period. During this period, noncommercial values that accrue to the public are maintained and increased, notably wildlife habitat, clean air, clean water, carbon sequestration, visual quality, etc.

## 2.134 EASTERN PRIVATE FORESTLAND

**Oregon Statute:** 321.833

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1971

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$415 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$9,300,000	\$1,600,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$10,000,000	\$1,700,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Forestland is considered either: 1) highest and best use forestland or 2) designated forestland which is specially assessed. Value is determined for these specially assessed properties by the potential of the land to grow timber. Each acre of land is assigned one of seven productivity classes based on the rate of growth of standing timber or the potential to grow timber. Eastern Oregon includes: Baker, Crook, Deschutes, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Jefferson, Klamath, Lake, Malheur, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wasco, and Wheeler counties.

Counties identify the highest and best use forestland within their county. Highest and best use forestland is defined as land whose best, most economically productive use is to grow timber and other forest products. For these lands, the special assessment value equals the real market value. Therefore, there is no tax expenditure associated with them.

Designated forestland properties have a highest and best use as something other than forest use, but are valued as if the land’s highest and best use was forestland. The

owners of these properties have applied to the county for special designation as forestland. The application contains a signed statement that the owner intends to use this property for the primary purpose of growing and harvesting trees. Lands that do not continue to meet the requirements of this program will be disqualified and be required to repay up to five years worth of tax based on the difference between the tax calculated at the property's specially assessed value and what would have been calculated using the property's highest and best use value.

Small forestland owners (those who own 10 to 4,999 acres of forestland) have the option of participating in the program described in 2.135, Small Tract Forestland Option.

**PURPOSE:** According to ORS 321.262, the stated purposes of this expenditure are encouraging the growing and harvesting of timber, promoting the continuous production of forest products from private forestlands, and encouraging forestry and the restocking of forestlands to provide present and future benefits by enhancing the water supply, preventing erosion, providing habitat for wildlife, providing scenic and recreational opportunities, and providing for needed products.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Owners of designated forestland property. There are approximately 1.3 million acres of designated private forestland (specially assessed) in Eastern Oregon.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Forestry*

The program encourages retention of forestland for forest use. Owners must meet stocking standards of the Forest Practices Act or have a management plan to meet requirements. Owners pay assessments based on 100 percent of the value of land as forestland, so no severance tax is due at harvest.

Forestland owners delay timber harvests for an indeterminate period. During this period, noncommercial values, which accrue to the public, are maintained and increased, notably wildlife habitat, clean air, clean water, carbon sequestration, visual quality, etc.

## 2.135 SMALL TRACT FORESTLAND OPTION

**Oregon Statute:** 321.722

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 2003

2015–16 Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$1 billion

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$22,400,000	\$3,900,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$22,600,000	\$3,900,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Owners of 10 to 4,999 acres of Oregon forestland are provided the option of:

- Having their land specially assessed under 2.133, Western Private Forestland, or 2.134 Eastern Private Forestland, or

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- Participating in the Small Tract Forestland Program. Under this program, forestland receives a specially assessed value equal to 20 percent of the specially assessed forestland value that designated forestland receives. When the timber is harvested, participants pay a severance tax.

This expenditure relates to the special assessment of the Small Tract Forestland Program.

PURPOSE:

“The Legislative Assembly declares the purposes of the small tract forestland tax option program established under ORS 321.700 to 321.754 are to:

- (a) Impose property taxes on forestland values that are annually determined and adjusted as described in ORS 321.201 to 321.222 and then specially assessed; and
- (b) Impose a severance tax on the harvesting of timber from small tract forestland in order to:

- (A) Recognize the long-term nature of the forest crop and foster the public policy of this state to encourage the growing and harvesting of timber;

- (B) Protect the public welfare by ensuring that the citizens of this state and future generations will have the benefits to be derived from the continuous production of forest products from privately held small tract forestland;

- (C) Promote the public policy of this state to encourage forestry and the restocking of forestlands in order to provide present and future benefits, including but not limited to water supply enhancement, erosion prevention, wildlife habitat, scenic and recreational opportunities and needed forest products;

- (D) Produce revenues for local taxing districts;

- (E) Match the incidence of taxation with the realization of the economic benefits of harvest; and

- (F) Encourage the establishment of new forests on denuded, nonstocked or underproducing forestland” (ORS 321.703).

WHO BENEFITS:

Owners of small tracts of timberland who select this optional tax treatment. In 2015–16 there were approximately 610,000 acres assessed as small tract forestland and roughly 14,100 accounts.

IN LIEU:

Participants in the Small Tract Forestland Program are subject to a severance tax paid when timber is harvested from the subject forestland. The severance tax is designed to offset the expenditure impact caused by valuing the forestland at 20 percent of specially assessed forestland value. The severance tax rates are indexed annually in proportion to annual changes in small tract forestland assessed value. Revenues from the severance tax are distributed to the State School Fund, county General Funds, and the Community College Support Fund. Revenues are also used to reimburse the state’s General Fund for expenses incurred in the collection of small tract forestland taxes.

EVALUATION:

*by the Department of Forestry*

Similar to a predecessor land and privilege tax system, under the current approach, land is assessed at 20 percent of its specially assessed value as forestland, and the remainder of the tax is collected at harvest when the landowner has cash flow. The severance tax differs from the old privilege tax in that it is based on volume harvested not the value of the trees.

According to the Department of Revenue, the primary purpose of the Small Tract Forestland Program (STF) is to provide a cash flow protection mechanism for small woodland owners who are unable to manage their harvest rotation to match the cash

flow between tax payments and harvest receipts on specially assessed forestland. Sixty percent of the STF program participants in Eastern Oregon individually own less than 100 acres. If this majority of program participants were not in this program they would pay approximately \$.38 more per acre per year in property tax and they would owe no severance tax at the point in which they harvested their timber. Based on the high percentage of small acreage accounts participating, and the subsequent low tax burden, the program appears to be used by a significant number of forestland owners for whom cash flow is not an issue. For the small acreage accounts, this tax expenditure does not meet its stated purpose.

The costs of this program, driven by the program requirements, is high relative to the population served consistent with the program purpose. Data of eligible taxpayers electing to use this program indicate that the program requirements could be greatly reduced and more narrowly targeted to meet just the needs of the target population. There are substantial administrative expenses for this program relative to the revenue generated by the severance tax.

## 2.136 WATERCRAFT LOCALLY ASSESSED

**Oregon Statute:** 308.256

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1925

2015–16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Exempted: \$124 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$3,400,000	\$700,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$3,400,000	\$700,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Property owned or operated by a water transportation company not centrally assessed by the Department of Revenue is fully exempt from property taxation if the company is customarily engaged in the transportation of persons or property outside of Oregon.

All watercraft under construction or undergoing major remodeling are exempt. Major remodeling exists if the cost exceeds 10 percent of the value of the watercraft before remodeling.

Oregon private commercial watercraft not involved in transporting people or goods for hire are specially assessed for property tax by county assessors in the following manner:

- Ships and vessels used on inland waters are specially assessed at 40 percent of assessed value.
- Ships and vessels used on the high seas or between the high seas and inland ports (coastal fishing boats for example) are taxed at 4 percent of assessed value. Off shore self-propelled oil drilling rigs are also taxed at 4 percent.

Some types of commercial watercraft are not exempt, and are taxed at 100 percent of assessed value. These include dredges, museum ships, restaurant ships, any vessel used for deep-sea fish reduction or processing (but not canning), and non-Oregon private commercial boats of non-centrally assessed companies. Noncommercial watercraft are included in 2.064, Small Watercraft.

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- PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to provide tax relief to Oregon commercial fishermen.
- WHO BENEFITS:** The Department of Fish and Wildlife issued commercial fishing boat licenses to 1,089 Oregon residents and 459 nonresidents in 2015. This is the major portion of exempt value.
- EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Fish and Wildlife*  
This expenditure has achieved its purpose, although the exact proportion of fish landed outside Oregon waters is unknown. Many fishing vessels operate in distant water fisheries, but return to Oregon in the off-season.

## 2.137 DESTROYED OR DAMAGED PROPERTY

**Oregon Statute:** 308.146 and 308.425

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1971, Modified 2015 (HB 3001)

2015–16 Estimated Assessed Value of Property Affected: \$3.4 million

	Loss	Shift
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$100,000	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$100,000	Less than \$100,000

<b>DESCRIPTION:</b>	<p>Taxable property that is damaged or destroyed is eligible for special tax treatment in the current tax year and a different assessment date for the next tax year. For the current tax year the property tax is prorated based on a reduced value after the assessment date. If the property is damaged or destroyed between the normal assessment date and the beginning of the tax year then a different assessment date can be used for the following tax year.</p> <p>If property is destroyed or damaged by fire or an act of God, then under ORS 308.425 the property tax for the current year is prorated on a monthly basis. The property owner must apply to receive the proration and tax relief cannot be granted for a property when the person seeking relief is convicted of arson for the same property. Application for proration under this provision must be made within 60 days after the property is damaged or destroyed, or by the end of the tax year, whichever is later.</p> <p>If the property is destroyed, the tax is 1/12 of the total tax for each month or part of a month in the tax year before destruction. If the property is damaged, the tax is 1/12 of the total tax for each month before damage plus a percentage of the monthly tax for each month in the tax year that the property remains damaged. The percentage used is the ratio of the value after damage to the value before damage.</p> <p>Under ORS 308.146, if property is destroyed or damaged between January 1 through June 30 by fire or an act of God, the owner may apply to have the property assessed for the next tax year on the value of the property as of July 1. Normally, property is assessed on the value as of January 1. Taxpayers claiming this must file with the assessor before the later of August 1 of the current year, or 60 days after the property was damaged or destroyed. Legislation in 2015 (HB 3001) provided for a taxpayer seeking this special assessment date to file late but still within the same assessment year. If filing late, a fee of the greater of \$200 or one tenth of one percent of the real market value of the property is required.</p>
<b>PURPOSE:</b>	The statutes that allow this expenditure do not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to provide financial assistance to those with a total or partial loss of use of the property due to fire or natural causes.
<b>WHO BENEFITS:</b>	Property owners whose property is destroyed or damaged by fire or natural causes during the tax year.
<b>EVALUATION:</b>	Not evaluated.



## CHAPTER 3. GASOLINE, USE, AND JET FUEL TAXES

Fuels used in motor vehicles (gasoline and use fuels) and airplanes (aviation gasoline and jet fuel) are taxed in Oregon. Use fuels are fuels other than gasoline or jet fuel used in motor vehicles, such as diesel, propane, and natural gas. Gasoline, use, and jet fuel taxes comprise one of the two components of transportation taxes in Oregon, the other being the weight-mile tax (see Chapter 4). In general, vehicles are subject to only one of these two components. Total revenue from the gasoline, use, and jet fuel taxes, accounted for by the Department of Transportation is forecast to be \$1.08 billion in the 2015-17 and \$1.11 billion in the 2017-19 bienniums.

Most of the tax revenue is dedicated to the construction and maintenance of roads in Oregon. Aviation gasoline and jet fuel tax revenue is used to fund aviation programs.

### Gasoline Tax

In 1919, Oregon became the first state to institute a user tax on gasoline. Currently, the state of Oregon and the federal government imposed taxes of 30 cents and 18.4 cents per gallon respectively, for a total tax rate of 48.4 cents per gallon. Prior to the fuel tax increase in 2011, the Oregon tax rate had been 24 cents per gallon since 1993. In addition to the state and federal taxes, two Oregon counties and a number of cities also assess local gasoline taxes, ranging from 1 to 5 cents per gallon. Oregon administers tax collection for 16 cities, while the gasoline taxes imposed by six cities are administered by the local government. The state tax is paid to the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) by the approximately 162 licensed wholesale fuel dealers in the state. The tax is then passed on to the consumer in the price paid at the pump. Depending on the use of the fuel, these taxes may be refunded to the consumer (see refunds section below for more information).

### Use Fuel Tax

In 1943, Oregon imposed a tax on fuels other than gasoline used in motor vehicles. Diesel is the primary fuel, but other fuels used in motor vehicles such as biodiesel, propane, and natural gas are also taxed. At time of publication, the state of Oregon and the federal government imposed taxes of 30 cents and 24.4 cents per gallon, respectively, on diesel and biodiesel for a total tax rate of 54.4 cents per gallon. Prior to the fuel tax increase in 2011, the Oregon tax rate had been 24 cents per gallon since 1993. There are approximately 645 licensed retailers in the state who submit payments to ODOT for taxes collected from consumers of use fuels. In addition, there are another 1,173 users operating more than 5,600 vehicles that have obtained ODOT Use Fuel user licenses and pay the tax directly to the state rather than paying at the pump. The use fuel tax does not apply to trucks subject to weight-mile taxes. Some consumers of use fuels are exempted from the use fuel tax and may claim refunds for the tax paid. See refunds discussion below.

### Gasoline and Other Fuel Tax Refunds

The state gasoline and use fuel taxes are intended to assess users of public roadways for a fair share of the related construction and maintenance costs for roads. State law allows an exception from these taxes in cases where the user does not benefit from the facilities or services funded by the imposed tax, or where an alternate method of payment has been established in lieu of the tax. Examples include gasoline used in or for: cleaning or dyeing, power take-off equipment, stationary gasoline engines, uses that do not propel vehicles on public highways, or gasoline or other fuels used on private property. Refunds may be claimed for taxes paid on gasoline or other fuels used in these ways. In some cases, consumers of gasoline or other fuels for highway transportation use may claim refunds when specifically allowed in statute. These highway use refunds are considered tax expenditures and are described in the following pages. Additional information about refunds is available from ODOT at [www.oregon.gov/ODOT/CS/FTG/Pages/fttr.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/CS/FTG/Pages/fttr.aspx).

## **Aviation Fuel Tax**

This tax is assessed in the same manner as the gasoline tax. The current rate is eleven cents per gallon, increased two cents during the 2015 Session. This rate increase will sunset at the end of 2021, reverting back to a nine cent per gallon rate. A lower rate of three cents per gallon applies to jet fuel. As with the Aviation fuel tax, this rate was increased two cents per gallon during the 2015 Session and the increase will sunset at the end of 2021. The rate will then revert back to one cent per gallon. When consumers purchase gasoline for use as aircraft fuel, they may be required to pay the full Oregon gasoline tax rate of 30 cents per gallon at the time of purchase. In such cases, statute allows consumers to claim a refund of the extra 19 cents per gallon of tax paid.

**3.001 FOREST PRODUCTS: GASOLINE****Oregon Statute:** 319.320(1)(b) and (d)**Sunset Date:** None**Year Enacted:** 1945

Total	
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** A refund is allowed for tax paid on gasoline when used for the removal of forest products on certain public roads or for construction or maintenance of the roads used for such forest products removal. Only roads that are not state highways or city streets, or are county roads approved by the county may be considered when calculating the fuel tax eligible for refund. An agreement with the Oregon Board of Forestry, the State Forester, the county, or an agency of the United States must authorize the use of the road. To qualify for refunds of tax on fuels used for county road use, the user is required to have the same authorization to use the road as above and is required to pay for construction or maintenance of the county road.

In some cases, construction of a specific roadway is necessary for the removal of forest products. This provision allows counties to contract with the users of a roadway for the maintenance and improvement of that specific section of roadway.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose for this expenditure is that in most cases, the fuel and weight-mile taxes pay for the general use of the transportation system where tracking user damage to identifiable areas is difficult. In this case, however, the section of roadway over which heavy loads are moved is easily identified, and cost to the user can be more directly allocated to a specific section of roadway.

**WHO BENEFITS:** This provision does not appear to have been used in at least the last ten years. Potential beneficiaries include businesses that transport forest products to the extent that any required road maintenance costs are surpassed by the amount of refunds.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Transportation*

This expenditure is ineffective in achieving its purpose as the costs of construction or maintenance of a typical county road are higher than that of fuels taxes paid. Removal of forest products are typically performed on roads other than state highways, county roads, or city streets, and a tax refund is allowed for fuels used for this purpose under ORS 319.831(c). A review of fuels tax refunds shows that, in the case of removal of forest products, fuels used on county roads constitute only a very small volume relative to total fuel consumption. Therefore, users typically pay tax for fuels used on county and other public roads and claim refunds for fuels used off road.

Furthermore, contacts with the public works department of counties with major timber operations, the Forest Service, and timber industry representatives indicate that this provision is not well known.

### 3.002 FOREST PRODUCTS: OTHER THAN GASOLINE

**Oregon Statute:** 319.831(1)(c) and (g)

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1965

Total	
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** A refund is allowed for tax paid on fuels other than gasoline when used for the removal of forest products on certain public roads or for construction or maintenance of the roads used for such forest products removal. Only roads that are not state highways or city streets, or are county roads approved by the county may be considered when calculating the fuel tax eligible for refund. An agreement with the Oregon Board of Forestry, the State Forester, the county, or an agency of the United States must authorize the use of the road. To qualify for refunds of tax on fuels used for county road use, the user is required to have the same authorization to use the road as above and is required to pay for construction or maintenance of the county road.

In some cases, construction of a specific roadway is necessary for the removal of forest products. This provision allows counties to contract with the users of a roadway for the maintenance and improvement of that specific section of roadway.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose for this expenditure is that in most cases, the fuel and weight-mile taxes pay for the general use of the transportation system where tracking user damage to identifiable areas is difficult. In this case, however, the section of roadway over which heavy loads are moved is easily identified, and cost to the user can be more directly allocated to a specific section of roadway.

**WHO BENEFITS:** This provision does not appear to have been used in at least the last ten years. Potential beneficiaries include businesses that transport forest products to the extent that any required road maintenance costs are surpassed by the amount of refunds.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Transportation*

This expenditure is ineffective in achieving its purpose as the costs of construction or maintenance of a typical county road are higher than that of fuels taxes paid. Removal of forest products are typically performed on roads other than state highways, county roads, or city streets, and a tax refund is allowed for fuels used for this purpose under ORS 319.831(c). A review of fuels tax refunds shows that, in the case of removal of forest products, fuels used on county roads constitute only a very small volume relative to total fuel consumption. Therefore, users typically pay tax for fuels used on county and other public roads and claim refunds for fuels used off road.

Furthermore, contacts with the public works department of counties with major timber operations, the Forest Service, and timber industry representatives indicate that this provision is not well known.

### 3.003 DIESEL FUEL BLENDED WITH BIODIESEL

**Oregon Statutes:** 319.530(5)(a)

**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2019

**Year Enacted:** 2013

	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$10,100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$10,100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Diesel fuel blended with at least 20 percent biodiesel derived from used cooking oil is exempt from fuel excise tax. This provision applies to fuel sold on or after January 1, 2014, and before January 1, 2020.

This provision does not apply to fuel:

- Used in motor vehicles with a gross vehicle weight of 26,001 pounds or more
- Not sold in retail operations
- Sold in operations involving card-lock and fleet fueling, or bulk sales.

**PURPOSE:** The statutes that allow this expenditure do not explicitly state a purpose. According to the legislative staff revenue impact statement for HB 2435 (2013), the purpose of this provision is “to encourage the conversion of used cooking oil to fuel.”

**WHO BENEFITS:** Producers, consumers and fuel sellers of biodiesel derived from used cooking oil.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Transportation*

Sales grew rapidly over the first six months of the exemption as larger retailers picked up this fuel type. Through fiscal year 2015, sales were constant, either due to a lack of additional capacity or sales locations. Fiscal year 2016 has seen an additional increase in volume sold.

### 3.004 NATURAL GAS AND PROPANE VEHICLES

**Oregon Statutes:** 319.535

**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2020

**Year Enacted:** 2014

	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Organizations and people who use natural gas or propane as fuel in a motor vehicle may pay an annual special use license fee in lieu of a per-gallon tax.

Upon receipt of a complete and valid application, the Department of Transportation will issue a decal to be displayed on the motor vehicle in a conspicuous place. This decal allows participants to fuel their vehicle at any commercial fueling station that dispenses propane and/or compressed natural gasoline. It serves as proof to the seller of fuel that the driver is exempt from paying the per-gallon tax.

Because the legislation enacting this statute did not explicitly set a sunset for this tax expenditure, ORS 315.037(3) establishes the sunset as six years after the first effective tax year. In this case, the last effective tax year is 2020.

- PURPOSE:** The statutes that allow this expenditure do not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to encourage the use of propane and natural gas as motor vehicle fuel.
- WHO BENEFITS:** Individuals who use natural gas or propane as fuel in a motor vehicle who pay annual special use license fee in lieu of a per-gallon tax.
- IN LIEU:** The special use fuel license fee is equal to a base amount multiplied by the use fuel tax rate in effect at the time of payment, divided by 12 cents. The base amount is determined by the combined weight of the motor vehicle.

Combined Weight	Base Amount	Current Annual Fee
Up to 10,000 pounds	\$60	\$150
10,001 to 26,000 pounds	\$300	\$750
Over 26,000 pounds	\$400	\$1000

The combined weight is defined in ORS 801.199 as the total empty weight of all vehicles in a combination plus the total weight of the load carried on that combination of vehicles.

- EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

### 3.005 VEHICLE USED FOR TESTING EMISSIONS (GAS AND USE FUEL TAXES)

**Oregon Statute:** ORS 825.475  
**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2020  
**Year Enacted:** 2015 (HB 2465)

Total	
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000

- DESCRIPTION:** A person operating a vehicle for the purpose of emission research and development is exempt from the fuel taxes for that use. The person must not be operating the vehicle as a for-hire carrier and the US Environmental Protection Agency must have provided an exemption with federal requirements for the same testing. This provision applies to fuel sold on or after January 1, 2015.
- Currently the only vehicles performing qualifying emissions testing are heavy trucks. These vehicles would not be subject to the fuel tax and would instead be subject to the weight-mile tax. See 4.004 Emission Testing for the same exemption for vehicles performing emissions testing applying to the weight-mile tax.

Because the legislation enacting this statute did not explicitly set a sunset for this tax expenditure, ORS 315.037(3) establishes the sunset as six years after the first effective tax year. In this case, the last effective tax year is 2020.

PURPOSE:	The statutes that allow this expenditure do not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to avoid taxing vehicles doing important work to test vehicles' emissions for compliance with state and federal laws.
WHO BENEFITS:	People operating motor vehicles for the purpose of emissions research and development.
EVALUATION:	<i>by the Department of Transportation</i> This tax expenditure is currently utilized by heavy trucks only.

### 3.006 FUEL FOR AIRCRAFT DEPARTING U.S.

**Oregon Statutes:** 319.330(2)

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1959

Total	
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000

DESCRIPTION:	A refund is allowed for tax paid on fuel used by international air carriers. Refund requests are presented to the Department of Transportation for tax collected on aircraft fuel used solely for aircraft operations from a point within the state of Oregon directly to a point not within any state of the United States.
PURPOSE:	The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to promote international airline travel to and from Oregon, and to make it attractive for airlines with international flights to operate from Oregon airports.
WHO BENEFITS:	According to the Department of Aviation, very few taxpayers use this provision.
EVALUATION:	<i>by the Department of Aviation</i> It is estimated that a very small portion of international air travel originates to or from Oregon.

### 3.007 PUBLIC SERVICES

**Oregon Statutes:** 319.831(1)(d-f), (h-k)

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1961

Total	
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$12,500,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$13,000,000

**DESCRIPTION:** A refund is allowed for any tax paid on fuels other than gasoline (primarily diesel) when the fuels are used in the performance of a public service. State agencies, counties, incorporated cities and towns, rural fire protection districts, road assessment districts, and special districts (as defined in ORS 198) are allowed refunds for any use. Agencies of the United States are exempt under federal law. School and education service districts or their contractors may also claim refunds for fuels used in transporting students.

Vehicles exempt under this tax expenditure are not duplicated under the weight-mile tax expenditures 4.005, Elementary and Secondary School Vehicles or 4.006, Government Owned or Operated Vehicles. Vehicles are subject to either the fuels tax or the weight-mile tax, but not both.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to avoid use fuel taxation among public entities and to avoid taxing public services that are funded through the tax (in particular, road maintenance services).

**WHO BENEFITS:** Beneficiaries include state government, over 240 incorporated cities and towns, 36 counties, 199 school districts, 19 educational service districts, approximately 194 rural fire protection districts, and various other local districts and federal agencies.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Transportation*

This expenditure achieves its purpose. Cities, counties, and the State use diesel fuel substantially in conjunction with the construction and maintenance of roads. Revenues generated through the tax on such fuels are dedicated for this purpose and this provision reduces the processing of funds before returning them to public agencies to be used for this purpose. This is an effective continuation of established policies that avoid reciprocal taxation among public entities.

**3.008 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION****Oregon Statutes:** 267.200 and 267.570(2)**Sunset Date:** None**Year Enacted:** 1969

	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$400,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$400,000

DESCRIPTION:	<p>A refund is allowed for any tax paid on fuels other than gasoline when used in the operation of mass transit and transportation districts. Transit and transportation districts are treated the same as municipalities for purposes of claiming this exemption.</p> <p>Vehicles exempt under this tax expenditure are not duplicated under the weight-mile tax expenditure, 4.007, Public Mass Transit Vehicles. Vehicles are subject to either the fuels tax or the weight-mile tax but not both.</p>
PURPOSE:	The statutes that allow this expenditure do not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to lower the cost of providing public transportation services.
WHO BENEFITS:	Three mass transit districts, seven transportation districts, and one county service district in the state provide public transportation service.
EVALUATION:	<p><i>by the Department of Transportation</i></p> <p>This expenditure achieves its purpose. Without this exemption, fares could be higher, which would decrease ridership, particularly by those from lower income groups and/or those with limited mobility.</p>



## CHAPTER 4. WEIGHT-MILE TAX

The weight-mile tax is one of the two components of transportation taxes in Oregon, the other being the Gasoline, Use, and Jet Fuel Taxes (see Chapter 3). In general, vehicles are subject to only one of these two components. Heavy vehicles that are generally subject to the weight-mile tax are not subject to the use fuel tax. Revenue from the weight-mile tax is forecast to be \$596.4 million in the 2015–17 biennium and \$622.4 million in the 2017–19 biennium. This tax revenue is dedicated to the construction and maintenance of roads in Oregon.

This tax is imposed on heavy vehicles according to a combination of the number of axles and/or combined weight of the vehicle and the number of miles driven. Studies show that, although fuel consumption increases with vehicle size and weight, it does not increase proportionately with cost responsibility. Above 26,000 pounds registered weight, the overall weight and axle loads become important factors in determining requirements for the strength of pavements, bridges, and other structures. Therefore, a diesel fuel tax would not be an accurate measure of cost responsibility for heavy vehicles.

The tax rate schedule changes as the weight of the vehicle increases from 26,001 pounds to 105,500 pounds, and as the number of axles increases. Within each weight or axle group, a truck pays the stated amount multiplied by the number of miles the truck travels each year on Oregon public roads. The weight-mile tax schedules are based on results of cost responsibility studies that determine the fair share that heavy vehicles should pay for the maintenance, operation, and improvement of the state's highway system.

The tax rates consist of separate schedules for vehicles with declared weights from 26,001-80,000 pounds (Tax Table A) and those operated under special permit with registered weights from 80,001-105,500 pounds (Tax Table B). The tax tables and additional information are posted at [www.oregon.gov/odot/mct/pages/forms.aspx#taxes\\_&Fees](http://www.oregon.gov/odot/mct/pages/forms.aspx#taxes_&Fees).

Since 1947, the weight-mile tax schedules have been adjusted as the result of updated cost responsibility studies and revenue measures passed by the Legislature. The Office of Economic Analysis is responsible for producing the Highway Cost Allocation Study each biennium. The most recent edition of this study is available at [www.oregon.gov/das/oea/pages/hcas.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/das/oea/pages/hcas.aspx).

## 4.001 FARMING OPERATIONS

**Oregon Statutes:** 825.017(4), and 825.024

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1983

Total	
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$4,300,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$4,500,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Vehicles used in conjunction with farming operations are exempt from the payment of weight-mile taxes if they meet certain conditions. This includes implements of husbandry, low speed vehicles, and farm-related equipment as referenced in the three Oregon statutes cited.

Implements of husbandry are those vehicles and trailers used exclusively in agricultural operations. The definition for farm related equipment is more inclusive and identifies uses incidental to farming operations such as transportation of supplies and equipment, as well as the personal use of vehicles by the farmer and the farmer's family or employees. Low speed vehicles must be designed for off-road use, and no more than 15 percent of their mileage can be on the road.

Vehicles registered as farm equipment are used primarily off the road system, and in most cases, the transportation of such vehicles on the road is incidental to their use. Over 60 percent of the vehicles operated in conjunction with farming weigh fewer than 26,000 pounds and are not subject to weight-mile taxation. This provision applies only to those farm vehicles that exceed 26,000 pounds.

It should be noted that farm vehicles are subject to fuel taxes unless they are operated off the road system, in which case a refund is allowed under ORS 319.320(3). Because farm vehicles over 26,000 pounds pay fuel tax, they are not subject to weight-mile tax. Therefore, the revenue impact reported here is the difference between what they pay in fuel tax and what they would pay under the higher weight-mile tax rates.

**PURPOSE:** The statutes that allow this expenditure do not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to relieve farmers of the recordkeeping necessary to comply with the weight-mile tax and to recognize the partial or seasonal use of the transportation system by these users.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Per information from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the ODOT Driver and Motor Vehicle Services Division, there were approximately 34,600 farming operations in the state and about 20,000 registered farm vehicles in 2015.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Transportation*

This expenditure appears to achieve its purpose. However, the benefit per farm is very small and probably does not provide a competitive edge for farming in Oregon. Of course, larger farming operations benefit according to the amount of equipment in operation.

## 4.002 FOREST PRODUCTS ON COUNTY ROADS

**Oregon Statute:** 825.017(8)

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1977

Total	
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Vehicles used for the removal of forest products on a public road are exempt from the payment of weight-mile taxes. An agreement with the Oregon Board of Forestry, the State Forester, or an agency of the United States must authorize the use of the road and require the user to pay for or perform the construction or maintenance of the county road. In some cases, construction of a specific roadway is necessary for the removal of forest products. This provision allows counties to contract with the users of a roadway for the maintenance and improvement of the specific section of roadway used.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the rationale for this expenditure is that in most cases, fuels and weight-mile taxes pay for the general use of the transportation system where tracking user damage to identifiable areas is difficult. In this case, however, the section of roadway over which heavy loads are moved is easily identified, and the cost imposed by the user can be more directly allocated to a specific section of roadway.

**WHO BENEFITS:** This provision does not appear to have been used in at least the last ten years. Potential beneficiaries include businesses that transport forest products to the extent that any required road maintenance costs are surpassed by the amount exempt.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Transportation*

This expenditure is ineffective in achieving its purpose as the costs of construction or maintenance of a typical county road would be higher than that of the weight-mile taxes paid.

Furthermore, contacts with the public works department of counties with major timber operations, the U.S. Forest Service, and timber industry representatives indicate that this provision is not well known.

## 4.003 DEALER VEHICLE ON TEST DRIVE

**Oregon Statute:** ORS 822.040(1)(e)

**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2020

**Year Enacted:** 2015 (HB 2266)

Total	
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Vehicles being test driven while still owned by a dealer are exempt from the payment of weight-mile taxes if they meet certain conditions. The vehicle must display dealer

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plates, must be owned or controlled by the dealer and in use by the dealer, be operated on the highway for purposes of test driving the vehicle, and be unloaded.

Dealer vehicles exempted from the weight-mile tax through this provision are still subject to fuel taxes. Therefore, the revenue impact reported here is the difference between what they pay in fuel tax and what they would pay under the higher weight-mile tax rates.

Because the legislation enacting this statute did not explicitly set a sunset for this tax expenditure, ORS 315.037(3) establishes the sunset as six years after the first effective tax year. In this case, the last effective tax year is 2020.

**PURPOSE:** The statutes that allow this expenditure do not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to reduce the tax burden and administrative cost for vehicle dealers to pay the weight-mile tax on vehicles being test driven.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Motor vehicle dealers who test drive heavy vehicles.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Transportation*

An unloaded heavy vehicle is likely to be registered at 28,001 to 30,000 pounds gross vehicle weight. At this rate mileage would be taxed at 5.28 cents per mile. The average fuel efficiency of a vehicle of this class ranges from about 4 to 8 mpg. If the mean fuel efficiency is about 6 miles per gallon then the amount of tax paid under the weight-mile would be roughly equivalent to the fuels tax paid.

### 4.004 VEHICLE USED FOR TESTING EMISSIONS (WEIGHT-MILE TAX)

**Oregon Statute:** ORS 825.475

**Sunset Date:** 13-31- 2020

**Year Enacted:** 2015 (HB 2465)

	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$700,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$700,000

**DESCRIPTION:** A person operating a vehicle for the purpose of emission research and development is exempt from the weight-mile tax for that use. The person must not be operating the vehicle as a for-hire carrier and the US Environmental Protection Agency must have provided an exemption with federal requirements for the same testing. This provision applies to taxes imposed on or after January 1, 2015.

See 3.005, Emission Testing for the same exemption applying to the fuel taxes.

Because the legislation enacting this statute did not explicitly set a sunset for this tax expenditure, ORS 315.037(3) establishes the sunset as six years after the first effective tax year. In this case, the last effective tax year is 2020.

**PURPOSE:** The statutes that allow this expenditure do not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to avoid taxing vehicles doing work to test vehicles' emissions research and development for compliance with state and federal laws.

**WHO BENEFITS:** People operating motor vehicles for the purpose of emissions research and development.

EVALUATION: *by the Department of Transportation*

This tax expenditure provide a continuation of an exemption from fuel tax and weight mile tax that was granted by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to test new heavy truck technology. The current exemption granted by DEQ could not be continued and the Department of Justice determined that there was no mechanism that allowed ODOT to provide a similar tax exemption. The provisions in HB 2465 provide the statutory means to continue testing heavy vehicle emissions in Oregon without paying fuel tax or weight-mile tax. There are approximately 30 trucks in this testing program operating about 2.24 million miles in Oregon per year.

#### 4.005 ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL VEHICLES

**Oregon Statute:** 825.017(1)

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** Pre-1953

Total	
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$3,100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$3,200,000

DESCRIPTION: Vehicles used by, or under contract with, any elementary or secondary school district are exempt from the payment of weight-mile taxes when engaged exclusively in transporting students to or from school or authorized school activities or those activities sponsored by a public university.

Vehicles exempt under this tax expenditure are not duplicated under the fuels tax expenditure, 3.007 for Public Services. Vehicles are subject to either the fuels tax or the weight-mile tax but not both.

PURPOSE: The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the rationale is that weight-mile taxation is generally applied to for-hire commercial vehicles. School buses are either owned by a school district or a contractor supplying services to a school district and are therefore not for-hire vehicles. This provision reduces the record keeping and audit cost of the refund application process.

WHO BENEFITS: There are about 230 school districts operating more than 1,200 elementary and secondary schools. This provision applies only to school buses that exceed 26,000 pounds, the threshold weight for the weight-mile tax. Approximately 60 percent of the miles traveled by school buses are in weight classes equal to or less than 26,000 pounds.

EVALUATION: *by the Department of Transportation*

This expenditure achieves its purpose. It reduces the cost of public education in Oregon by reducing the cost to school districts that would be necessitated by paying the weight-mile tax as well as complying with the record keeping and other compliance costs of the tax.

## 4.006 GOVERNMENT OWNED OR OPERATED VEHICLES

**Oregon Statutes:** 825.017(10) and (11)

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** Pre-1953

	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$6,900,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$7,200,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Vehicles being used in the performance of public services are exempt from weight-mile taxes. Exempt vehicles include those:

- Owned or operated by the United States, the state of Oregon, or any county, city, town, or municipality in this state, except when owned or operated as a carrier for-hire
- Involved in transportation of U.S. mail on rural or star routes by contract or employment by the U.S. Postal Service.

Vehicles exempt under this tax expenditure are not duplicated under the fuels tax expenditure, 3.007 for Public Services. Vehicles are subject to either the fuels tax or the weight-mile tax but not both.

**PURPOSE:** The statutes that allow this expenditure do not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to avoid reciprocal taxation among public entities when the tax revenue would be used largely for the same purpose as the activity being taxed (road construction and maintenance). For federal vehicles, the purpose is to comply with the U.S. Constitution, which prohibits states from taxing the federal government.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Beneficiaries include state government, 240 incorporated cities and towns, 36 counties, and the Postal Service.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Transportation*

This expenditure achieves its purpose. Cities and counties, the major beneficiaries of this provision, operate equipment subject to this tax largely in conjunction with the construction and maintenance of roads. Revenue generated through this tax is dedicated for this purpose, and this provision reduces the processing of funds before returning them to public agencies to be used for this purpose. This is an effective continuation of established policies that avoid the reciprocal taxation of governing agencies.

## 4.007 PUBLIC MASS TRANSIT VEHICLES

**Oregon Statute:** 825.017(11)

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1977

	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$2,600,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$2,700,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Vehicles owned or operated by a transportation district are exempt from weight-mile taxes.

Vehicles exempt under this tax expenditure are not duplicated under the fuels tax expenditure, 3.008 for Public Transportation. Vehicles are subject to either the fuels tax or the weight-mile tax but not both.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to lower the cost of providing public transportation services.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Three mass transit districts, seven transportation districts, and one county service district in the state provide public transportation service.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Transportation*

This expenditure achieves its purpose. Without this exemption, fares could be higher, which would decrease ridership, particularly by those from lower income groups and/or those with limited mobility.

## 4.008 FIRE PROTECTION

**Oregon Statute:** 825.017(16)

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1977

	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Vehicles used for the purposes of forest protection and fire suppression are exempt from weight-mile taxes when directed by the State Forester. This exemption also applies to the vehicles being moved to or from the work area.

All fire protection vehicles are subject to fuel taxes, but are exempt from the weight-mile tax. Therefore, the revenue estimate reported here is the difference between what they pay in fuel tax and what they would pay under the higher weight-mile tax rates. Many fire protection vehicles are owned by units of government and are exempt from weight-mile taxes under 4.006, Government Owned or Operated Vehicles, however this exemption also applies to privately owned fire protection vehicles.

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**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to lower the cost of providing fire protection services normally provided through public services, and to station additional water supply trucks near logging operations when deemed necessary by forestry officials.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Nongovernment owners of fire protection vehicles. Few are using this exemption.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Transportation*

This expenditure appears to achieve its purpose. These fire protection vehicles are very few in number and operate primarily off the highway system; they would not be subject to taxation, with the exception of the provision that allows movement to and from the work area. This provision is effective, as the cost associated with record keeping and weight-mile audit would likely exceed any revenue generated. This is a minimal investment in supporting activities to protect Oregon's forest resources.

## 4.009 CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

**Oregon Statute:** 825.017(13)

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1977

Total	
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Vehicles owned, or under contract with, a charitable organization are exempt from payment of weight-mile taxes when engaged exclusively in performing transportation necessary to the operation of the charitable organization.

It should be noted that vehicles used by charitable organizations are subject to fuel taxes. Because they pay fuel taxes, they are not subject to the weight-mile tax. Therefore, the revenue estimate reported here is the difference between what they pay in fuel tax and what they would pay under the higher weight-mile tax rates.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to help support services provided by charitable organizations.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Charitable organizations operating vehicles that are registered by weight. Few are using this exemption.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Transportation*

Although the benefit in this case is relatively small, this provision is believed to be effective in achieving its purpose. There are relatively few vehicles being operated by charitable organizations that exceed the 26,000 pound lower limit of the weight-mile tax rate schedules.

Charitable organizations are excluded from all provisions of Chapter 825 of the ORS, which include operating authority and regulatory requirements before deregulation. At the time this exemption was passed, the exclusion from the provisions of Chapter 825 would have granted such organizations greater operating freedom and may have been the original incentive to provide this exemption.

## CHAPTER 5. CIGARETTE TAX

Cigarette distributors are required to pay a tax for the distribution of each cigarette in Oregon. The tax is imposed on the initial distribution and no additional tax is imposed for subsequent distributions. Cigarette tax revenue for the 2015–17 and 2017–19 biennia are forecast to be \$411.5 million and \$378.0 million, respectively.

Program	Percentage	Distribution Forecast 2015-17
Health Plan	65.4%	\$268.8
General Fund	17.0%	\$69.7
Mental Health	9.8%	\$40.3
Tobacco Use Reduction Acct.	2.6%	\$10.8
Cities	1.7%	\$7.1
Counties	1.7%	\$7.1
Transit	1.7%	\$7.1

The Oregon cigarette tax began in 1966. Generally, the tax is paid through the use of tax stamps that are purchased by the 41 Oregon licensed cigarette distributors. Distributors may pay the tax at the time they purchase the stamps or defer the payment until the 20th of the month following the purchase. As of January 1, 2014 the Oregon tax per pack of 20 cigarettes was \$1.31. It increased to \$1.32 on January 1, 2016, and increases again to \$1.33 on January 1, 2018.

### 5.001 SMALL QUANTITY BY CONSUMERS

**Oregon Statute:** 323.060

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1965

Total	
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000

- DESCRIPTION:** The use or consumption of untaxed cigarettes transported into Oregon as a single lot or shipment of no more than 199 cigarettes is not taxed. This exemption also applies to cigarettes obtained at exempted federal installations when the quantity obtained is no more than 199 cigarettes at one time.
- PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to avoid the administrative and compliance costs of taxing these small quantities.
- WHO BENEFITS:** Individuals who transport small quantities of untaxed cigarettes into Oregon or obtain them at federal installations in Oregon.
- EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

### 5.002 FEDERAL AND VETERANS INSTITUTIONS (CIGARETTE)

**Oregon Statute:** 323.055

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1965

Total	
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$200,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$200,000

- DESCRIPTION:** Oregon cigarette taxes are not imposed on the sale of cigarettes at these locations:
- United States Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard exchanges and commissaries
  - Navy or Coast Guard ships' stores
  - Ships' stores maintained under federal bond
  - The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
  - Exchanges and commissaries run by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) or the Public Health Service (PHS) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Also, the sale or gift of federally tax-free cigarettes delivered directly from the manufacturer to a veterans' home, hospital, or domiciliary care facility are not taxed. Legislation in 2012 (SB 1563) added exchanges and commissaries operated by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the Public Health

Service (PHS) of the United States Department of Health and Human Services to the list of exchanges and commissaries not taxed by Oregon.

**PURPOSE:** To comply with federal law.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Members and veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces, and members of NOAA or PHS who purchase cigarettes at federal institutions.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Revenue*  
This expenditure achieves its purpose of compliance with federal law.

### 5.003 RESERVATION CIGARETTE SALES

**Oregon Statute:** 323.401

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1979

	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$2,600,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$2,700,000

**DESCRIPTION:** The governing body of any federally recognized Indian reservation in Oregon may enter into a refund agreement with the Department of Revenue. The agreement may provide for a refund of a mutually agreed upon amount of cigarette tax collected on sales of cigarettes to tribal members.

**PURPOSE:** To comply with federal law.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Eight of the nine governing bodies of federally recognized Indian tribes in Oregon have entered into cigarette tax refund agreements.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Revenue*  
This expenditure achieves its purpose of compliance with federal law.



## CHAPTER 6. OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS TAX

An “other tobacco products” tax is imposed on the sale, storage, use, consumption, handling, or distribution of tobacco products other than cigarettes. Examples of other tobacco products are cigars, and tobacco for chewing or smoking in a pipe. The tax is imposed on the distributor at the time the distributor imports, produces, or ships the tobacco products into Oregon. As of July 2016, there were 168 licensed distributors of other tobacco products.

### Other Tobacco Products Tax Rates

Product	Rate	Min / Max
Moist Snuff	\$1.78 per ounce	Min - \$2.14 per retail container
All Other Products	65% of wholesale sales price	Max - \$0.50 per cigar

Other tobacco products tax revenue for the 2015–17 and 2017–19 biennia is forecast to be \$115.6 and \$120.6 million respectively.

Distributions for fiscal year 2015–17 are forecast to be:

General Fund:	\$61.9 million
Oregon Health Plan:	\$47.8 million
Tobacco Use Reduction Account:	\$5.3 million

## 6.001 FEDERAL AND VETERANS INSTITUTIONS (OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS)

**Oregon Statute:** 323.515

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1985

Total	
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** The other tobacco products tax does not apply to tobacco products that are sold at United States Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), or Public Health Service (PHS) of the United States Department of Health and Human Services exchanges and commissaries; Navy or Coast Guard ships' stores; U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; or ships' stores maintained under federal bond.

**PURPOSE:** To comply with federal law.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Members and veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces, and members of NOAA or PHS who purchase other tobacco products at federal institutions.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Revenue*

This expenditure achieves its purpose of compliance with federal law.

## 6.002 RESERVATION TOBACCO SALES

**Oregon Statute:** 323.615

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1985

Total	
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** The governing body of any federally recognized Indian reservation in Oregon may enter into a refund agreement with the Department of Revenue. The agreement may provide for a refund of a mutually agreed upon amount of tobacco tax collected under the Oregon tobacco products tax in connection with the sale to tribal members, and use, storage, or consumption of tobacco products by tribal members.

**PURPOSE:** To comply with federal law.

**WHO BENEFITS:** As of 2016, one tribe holds a tobacco tax refund agreement with the Department of Revenue.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Revenue*

This expenditure achieves its purpose of compliance with federal law.

## CHAPTER 7. BEER AND WINE TAX

A tax is imposed upon the privilege of engaging in business as a manufacturer or as an importing distributor of malt beverages or wines. The Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) collects the tax. The tax rate for manufacturing or importing malt beverages is \$2.60 per barrel of 31 gallons. The tax rate for manufacturing or importing wine is 67 cents per gallon on wines with 14 percent or less alcohol by volume, and 77 cents per gallon on wines with more than 14 percent alcohol by volume. Two cents of the wine tax goes to the Wine Advisory Board. Fifty percent of the remaining beer and wine taxes go to Mental Health and Drug Abuse Prevention Account, and the other 50 percent into the Oregon Liquor Control Commission Account and distributed as described below.

Beverages with more than 21 percent alcohol are exclusively distributed and sold by the state of Oregon. Amounts generated by the imposition of a \$ 0.50/bottle surcharge are dedicated directly to the General Fund. The remaining net revenue from the sale of these beverages and from the portion of the wine and malt beverage tax that goes into the OLCC account are distributed as follows:

General Fund:	56%
Cities (by populations):	20%
Cities (by formula):	14%
Counties (by population):	10%

Beer and wine tax revenue is forecast to be \$36.6 million for the 2015–17 biennium and \$38.1 million for the 2017–19 biennium.

## 7.001 SMALL WINERIES

**Oregon Statute:** 473.050(5)

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1977

Total	
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$4,400,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$4,800,000

**DESCRIPTION:** This provision allows all U.S. wine manufacturers producing fewer than 100,000 gallons annually to exempt the first 40,000 gallons sold each year in Oregon from the wine privilege tax.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to encourage the development of Oregon wineries that produce fewer than 100,000 gallons annually.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Small wineries benefit in that they are able to sell their product more competitively. It is estimated that 5.7 million gallons will be claimed as tax exempt during the 2015–17 biennium. This is expected to increase to 6.3 million gallons exempted in the 2017–19 biennium.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission*

This tax exemption achieves its purpose. It was enacted to help small Oregon wineries get established and allows these wineries enough profit to stay in business until they become large enough to compete with the established, high volume wineries. In 1977, when the exemption was enacted, there were approximately 10 licensed wineries. Today, there are over 900 wineries in the state, and the industry is still growing. Nearly all of Oregon’s wineries are small enough to qualify for the full tax exemption. Oregon wines have continued to show overall growth.

Oregon has gained the reputation of a quality wine producing state, which has added to the image and livability of the state and promotes tourism and hospitality. The growth of the Oregon wine industry has also caused growth in secondary markets such as vineyards, label design, bottling, and marketing.

Because of the exemption, the industry decided to dedicate some of the tax savings to establish and maintain the Oregon Wine Board. The board divides its resources between research and development and industry promotion. If this were not the case, the industry would be asking the Legislature for funding from General Fund dollars.

Due to the lack of public investors, this appears to be the only practical way to encourage the growth of the wine industry.

## 7.002 WINE MARKETING ACTIVITIES

**Oregon Statutes:** 473.047

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 2001

	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$0
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$0

<b>DESCRIPTION:</b>	This provision allows a credit against the wine privilege tax for certain marketing activities as defined by the Oregon Wine Board. The marketing activities must not promote any specific brand or winery and must be approved by the Oregon Wine Board. The total credit is limited by an amount equal to 28 percent of the sum of: a) one hundred percent of the cost of qualified marketing activities to the extent the cost does not exceed the amount of tax owed for manufacturing or importing fewer than 40,000 gallons of wine, and b) 25 percent of the tax owed for manufacturing or importing greater than 40,000 gallons of wine. The total credit may not exceed the tax liability of the manufacturer or importing distributor of wine. Small wineries (wineries producing fewer than 100,000 gallons a year) that sell fewer than 40,000 gallons a year do not pay privilege tax because they are already exempt by 7.001, Small Wineries.
<b>PURPOSE:</b>	The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to encourage marketing of the Oregon wine industry.
<b>WHO BENEFITS:</b>	Large wineries, some small wineries (wineries selling more than 40,000 gallons of wine, but producing fewer than 100,000 gallons a year) and the Oregon wine industry could benefit.
<b>EVALUATION:</b>	<i>by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission</i> No winery has claimed the credit through June 30, 2016.



## **CHAPTER 8. 911 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS TAX**

The tax was enacted in 1981 to help local governments pay for establishing, operating, or improving a 911 emergency reporting system. Originally, the tax was 3 percent of the monthly rate charged for basic exchange access services. In 1991, that rate was increased to 5 percent. Since October 1, 1995 the rate has been 75 cents per line per month and applies to all forms of wired and wireless telecommunications services. HB 4055 (2014) amended the tax to enhance the administration and enforcement of existing law governing Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) and wireless prepaid phones with access to 911. After an initial transition period for the first part of 2015, fixed line VOIP subscribers will pay 75 cents per line per month, and each retail transaction for a wireless prepaid phone, such as adding minutes, will be taxed 75 cents. The tax for subscribers is paid quarterly by the telecommunication utilities and service providers, who collect the tax from phone subscribers on their monthly billings. The tax for prepaid phones will be collected by retail sellers. The 911 emergency communication tax has been extended six times since inception and under current law will sunset at the end of 2021.

Emergency communication tax revenue for the 2015–17 and 2017-19 biennia are forecast to be \$83.9 million and \$85.8 million, respectively. Net revenue from the tax is distributed to cities and counties on a per capita basis to be used for their 911 emergency communication systems.

### 8.001 STATE AND LOCAL SUBSCRIBERS

**Oregon Statutes:** 403.205(1)

**Sunset Date:** None (The emergency communication tax sunsets 12-31-2021.)

**Year Enacted:** 1981

Total	
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$5,200,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$5,400,000

- DESCRIPTION:** State and local governments are exempt from the 911 emergency communications tax. This includes regional housing authorities exempt from state taxes under ORS 307.092.
- PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to avoid reciprocal taxation among public entities; to avoid taxing public services that are funded through the tax.
- WHO BENEFITS:** State and local governments. There are approximately 280,000 employees in state and local government.
- EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

### 8.002 FEDERAL SUBSCRIBERS

**Oregon Statutes:** 403.205(1)

**Sunset Date:** None (The emergency communication tax sunsets 12-31-2021.)

**Year Enacted:** 1981

Total	
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$500,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$500,000

- DESCRIPTION:** The federal government is exempt from the 911 emergency communication tax. Exempt entities include foreign government offices that are exempt from taxation by treaty provisions with the federal government, as well as certain federally chartered corporations (e.g. U.S. Postal Service, Amtrak, Federal Reserve Bank) specifically exempt from state income taxes by federal law.
- PURPOSE:** To comply with federal law.
- WHO BENEFITS:** The federal government as well as foreign government offices and exempt federally chartered corporations. There are about 28,000 federal employees in Oregon.
- EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Revenue*  
This expenditure achieves its purpose of compliance with federal law.

**8.003 INDIAN RESERVATION SUBSCRIBERS**

**Oregon Statutes:** 403.205(1)

**Sunset Date:** None (The emergency communication tax sunsets 12-31-2021.)

**Year Enacted:** 1981

Total	
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$500,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$500,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Tribal members on federally recognized reservations in Oregon are exempt from the 911 emergency communication tax. They must be enrolled members of the tribe located on the reservation.

**PURPOSE:** To comply with federal law.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Tribal members on nine federally recognized reservations in Oregon using telephones with access to the 911 service.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Revenue*

This expenditure achieves its purpose of compliance with federal law.



## CHAPTER 9. FOREST PRODUCTS HARVEST TAX

A tax of a specified rate per thousand board feet (one board foot is equal to the volume of a board whose dimensions are one foot by one foot by one inch) is assessed on timber owners when timber is harvested from private and public lands in Oregon, except most tribal lands. The tax revenue is used primarily to support the Oregon Department of Forestry in its efforts to fight forest fires, to support forestry research, to administer Oregon's Forest Practices Act, and to support forest related education through the Oregon Forest Resource Institute and the Oregon State University College of Forestry.

There are five components to the Forest Products Harvest Tax. The Legislature established the rate for four of the components. The first component does not expire and the second, third and fourth components apply only to tax years 2016 and 2017. The fifth component is levied by the Oregon Forest Resources Institute and does not expire.

### Forest Products Harvest Tax rates by calendar year per thousand board feet of timber harvested

Component	2016	2017	2018	2019
Fire Protection	\$0.625	\$0.625	\$0.625	\$0.625
Forestry Research	\$0.90	\$0.90	\$0.00	\$0.00
Forest Practices Act	\$1.1037	\$1.1037	\$0.00	\$0.00
OSU College of Forestry	\$0.10	\$0.10	\$0.00	\$0.00
Forest Resources Institute	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
<b>Total Tax Rate</b>	<b>\$3.7287</b>	<b>\$3.7287</b>	<b>\$1.6250</b>	<b>\$1.6250</b>

Under current law, no components of the forest products harvest tax to apply to tax years 2018 and 2019 for forestry research and administration of Oregon's Forestry Practices Act, however traditionally, the Legislature sets the rates that apply to these components every two years for the following two years. The tax to support forestry education at the Oregon State University College of Forestry was new as of 2014. The total forest products harvest tax rate of \$3.7287 per thousand board feet of timber harvested in 2016 is a slight increase from the tax rate in effect during the 2015 calendar year of \$3.5316 per thousand board feet of timber harvested.

Forest products harvest tax revenue is forecast to be \$32 million for the 2015–17 biennium. Based on current law with no tax levied to support forestry research, administration of Oregon's Forest Practices Act and the OSU College of Forestry after 2017, revenue is forecast to be \$19 million for the 2017–19 biennium.

**9.001 FIRST 25,000 BOARD FEET**

**Oregon Statute:** 321.015(6)

**Sunset Date:** None (partial sunset of tax rate on 12-31-2017)

**Year Enacted:** 1953

Exemption: 50 million board feet in calendar year 2015

	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$400,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$300,000

**DESCRIPTION:** This provision excludes the first 25,000 board feet of forest products harvested from the total quantity of harvested forest products by each taxpayer during each calendar year from the forest products harvest tax.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to provide a minimum level of tax-free harvest of forest products from Oregon private and public lands for all timber harvesters.

**WHO BENEFITS:** All timber harvesters qualify for this exemption. Because the exemption represents a larger share of total timber harvested for small harvesters, they receive the largest benefit in percentage terms. In calendar year 2015, about 2,500 harvesters benefited from this exemption. Based on the 2015 tax rate of \$3.5316 per thousand board feet harvested, a timber harvester who harvested at least 25,000 board feet of forest products would have saved \$88 dollars in tax.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Forestry*  
 Harvest taxes provide an effective mechanism for funding programs important to the state and woodland owners. This exemption provides a benefit to landowners who infrequently harvest small amounts of timber.

## CHAPTER 10. ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE TAX

Mutual and cooperative electrical associations are subject to a tax on gross earnings that is in lieu of all other taxes on transmission and distribution lines. The associations must be nonprofit and the principal purpose must be to distribute electricity to its members. (See expenditure 2.071, Nonprofit Electrical Distribution Associations for property tax related tax expenditure.)

Per ORS 308.807, associations must pay the lesser of:

- Four percent of all gross revenue derived from the use or operation of transmission and distribution lines minus the cost of power to the association, or
- The sum of the following calculation:

$$\begin{aligned} & ((RMV \text{ of the transmission \& distribution lines}) \times (\text{max school rate allowed under ORS 310.150})) \\ & + ((RMV \text{ of transmission \& distribution lines}) \times (\$10 \text{ per } \$1,000 \text{ of RMV})) \\ & + ((RMV \text{ of transmission \& distribution lines}) \times (\text{bond tax rates per ORS 310.140})) \end{aligned}$$

For the 2015–2016 tax year, 16 associations paid the gross earnings tax, and three paid the tax described in the second calculation.

The distribution of proceeds depends on which calculation method is used. If the first method is used, proceeds from the tax on gross earnings are distributed to the counties in proportion to the system's wire miles in each county. These payments are distributed one-third to the county school fund and two-thirds to the county general fund. If the second calculation method is used, payments are deposited in the unsegregated tax collections account and distributed according to the Percentage Distribution Schedule (see ORS 311.390).

Electric cooperative tax revenue is forecast to be \$16.8 million for the 2015–17 biennium and \$18.1 million for the 2017–19 biennium.

## 10.001 REVENUE FROM GOVERNMENT LEASED LINES

**Oregon Statute:** 308.805

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1969

Total	
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$200,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$200,000

- DESCRIPTION:** Revenue received by nonprofit mutual and cooperative electric distribution associations for leasing lines to the government is exempt from the gross earnings tax calculation for the electric cooperative tax.
- PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to exempt government from paying the tax.
- WHO BENEFITS:** There are 19 cooperatives in Oregon subject to the tax; four of them received this exemption in tax year 2015–16.
- EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## **CHAPTER 11. OIL AND GAS PRIVILEGE TAX**

A privilege tax is levied on the total volume of petroleum, crude oil, mineral oil, casinghead gas, and natural gas produced, or extracted, from a well within Oregon. The privilege tax is 6 percent of the gross value, or prevailing cash price, at the well for oil or gas produced. Receipts for the tax vary with the market for oil and gas, but have generally been less than \$500,000 per biennium since 2000. Receipts are forecast to be less than \$500,000 for the 2015–17 biennium and less than \$500,000 for the 2017–19 biennium. Net revenue derived from this tax is paid into the Common School Fund.

### 11.001 FIRST \$3,000 IN GROSS SALES VALUE

**Oregon Statute:** 324.080

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1981

Total	
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000

- DESCRIPTION:** An exemption from the tax levied on oil or gas production is granted for the first \$3,000 in gross sales value of the gross production each calendar quarter from each well.
- PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to encourage development of oil and gas reserves.
- WHO BENEFITS:** Producers of natural gas in Oregon with a total of 105 permitted wells in Columbia and Coos Counties. Not all permitted natural gas wells produce gas, and there are no actively producing oil wells in Oregon.
- EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

### 11.002 CREDIT FOR PROPERTY TAXES PAID

**Oregon Statute:** 324.090(2)

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1981

Total	
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Available*
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Available*

\* In certain cases, to conform with taxpayer privacy disclosure laws, revenue numbers are not provided for tax expenditures that may affect at most a few taxpayers. This includes tax expenditures that do not currently affect any Oregon taxpayer, but could at a later date.

- DESCRIPTION:** A credit is allowed against the oil and gas privilege tax for property taxes paid. This includes taxes on any property rights attached to the right to produce oil and gas, producing oil and gas leases, and machinery and equipment used in the operation of the well.
- PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to avoid double taxation of the value of oil and gas extracted.
- WHO BENEFITS:** Producers of natural gas in Oregon with a total of 105 permitted wells in Columbia and Coos Counties. Not all permitted natural gas wells produce gas, and there are no actively producing oil wells in Oregon.
- EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries*  
This credit effectively avoids the double taxation of oil and gas resources that would occur if mining companies paid both property taxes and privilege taxes. If the

companies were taxed through both the property tax and the privilege tax, the companies would pay tax twice on the same property.

### 11.003 STATE AND LOCAL INTERESTS

**Oregon Statute:** 324.090(1)

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 1981

Total	
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Any royalty or other interest in oil or gas owned by the state or a local government is exempt from the oil and gas privilege tax.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to adhere to the principle that governments typically do not tax themselves.

**WHO BENEFITS:** State and local governments.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.



## CHAPTER 12. MEDICAL PROVIDER TAXES

The 2003 Legislature created the hospital tax, long term care facility tax, and Medicaid managed care tax, collectively referred to here as the Medical Provider Taxes. These taxes are used to finance Medicaid services and leverage additional federal funds. Only the hospital and long term care facility taxes are discussed here because they are the only ones with tax expenditures.

### Hospital tax

The assessment on each hospital subject to this tax is imposed at a rate determined by the director of the Oregon Health Authority and is revised as needed. The tax rate used is the best estimate of the rate needed to fund identified services and costs. Currently, the tax rate is 5.3 percent of net revenues, but has been as low as .15 percent. A 1.5 percent limit on the tax rate was removed by the Legislature in 2009.

The tax applies to net revenues earned by hospitals before the earlier of October 1, 2019, or the date the tax no longer qualifies for federal matching funds. Net proceeds from this tax are deposited in the Hospital Quality Assurance Fund. These revenues are to be used to partially fund the Oregon Health Plan in the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) budget. The OHA 2015-17 Legislatively Adopted Budget includes \$1.1 billion in hospital revenue in the Health Systems budget to partially fund the Oregon Health Plan. Hospital tax receipts are forecast to be \$1.2 billion for the 2017-19 biennium.

Hospital Tax Rate History	
Period beginning	Tax rate
July 1, 2004	.95 percent
January 1, 2005	.68 percent
July 1, 2006	.82 percent
January 1, 2008	.63 percent
July 1, 2009	.15 percent
October 1, 2009	2.80 percent
July 1, 2010	2.32 percent
July 1, 2011	5.25 percent
October 1, 2011	5.08 percent
January 1, 2012	4.32 percent
April 1, 2013	5.30 percent
October 1, 2014	5.80 percent
April 1, 2016	5.30 percent

### Long term care facility tax

The assessment for this tax equals the rate times the number of patient days at the long term care facility for a calendar quarter. The Oregon Department of Human Services director establishes an annual assessment rate that applies for a 12-month period beginning July 1. The rate was initially \$8.25, and has increased to \$22.99 as of July 2016.

Net proceeds from this tax are deposited in the Long Term Care Facility Quality Assurance Fund. These revenues are intended to increase nursing facility Medicaid reimbursement rates and improve the financial stability of the nursing home industry. Long term care facility tax receipts are forecast to be \$116.3 million for the 2015–17 biennium and \$127.6 million for the 2017–19 biennium.

Long Term Care Facility Tax Rate History	
Period beginning	Tax rate
July 1, 2003	\$8.25
July 1, 2004	\$10.87
July 1, 2005	\$12.23
July 1, 2006	\$13.73
July 1, 2007	\$15.00
July 1, 2008	\$14.85
December 1, 2008	\$13.75
July 1, 2009	\$15.38
July 1, 2010	\$16.21
July 1, 2011	\$17.51
July 1, 2012	\$18.35
July 1, 2013	\$20.79
January 1, 2014	\$20.46
July 1, 2014	\$19.37
July 1, 2015	\$22.56
July 1, 2016	\$22.99

## 12.001 TYPE A AND B HOSPITALS

**Oregon Statute:** Note following 414.872, Section 2(1)

**Sunset Date:** None (Tax sunsets 09-30-2019 or at cessation of federal matching funds.)

**Year Enacted:** 2003

Shift*	
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$195,000,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$212,000,000

\* *There is no loss in revenue because the Oregon Health Authority sets the tax rate to achieve specific funding goals. However, the tax liability of exempt hospitals is shifted to nonexempt hospitals.*

**DESCRIPTION:** Type A and B hospitals in Oregon, and hospitals that provide only psychiatric care, are waived from paying the hospital provider tax. Type A hospitals have fewer than 50 beds and are more than 30 miles from another hospital. Type B hospitals have fewer than 50 beds and are fewer than 30 miles from another hospital. Type A and B hospitals are paid on a cost to charge ratio for Medicaid clients.

In general, to obtain federal matching funds the hospital tax must apply to all hospitals. Exceptions to this rule may be granted by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services under certain circumstances. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approved Oregon’s requested waiver of Type A and B hospitals and psychiatric hospitals from the broad based tax requirement on August 17, 2004.

In 2009, the hospital provider tax was extended to net revenues earned from October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2013, and a 1.5 percent limit on the hospital provider tax rate was removed. In 2013, the hospital provider tax was extended until September 30, 2015. And then in 2015, it was extended until September 30, 2019.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to avoid taxing a state owned facility, the Oregon State Hospital, and to prevent increased costs for Type A and B hospitals which receive Medicaid reimbursement at 100 percent of cost as required by statute (ORS 414.728).

**WHO BENEFITS:** Three psychiatric hospitals and 32 Type A and Type B hospitals.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Oregon Health Authority*

The hospital provider tax assessment is used to create a pool of State Other Funds revenue, along with the Federal matching of those funds, to be used to enhance payments to Diagnosis Related Group hospitals for treating Medicaid clients and meet legislative funding targets for the Oregon Health Plan. Type A and B hospitals are reimbursed at 100 percent of the hospital specific cost to charge ratio for Medicaid clients. If a hospital provider tax is assessed, the Oregon Health Authority would be unable to increase reimbursement above 100 percent of cost without losing federal matching dollars. If the tax expenditure were discontinued, the costs for Type A and B hospitals would increase and Medicaid would not be able to reimburse hospitals for this additional cost. Current statutes afford these hospitals preferential reimbursement recognizing their importance to rural Oregon. Additional costs would strain their financial health.

## 12.002 VETERANS AFFAIRS AND PEDIATRIC SPECIALTY HOSPITALS

**Oregon Statute:** Note following 414.872, Section 2(5)

**Sunset Date:** None (Tax sunsets 09-30-2019 or at cessation of federal matching funds.)

**Year Enacted:** 2003

	Shift*
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$28,900,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$29,600,000

\* *There is no loss in revenue because the Oregon Health Authority sets the tax rate to achieve specific funding goals. However, the tax liability of exempt hospitals is shifted to nonexempt hospitals.*

**DESCRIPTION:** Hospitals operated by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and pediatric specialty hospitals providing care to children at no charge are exempt from the hospital tax.

In 2009, the hospital provider tax was extended to net revenues earned from October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2013, and a 1.5 percent limit on the hospital provider tax rate was removed. In 2013, the hospital provider tax was extended until September 30, 2015. And then in 2015, it was extended until September 30, 2019.

**PURPOSE:** To comply with federal law. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is a federal entity and not subject to state taxation. Also, to exempt pediatric specialty hospitals that provide care to children at no charge.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Three U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs hospitals benefit from this provision.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Oregon Health Authority*

The hospital provider tax assessment is used to create a pool of State Other Funds revenue, along with the federal matching of those funds, to be used to enhance payments to Diagnosis Related Group hospitals for treating Medicaid clients and meet legislative funding targets for the Oregon Health Plan. Department of Veterans Affairs hospitals are exempt from taxation because the Oregon Health Authority does not pay for services provided by the facilities, and the facilities would not receive enhanced reimbursement if they were taxed.

## 12.003 OREGON VETERANS' HOME

**Oregon Statute:** Note following 409.750, Section 18

**Sunset Date:** None (Tax sunsets 06-30-2020)

**Year Enacted:** 2003

	Shift*
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$4,600,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$4,800,000

\* *There is no loss in revenue because Department of Human Services sets the tax rate to achieve specific funding goals. However, the tax liability of exempt long term care facilities is shifted to nonexempt long term care facilities.*

**DESCRIPTION:** The two Oregon Veterans' Homes, providing long term skilled nursing care in The Dalles and Lebanon, Oregon are exempt from the long term care facility tax. They are state owned and privately managed. In 2013, the long term care facility tax was extended until June 30, 2020.

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**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to avoid reciprocal taxation among public entities; to avoid taxing public services that are funded through the tax.

**WHO BENEFITS:** The Oregon Veterans' Homes and their residents and the spouses of residents.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## CHAPTER 13. LODGING TAX

The Oregon Legislature approved House Bill 2267 in 2003, which created the Oregon state transient lodging tax. The tax applies to the fee charged to a customer for overnight lodging. The tax rate was one percent from January 1, 2004 through June 30, 2016. From July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2020, the rate is 1.8 percent. Effective July 1, 2020, the rate will be 1.5 percent. The revenue from this tax funds the Oregon Tourism Commission and its programs.

House Bill 2197, passed in 2005, expanded the definition of transient lodging, and expanded the list of those who must pay the tax. House Bill 2656, passed in 2013, enhanced the administration and enforcement of existing law governing transient lodging taxes. Legislative changes required transient lodging providers and transient lodging intermediaries to collect and remit taxes computed on the retail price paid by the customer for occupancy of transient lodging. These legislative changes became effective on October 7, 2013. House Bill 4146, passed in 2016, changed the tax rates and distribution of revenue.

The lodging tax was designed to be a tourism and travel related tax, with a tax base that encompassed tourism and travel related transient lodging. The statutory implementation of the lodging tax encompasses a wider base of transient lodging, and then excludes certain non-travel and non-tourism lodging. For example, overnight stays in hospitals and other medical facilities could be subject to the tax if the statutory exemption did not exist. Lodging tax receipts are forecast to be \$49.7 and \$69.1 million for the 2015–17 and the 2017–19 biennia.

### 13.001 EXEMPT DWELLING UNITS

**Oregon Statute:** 320.308

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 2005

Total	
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Available
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Available

**DESCRIPTION:** Certain facilities and dwelling units used for temporary lodging are exempt from state lodging taxation. Exempt facilities/units include:

- Health care facilities licensed, registered, or certified by the Department of Human Services or the Oregon Health Authority
- Mental health and substance abuse treatment facilities
- Units used for temporary occupancy by the general public for fewer than 30 days per year
- Emergency shelters funded through a government agency
- Nonprofit facilities
- Units occupied by the same person for 30 or more consecutive days.

The exclusion of nonprofit facilities represents a small expenditure, though revenue impact estimates are not available.

The lodging tax was enacted with the intent for the tax base to comprise tourism and travel related transient lodging providers. Its statutory implementation included all transient lodging, and then subsequently excluded non-tourism and non-travel related lodging from the tax. This exclusion was probably included for statute writing simplicity reasons in defining the tax base.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to implement a tourism and travel related lodging tax program that does not apply to the exempted facilities.

**WHO BENEFITS:** Individuals who make use of exempt lodging facilities and the organizations that operate such facilities.

**EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

**13.002 FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS****Federal Law:** U.S. Constitution, Article VI, Clause 2**Sunset Date:** None**Year Enacted:** 2004

Total	
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Less than \$100,000

<b>DESCRIPTION:</b>	Oregon's state lodging tax began in 2004. As a result of the supremacy clause in the U.S. Constitution, federal employees on official business are exempt from the state lodging tax when payment for lodging is made by a federal agency. Employees of federal instrumentalities are also exempt when on official business and when payment for lodging is made by the federal instrumentality or federal government. A federal instrumentality is an organization that assists in the performance of a government function, receives funding from the federal government, and is exempt from taxation. Examples of federal instrumentalities include federal credit unions and the American Red Cross.
<b>PURPOSE:</b>	To comply with the U.S. Constitution, which prohibits states from taxing the federal government.
<b>WHO BENEFITS:</b>	The federal government and federal instrumentalities.
<b>EVALUATION:</b>	<i>by the Department of Revenue</i> This expenditure achieves its purpose of compliance with federal law.



## CHAPTER 14. LOCAL CONSTRUCTION TAXES

In 2007, the Oregon Legislature passed into law Senate Bill 1036 allowing school districts to impose a tax on new construction measured by the square footage of the new construction. The bill also allowed certain other local districts to impose a construction tax if the tax was in effect or was the subject of a public hearing before May 1, 2007. All other local construction taxes were prohibited until January, 2018.

The tax rate limitation and maximum tax are adjusted annually based on an average construction cost index. Beginning July 1, 2017, the tax rates are limited to \$1.26 per square foot for residential construction and 63 cents per square foot for other construction, with a maximum of \$31,400 per structure. School districts may use construction tax proceeds only for capital improvements. After entering into intergovernmental agreements with the school district imposing the tax, the tax is collected by state or local governments responsible for issuing building permits. Up to four percent of tax revenues can be used to reimburse the state or local government's administrative fees associated with collecting the tax.

For the 2014-15 school year, 59 school districts imposed local construction tax totaling \$20.5 million.

In 2016, the legislature passed Senate Bill 1533 which allows cities and counties to impose construction taxes, starting in 2016. Such taxes imposed on residential property may not exceed one percent of the permit value for residential construction permits and the revenue is devoted to developer incentives and affordable housing.

## 14.001 EXEMPT CONSTRUCTION

**Oregon Statute:** 320.173

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 2007

Total	
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	Not Available
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	Not Available

- DESCRIPTION:** Certain types of construction may not be subjected to local construction taxes. Exempt construction includes:
- Private school improvements
  - Public improvements defined by ORS 279A.010
  - Affordable housing meeting certain criteria
  - Public or private hospital improvements
  - Improvements to religious facilities primarily used for worship or education associated with worship
  - Agricultural buildings as defined by ORS 455.315 (2)(a)
  - Facilities that are operated by a not-for-profit corporation and that are long term care facilities (defined in ORS 442.015) or residential care facilities (defined in ORS 443.400)
  - Continuing care retirement communities (defined in ORS 101.020).
- PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to provide tax relief to these types of construction from the imposition of a local construction tax.
- WHO BENEFITS:** Purchasers or developers of exempted building types.
- EVALUATION:** Not evaluated.

## CHAPTER 15. INHERITANCE AND ESTATE TRANSFER TAX

The Oregon inheritance tax and the federal estate tax have undergone considerable change. Both are taxes on the transfer of wealth and, for much of recent history, Oregon's inheritance tax was tied directly to the federal estate tax in a form referred to as a "pick up tax." That is, Oregon's inheritance tax was equal to the maximum state inheritance tax credit allowed against the federal estate tax. This was a somewhat simultaneous determination in that Oregon's tax was the maximum federal estate tax credit and the credit against federal estate tax was the Oregon inheritance tax.

In 2001, federal legislation substantially changed the estate tax, including a phase-out of the state inheritance tax credit over several years. As this maximum credit phased out, Oregon and any other state that used the "pick up tax" faced a reduction of revenue from this source.

In 2003, Oregon made a fixed link between the federal estate tax and Oregon inheritance taxes by tying Oregon's inheritance tax determination to the Internal Revenue Code as in effect on December 31, 2000 (HB 3072). For deaths occurring in 2003 through 2011, Oregon's filing requirement was different from the federal requirements. If the gross estate was \$1,000,000 or more, an Oregon inheritance tax return was required to be filed even if a federal return was not. The tax was equal to the maximum State Death Tax Credit allowed on the 2000 federal return.

In 2012, the Oregon inheritance tax changed to the Oregon estate transfer tax with the passage of HB 2541. For deaths on or after January 1, 2012, the Oregon estate transfer tax return must be filed if the gross estate is \$1,000,000 or more at the date of death. The Oregon estate transfer tax is tied to the federal estate tax as the federal tax existed on December 31, 2010.

Receipts for this source are very volatile, depending on the circumstances of a small number of taxpayers. There has been revenue growth in recent years reflecting, in part, Oregon's population growth as well as growth in value of assets comprising estates. Receipts from the estate tax are expected to be \$238.0 million in 2015–17 and \$243.4 million in 2017–19.

## 15.001 NATURAL RESOURCE AND FISHING PROPERTY

**Oregon Statute:** 118.140

**Sunset Date:** None

**Year Enacted:** 2007, Modified in 2015 (SB 864)

	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$6,700,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$6,900,000

**DESCRIPTION:** A credit against estate taxes is allowed for some estates with natural resource or commercial fishing properties. The credit amount is determined by the value of natural resources property in Oregon. The maximum value of natural resource property on which the credit is calculated is \$7.5 million. The maximum adjusted estate value allowed for the credit is \$15 million. The natural resource property must comprise at least 50 percent of the total estate value to be eligible. It requires the decedent to have owned the property and its use devoted to farm or forest purposes or commercial fishing businesses for five out of eight years immediately preceding the decedent’s death. The property must be held in the same classification for five out of eight years following the decedent’s death and at least one family member must materially participate in the business after the transfer.

Farm use property, forest use property, and farm or forest homesites qualify as natural resource property. Property used in commercial fishing operations or in the processing and marketing of those operations also qualifies.

Legislation in 2015 (SB 864) amended the definition of the natural resource property so that only property in Oregon qualifies. This change is not expected to significantly affect the use of this credit.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. According to the Staff Measure Summary describing HB3618 (2008), “The policy goal is to preserve small natural resource based businesses by allowing family owners to pass businesses onto future generations.”

**WHO BENEFITS:** Family members of decedents who owned natural resource property at the time of death. For tax years 2013 and 2014, 60 estate tax returns were received claiming a total of \$6.2 million in natural resource credits.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Department of Agriculture*

These assets represent lifetime investment and “savings” of a family business that may be forced into selling off assets to pay estate taxes without this credit. The credit is an effective method to offset taxes owed in order to preserve working farm, forest, and other natural resource businesses across the state.

Farm transition from one generation to the next, and access to land for beginning farmers and ranchers, are extremely important issues in Oregon agriculture today. The estate transfer tax credit can help make it possible for beginning farmers and ranchers to afford to inherit land from their parents and continue operating the family farm.

## CHAPTER 16. MARIJUANA TAX

Oregon voters approved Measure 91 in a statewide general election on November 4, 2014. The measure legalized the production, processing, delivery, possession, and sale of marijuana among adults for recreational purposes. A system for legalized medical marijuana in Oregon had been created previously, with the approval of Measure 67 in 1998. The marijuana tax revenue estimate published for Measure 91 in the November 2014 Voters' Pamphlet was between \$17 million and \$40 million annually, upon full implementation.

Recreational possession became legal on July 1, 2015. The tax structure outlined in Measure 91 would have applied to marijuana producers, but the 2015 Oregon Legislative Assembly repealed that structure and created a different one prior to the issuance of any operating licenses.

The 2015 Oregon Legislative Assembly (House Bill 2041) created a tax on the retail sale of marijuana to be collected by the retailer from the consumer at the time of the retail sale. The rate was established as 17 percent of the retail sales price across all types of marijuana products. Also, House Bill 3400 authorized an additional local option tax of three percent or less on the sale of marijuana items, subject to local approval in a statewide general election.

Measure 91 specified that the Oregon Liquor Control Commission had the authority and duty to grant licenses for the retail sale of marijuana items. The measure required the commission to begin receiving license applications by January 4, 2016. The commission projected the first issuance of retail licenses to occur after October 1, 2016.

As a short-term policy to allow recreational consumers to purchase marijuana prior to the issuance of retail licenses by the commission, the Legislature approved Senate Bill 460 in 2015. That bill allowed medical marijuana dispensaries registered with the Oregon Health Authority to sell limited marijuana retail products to adults between October 1, 2015 and December 31, 2016. The 2015 Legislature (House Bill 2041) specified a tax of 25 percent of the retail sales price for sales made under this provision, effective from January 4, 2016 through December 31, 2016. The tax rate of 17 percent (up to 20 percent with a possible local option) applies effective January 1, 2017 or if the retailer has been licensed and is operating under the authority of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission, whichever comes first.

After administrative expenses, revenue from the marijuana tax is currently allocated for distribution as follows.

<b>Tax Distribution Percentages</b>	
Destination	Percentage
Common School Fund	40%
Mental Health, Alcoholism, Drug Services	20%
Oregon State Police	15%
Cities (by formula, if not opted-out of licensing)	10%
Counties (by formula, if not opted-out of licensing)	10%
Oregon Health Authority	5%

## 16.001 MARIJUANA PURCHASED FOR MEDICAL USE

**Oregon Statute:** Oregon Laws 2016, Chapter 91

**Sunset Date:** 12-31-2021

**Year Enacted:** 2016 (SB 1601)

	State	Local	Total
2015-17 Revenue Impact:	\$35,200,000	\$1,600,000	\$36,800,000
2017-19 Revenue Impact:	\$35,700,000	\$6,300,000	\$42,000,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Retail sales of usable marijuana or marijuana items are not subject to the marijuana tax when made to people who hold a valid medical marijuana patient or caregiver card issued by the Oregon Health Authority. This tax prohibition applies to both state and local marijuana taxes. Although the law prohibiting taxation on medical marijuana only became effective in 2016, medical marijuana was not taxed before that time either. The introduction of taxed recreational marijuana sales in 2016 led to an opportunity to distinguish between taxed and untaxed marijuana sales.

Because the legislation enacting this statute did not explicitly set a sunset for this tax expenditure, ORS 315.037(3) establishes the sunset as six years after the first effective tax year. In this case, the last effective tax year is 2021.

**PURPOSE:** The statute that allows this expenditure does not explicitly state a purpose. Presumably, the purpose is to preserve access to medical marijuana in a similar manner as it was available prior to the legalization of recreational marijuana.

**WHO BENEFITS:** People who have been authorized by the Oregon Health Authority to use marijuana in the treatment of a debilitating medical condition. More than 68,000 people held a medical marijuana patient card as of October 2016, and nearly 30,000 people held a caregiver card.

**IN LIEU:** People must pay an annual fee for a medical marijuana card. Card fees for patients total approximately \$9 million annually. Approximately 56 percent of patients pay full price for the annual fee.

**EVALUATION:** *by the Oregon Health Authority*

Registered medical marijuana patients pay a registration fee of \$200 annually or at reduced rates of \$20-\$60, depending on qualifying status, that supports the administration of the medical marijuana program which includes registration of patients and regulatory oversight of medical marijuana grow sites and facilities. The patient fees supplant the need for a tax on medical marijuana products sold at retail to support program costs since the fees pay for the administration of the program. The tax exemption from sales of medical marijuana to registered patients is also intended to alleviate the financial burden on patients with a medical necessity who already pay a fee to access medical marijuana. In addition, the patient fees support several core public health programs.

## APPENDIX A: OREGON STATUTE REQUIRING TAX EXPENDITURE REPORT

68th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY—1995 Regular Session

Oregon Laws 1995, Chapter 746

SECTION 61. Sections 62, 63, and 65 of this Act may be cited as the Budget Accountability Act.

SECTION 62. (1) The Legislative Assembly hereby declares that the ability to make fiscally sound and effective spending decisions has been enhanced by requiring agencies and programs to develop performance measures and to evaluate all General Fund, State Lottery Fund and other expenditures in accordance with these performance measures. Fiscal pressure on this state requires even greater accountability and necessitates a review of the fairness and efficiency of all tax deductions, tax exclusions, tax subtractions, tax exemptions, tax deferrals, preferential tax rates and tax credits. These types of tax expenditures are similar to direct government expenditures because they provide special benefits to favored individuals or businesses, and thus result in higher tax rates for all individuals.

(2) The Legislative Assembly further finds that 76 percent of property in this state is exempt from property taxation and that income tax expenditures total billions of dollars per biennium. An accurate and accountable state budget should reflect the true costs of tax expenditures and should fund only those tax expenditures that are effective and efficient uses of limited tax dollars.

(3) The Legislative Assembly declares that it is in the best interest of this state to have prepared a biennial report of tax expenditures that will allow the public and policy makers to identify and analyze tax expenditures and to periodically make criteria-based decisions on whether the expenditures should be continued. The tax expenditure report will allow tax expenditures to be debated in conjunction with on-line budgets and will result in the elimination of inefficient and inappropriate tax expenditures, resulting in greater accountability by state government and a

lowering of the tax burden on all taxpayers.

SECTION 63. As used in ORS 291.202 to 291.222, “tax expenditure” means any law of the Federal Government or this state that exempts, in whole or in part, certain persons, income, goods, services or property from the impact of established taxes, including but not limited to tax deductions, tax exclusions, tax subtractions, tax exemptions, tax deferrals, preferential tax rates and tax credits.

SECTION 64. ORS 291.202 is amended to read:

291.202. (1) Except as otherwise provided in ORS 291.222, the Governor shall prepare in each even-numbered year [*a budget report*] for the biennium beginning July 1 of the following year:

- (a) A budget report; and
- (b) A tax expenditure report.

(2) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall advise and assist the Governor in the preparation of the budget report and tax expenditure report and shall perform such duties in connection therewith as the Governor requires.

(3) The Department of Revenue shall advise and assist the Governor in the preparation of the tax expenditure report.

SECTION 65. (1) Not later than November 10 of each even-numbered year, the Governor shall cause the tax expenditure report to be compiled and prepared for printing.

(2) In the tax expenditure report, the Governor shall:

- (a) List each tax expenditure;
- (b) Identify the statutory authority for each tax expenditure;
- (c) Describe the purpose of each tax expenditure;

(d) Estimate the amount of revenue loss caused by each tax expenditure for the coming biennium;

(e) List the actual amount of revenue loss in the preceding biennium for each tax expenditure or an estimate if the actual amount cannot be determined;

(f) Determine whether each tax expenditure is the most fiscally effective means of achieving each purpose of the tax expenditure;

(g) Determine whether each tax expenditure has successfully achieved the purpose for which the tax expenditure was enacted and currently serves, including an analysis of the persons that are benefited by the expenditure; and

(h) Categorize each tax expenditure according to the programs or functions each tax expenditure supports.

SECTION 66. ORS 291.210 is amended to read:

291.210. (1) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services, in connection with its direct studies of the operations, plans and needs of state agencies and of the existing and prospective sources of income, shall prepare a tentative budget plan **and tentative tax expenditure report** for the two fiscal years for which a budget report [is] **and tax expenditure report** are required to be prepared.

(2) **The Department of Revenue shall advise and assist in the preparation of the tentative tax expenditure report.**

SECTION 67. ORS 291.214 is amended to read:

291.214. The Governor, during the preparation of the budget report and before its submission to the Legislative Assembly, shall:

(1)(a) Examine the budget forms filed by the various agencies [*The Governor*] **and** may make or cause to be made such further investigations by the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, with such hearings before the Governor or any state agency, as the Governor deems advisable, and may make such changes or revisions in policy and program and in specific details of the tentative budget report **or tentative tax expenditure report** as the Governor finds warranted ; **and** [.]

(b) Identify each tax expenditure that has a full or partial sunset that, if allowed to take effect, will have a fiscal impact on the state or on school districts for the next biennium, and shall prepare a recommendation as to each tax expenditure identified under this paragraph that indicates the Governor's opinion on whether the full or partial sunset of the tax expenditure should be allowed to take effect as scheduled or should be revised to a different date.

(2) As used in this section:

(a) "Full sunset" means any provision that completely eliminates an existing tax expenditure on a specified date.

(b) "Partial sunset" means any provision that reduces the amount of an existing tax expenditure or that alters the eligibility requirements for the expenditure as of a specified date.

SECTION 67a. **If Senate Bill 251 becomes law, section 19, chapter 610, Oregon Laws 1995 (Enrolled Senate Bill 251) (amending ORS 291.214), is repealed.**

SECTION 68. ORS 291.216 is amended to read:

291.216. (1) Not later than November 10 of each even-numbered year the Governor shall cause the budget report to be compiled and prepared for printing.

(2) The budget report shall include a budget message prepared by the Governor, including recommendations of the Governor with reference to the fiscal policy of the state government for the coming biennium, describing the important features of the budget plan, embracing a general budget summary setting forth the aggregate figures of the budget report so as to show a balanced relation between the total proposed expenditures and the total anticipated income, with the basis and factors on which the estimates are made, the amount to be borrowed, and other means of financing the estimated expenditures for the ensuing biennium, compared with the corresponding figures for at least the last completed biennium and the current biennium.

(3) The budget plan shall be supported by explanatory schedules or statements, classifying the expenditures reported therein, both past and proposed, by organization units, objects and funds, and the income by organization units, sources and

funds, and the proposed amount of new borrowing as well as proposed new tax or revenue sources, including a single comprehensive list of all proposed increases in fees, licenses and assessments assumed in the budget plan.

(4) The budget plan shall be submitted for all dedicated funds, as well as the state General Fund, and shall include the estimated amounts of federal and other aids or grants to state agencies or activities provided for any purpose whatever, together with estimated expenditures therefrom.

(5) The budget report shall embrace the detailed estimates of expenditures and revenues. It shall include statements of the bonded indebtedness of the state government, showing the actual amount of the debt service for at least the past biennium, and the estimated amount for the current biennium and the ensuing biennium, the debt authorized and unissued, the condition of the sinking funds and the borrowing capacity. **It shall contain the Governor's recommendations concerning tax expenditures identified under ORS 291.214.** It shall also contain any statements relative to the financial plan which the Governor may deem desirable or which may be required by the legislature.

(6) The budget plan shall use the estimated revenues under ORS 291.342 for the fiscal year in which the plan is submitted as the basis for total anticipated income under subsection (2) of this section, subject to such adjustment as may be necessary to reflect accurately projections for the next biennium.

(7) As supplemental information to the budget report, the Governor shall publish an existing level tentative budget plan for the two fiscal years for which the budget report is required. This summary budget shall reflect only existing revenues estimated under subsection (6) of this section; subject to such adjustment as may be necessary to reflect accurately projections for the next biennium. The supplemental information to the budget report shall be submitted at the same time as the budget report.

SECTION 69. ORS 291.218 is amended to read:

291.218. Except when the Governor under whose supervision the budget report [*has*] **and the tax expenditure report have** been prepared will be succeeded in office in January next following:

(1) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall have as many copies

of the approved budget report **and the tax expenditure report** printed as the Governor directs.

(2) Not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year, the Governor shall transmit a copy [*thereof*] **of each report** to each member of the legislature who is to serve during the next session.

(3) Upon request, the Governor shall distribute copies free of charge, under such regulations as the Governor may establish, to public libraries, schools and state officials. The Governor shall make copies available to the general public at a reasonable charge for each copy.

SECTION 70. ORS 291.220 is amended to read:

291.220. The Governor, upon request, shall furnish the Legislative Assembly any further information required concerning the budget report **and the tax expenditure report**. The Oregon Department of Administrative Services, upon request, shall furnish a representative to assist the Legislative Assembly, its Joint Committee on Ways and Means, appointed under ORS 171.555, and the Legislative Revenue Officer in the consideration of the budget report, **the tax expenditure report** and any accompanying measures.

SECTION 71. ORS 291.222 is amended to read:

291.222. If the Governor under whose supervision the budget report **and tax expenditure report have** [*has*] been prepared will be succeeded in office in January next following:

(1) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall make available to the Governor-elect so much as the Governor-elect requests of the information upon which the tentative budget report **and tentative tax expenditure report are** [*is*] based, and upon completion of [*the tentative budget*] **each report** shall supply the Governor-elect with a copy [*thereof*] **of each report** but shall not cause the tentative budget report **or tentative tax expenditure report** to be printed and distributed. The department shall also make available to the Governor-elect all facilities of the department reasonably necessary to permit the Governor-elect to review and become familiar with the tentative

budget report or tentative tax expenditure report.

(2) After a review of the tentative budget report or tentative tax expenditure report the Governor-elect may prepare revisions and additions thereto. The **Oregon Department of Administrative Services and the Department of Revenue** shall assist, upon request, in the preparation of such revisions or additions.

(3) The **Oregon Department of Administrative Services** shall have **printed** as many copies of the revised budget report [*printed*] and revised tax expenditure report as the Governor-elect requests.

(4) (a) Not later than the convening of the next Legislative Assembly the **Oregon Department of Administrative Services** shall transmit a copy of a summary of the revised budget report containing the revenue and expenditure recommendations of the Governor-elect and a **summary of the revised tax expenditure report estimating the amount of revenue loss caused by each tax expenditure.**

(b) Not later than February 1, the **Oregon Department of Administrative Services** shall transmit a copy of the revised budget report and revised tax expenditure report to each member of the Legislative Assembly.

(5) Upon request, the department shall distribute copies of the revised budget report and revised tax expenditure report free of charge, under such regulations as it may establish, to public libraries, schools and state officials. It shall make copies of the revised budget report and revised tax expenditure report available to the general public at a reasonable charge for each copy.

SECTION 72. ORS 173.820 is amended to read:

173.820. Pursuant to policies and directions of the appointing authority, the Legislative Revenue Officer shall:

(1) Upon written request of a member of the Legislative Assembly or any committee thereof, prepare or assist in the preparation of studies and reports and provide information and research assistance on matters relating to taxation and to the revenue of this state and to any other relevant matters.

(2) (a) Ascertain facts concerning revenues and make estimates concerning state revenues ; and [.]

(b) Ascertain facts and make recommendations to the Legislative Assembly concerning the Governor's tax expenditure report.

(3) Prepare analyses of and recommendations on the fiscal impact of all revenue measures before the Legislative Assembly and of all other measures affecting the revenue of this state.

(4) Perform such duties as may be directed by joint or concurrent resolution of the Legislative Assembly.

(5) Adopt rules relating to the submission, processing and priorities of requests. Rules adopted under this subsection shall be in conformance with any applicable rule of the House of Representatives or the Senate. Requests made by joint or concurrent resolution of the Legislative Assembly shall be given priority over other requests received or initiated by the Legislative Revenue Officer. Rules adopted under this subsection shall be reviewed and approved by the appointing authority prior to their adoption.

(6) Seek the advice and assistance of political subdivisions of this state, governmental agencies and any interested persons, associations or organizations in the performance of the duties of the Legislative Revenue Officer.

(7) Enter into such contracts as considered necessary by the appointing authority to carry out the functions of the Legislative Revenue Officer.

(8) Perform such other duties as may be prescribed by law.

SECTION 73. ORS 176.110 is amended to read:

176.110. (1) The person elected to the office of Governor may take any action prior to the date the official term of office commences that is necessary to enable the Governor to exercise on such date the powers and duties of the office of Governor.

(2) The Governor-elect shall cause the budget report and the tax expenditure report for the biennium beginning July 1 of the year in which the Governor takes office to be compiled and prepared for printing as required in ORS 291.222.

(3) All necessary expenses of the Governor-elect incurred in carrying out the provisions of this section shall be audited by the Secretary of State and paid from any funds appropriated for this purpose in the same manner as other claims against the state are paid.

**SECTION 74. Sections 63 and 65 of this Act are added to and made a part of ORS 291.202 to 291.222.**

**SECTION 75. If Senate Bill 719 becomes law, sections 61 to 74 of this Act are repealed.**

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## **APPENDIX C: TAX PROGRAMS WITHOUT TAX EXPENDITURES**

Amusement Device Tax

Real Estate Recording Tax

Health Insurance Assessment

Medicaid Managed Care Tax



## APPENDIX D: NEW, MODIFIED, OR REMOVED TAX EXPENDITURES

This appendix contains a list of tax expenditures that have been created, modified or removed since the publication of the *2015–17 Tax Expenditure Report*. Although most of the tax expenditures reflected here were created or changed during Oregon’s 2015 or 2016 Legislative sessions, a small number are on this list because the Department has changed its interpretation of whether certain provisions represent tax expenditures or because they were included or excluded from the previous publication in error. The *2015–17 Tax Expenditure Report* provides descriptions of the removed items listed below.

The listing of modified tax expenditures below does not include modifications of tax expenditures that resulted from changes in federal law.

Tax Expenditure	Type	Oregon Legislation Creating or Modifying Tax Expenditure
<b>NEW TAX EXPENDITURES</b>		
<i>Income Tax</i>		
1.306 ABLÉ Account Contributions	Subtraction	SB 777 (2015)
1.425 Working Family Household and Dependent Care	Credit	HB 2171 (2015)
1.505 Nonresident Income from Disaster or Emergency Related Work	Other	HB 2566 (2015)
<i>Property Tax</i>		
2.008 Land Owned by Nonprofit for Purpose of Building Low-Income Housing	Full	HB 2690 (2015)
2.017 Brownfield Development	Full	HB 4084 (2016)
2.018 New Industrial Property in Rural Areas	Full	SB 1565 (2016)
2.049 Solar Projects	Full	HB 3492 (2015)
2.102 Cap on Central Assessment for Certain Companies	Partial	SB 611 (2015)
2.103 Gigabit Internet	Partial	SB 611 (2015)
2.120 Surviving Spouse of Public Safety Officer	Partial	SB 1513 (2016)
<i>Gas and Fuel Tax</i>		
3.005 Vehicle Used for Testing Emissions (Gas and Use Fuel Taxes)	Exclusion	HB 2465 (2015)
<i>Weight-Mile Tax</i>		
4.003 Dealer Vehicle on Test Drive	Exclusion	HB 2266 (2015)
4.004 Vehicle Used for Testing Emissions (Weight-Mile Tax)	Exclusion	HB 2465 (2015)
<i>Marijuana Tax</i>		
16.001 Marijuana Purchased for Medical Use	Exclusion	SB 1601 (2016)
<b>MODIFIED TAX EXPENDITURES</b>		
<i>Income Tax</i>		
1.313 Mobile Home Park Capital Gain	Subtraction	HB 3016 (2015)
1.315 Interest from State and Local Government Bonds	Subtraction	HB 2492 (2015)
1.325 Military Active Duty and Related Pay	Subtraction	HB 2171 (2015)
1.403 Earned Income Credit	Credit	HB 4110 (2016)
1.404 Child with a Disability	Credit	HB 2171 (2015)
1.405 Rural Medical Practice	Credit	HB 2171 (2015) / SB 1507 (2016)
1.410 Severe Disability	Credit	HB 2171 (2015)
1.414 Film Production Development Contributions	Credit	HB 2171 (2015) / SB 1507 (2016)
1.422 Public University Venture Development Fund	Credit	HB 4072 (2016)
1.428 Contributions To Office of Child Care	Credit	HB 2171 (2015)

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Tax Expenditure		Type	Oregon Legislation Creating or Modifying Tax Expenditure
1.429	Individual Development Account Donation (Credit)	Credit	HB 2171 (2015) / SB 1507 (2016)
1.435	Alternative Energy Devices (Residential)	Credit	HB 2171 (2015) / SB 1507 (2016)
1.439	Energy Conservation Projects	Credit	HB 2448 (2015)
1.443	Production or Collection of Biomass	Credit	SB 1507 (2016)
1.451	Oregon Life and Health IGA Assessments	Credit	HB 2171 (2015)
1.455	Oregon Veterans' Home Physicians	Credit	HB 2171 (2015)
<i>Property Tax</i>			
2.009	Agricultural Housing and Day Care Facilities	Full	HB 2610 (2015)
2.012	Construction in Process in an Enterprise Zone	Full	HB 2643 (2015)
2.013	Enterprise Zone Businesses	Full	HB 2643 (2015)
2.034	Food Processing Equipment	Full	HB 3125 (2015) / SB 1506 (2016)
2.078	Property of Indians and on Tribal Trust Land	Full	HB 2148 (2015)
2.086	Charitable, Literary, and Scientific Organizations	Full	HB 2171 (2015) / HB 4081 (2016)
2.104	Certain Communication Related Property	Partial	SB 611 (2015)
2.105	Vertical Housing Development Zone	Partial	HB 2126 (2015)
2.110	New Housing for Low Income Rental	Partial	HB 2130 (2015)
2.111	Nonprofit Low Income Rental Housing	Partial	HB 2130 (2015) / HB 3082 (2015)
2.137	Destroyed or Damaged Property	Other	HB 3001 (2015)
<i>Estate Transfer Tax</i>			
15.001	Natural Resource and Fishing Property	Credit	SB 864 (2015)

**REMOVED TAX EXPENDITURES**

Tax Expenditure	Type	Reason for Removal
<i>Income Tax</i>		
Interest on Education Savings Bonds	Exclusion	Not reported by Joint Committee on Taxation (too small)
Public Assistance Benefits	Exclusion	Joint Committee on Taxation no longer considers this a tax expenditure
Prescription Drug Insurance (Part D)	Exclusion	Joint Committee on Taxation no longer considers this a tax expenditure
Hospital Insurance (Part A)	Exclusion	Joint Committee on Taxation no longer considers this a tax expenditure
Supplementary Medical Insurance (Part B)	Exclusion	Joint Committee on Taxation no longer considers this a tax expenditure
Life Insurance Investment Income	Exclusion	Joint Committee on Taxation no longer considers this a tax expenditure
Structured Settlement Accounts	Exclusion	Not reported by Joint Committee on Taxation (too small)
Gain on Involuntary Conversions in Disaster Areas	Exclusion	Not reported by Joint Committee on Taxation (too small)
Restitution Payments for Holocaust Survivors	Exclusion	Not reported by Joint Committee on Taxation (too small)
Tertiary Injectants	Deduction	Not reported by Joint Committee on Taxation (too small)
Advanced Mine Safety Equipment	Deduction	Not reported by Joint Committee on Taxation (too small)
Life Insurance Company Reserves	Deduction	Oregon does not connect to this federal tax expenditure
Addition to Bad Debt Reserves of Small Financial Institutions	Deduction	Not reported by Federal Joint Committee on Taxation (too small)
Property and Casualty Insurance Company Reserves	Deduction	Oregon does not connect to this federal tax expenditure
Investment of Severance Pay	Subtraction	Sunset moved to before 2015-17 tax year during 2015 legislative session (HB 2171)
Long Term Care Insurance	Credit	Expired
Diesel Truck Engines (Retrofit and Repower)	Credit	Expired
Mile-Based or Time-Based Motor Vehicle Insurance	Credit	Expired
Workers' Compensation Assessments	Credit	Expired
TRICARE Health Care Providers	Credit	Expired
<i>Property Tax</i>		
Intangible Personal Property	Full	Determined to not be a tax expenditure
Indian Property and Land in Trust Status	Full	Combined with 2.078 Property of Indians and Tribal Trust Land

## APPENDIX E: PERSONAL AND CORPORATE INCOME TAX EXPENDITURES

Of Oregon's 190 income tax expenditures, some apply exclusively to individuals, some apply exclusively to corporations, and some may be claimed by both individuals and corporations. The table below provides a summary of the income tax expenditures and their revenue impacts, and categorizes them by whether they apply exclusively to personal income taxes, exclusively to corporate income taxes, or to both individuals and corporations.

<b>INCOME TAX EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES BY TYPE OF TAXPAYER FOR 2017-19 (Dollars in Millions)</b>							
Expenditure Type	Individuals Only		Corporations Only		Both Individuals and Corporations		
	Number	Revenue Impact <sup>1</sup>	Number	Revenue Impact <sup>1</sup>	Number	Revenue Impact <sup>1</sup> (Individuals)	Revenue Impact <sup>1</sup> (Corporations)
Exclusions	43	\$5,798	6	\$546	11	\$104	\$109
Adjustments	8	\$326	0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0
Deductions	6	\$1,800	3	\$34	25	\$526	\$203
Subtractions	19	\$2,129	2	\$0	5	\$5	\$9
Credits	18	\$1,456	3	\$3	35	\$93	\$81
Other	3	\$242	2	\$0	1	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>\$11,750</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>\$584</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>\$729</b>	<b>\$402</b>
<sup>1</sup> For reasons explained in the Revenue Impacts section on page 3, there are difficulties with summing tax expenditures. This table is intended only to provide rough orders of magnitudes for large groups of tax expenditures and caution should be exercised when adding revenue impacts. Note that this table does not include tax expenditures less than \$100,000 in the total revenue impact.							

The following table lists all income tax expenditures and their revenue impacts, categorized into those that apply to personal income taxes and those that apply to corporate income taxes.

## Personal Income Tax Expenditures

Tax Expenditure	Program or Function	Year Enacted	Oregon Statute	Revenue Impact (\$ Thousands)		
				2015-17	2017-19	
<i>Federal Exclusions</i>						
1.001	Scholarship and Fellowship Income	Education	1954	316.048	17,500	19,200
1.002	Qualified Education Savings (Federal)	Education	1996	316.048	10,000	12,200
1.003	Exclusion of Employer Provided Tuition Reduction	Education	1984	316.048	2,500	2,500
1.004	Certain Foster Care Payments	Human Services	1982	316.048	3,200	3,200
1.005	Employee Adoption Benefits	Human Services	1996	316.048	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.006	Compensatory Damages	Human Services	1918	316.048	13,500	13,800
1.007	Employer Paid Medical Benefits	Human Services	1918	316.048	1,295,000	1,430,700
1.008	Special Benefits for Disabled Coal Miners	Human Services	1969	316.048	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.009	ABLE Account Earnings	Human Services	2014	316.048	Less than 100	300
1.010	Cafeteria Plan Benefits	Human Services	1974	316.048	322,300	348,100
1.011	Pension Contributions and Earnings	Human Services	1921	316.048	1,110,300	1,656,300
1.012	Social Security Benefits (Federal)	Human Services	1938	316.048	652,900	728,500
1.013	Regional Economic Development Incentives	Economic/Community	1993	316.048/317.013	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.015	Exclusion of Gain from Certain Small Business Stock	Economic/Community	1993	316.048	11,000	12,100
1.016	Imputed Interest Rules	Economic/Community	1984	316.048/317.013	5,100	5,600
1.017	Employer Provided Dependent Care	Economic/Community	1981	316.048	8,300	9,400
1.018	Capital Gains on Home Sales	Economic/Community	1997	316.048	322,900	364,000
1.019	Income Earned Abroad by U.S. Citizens	Economic/Community	1926	316.048	65,100	73,400
1.020	Cancellation of Mortgage Debt	Economic/Community	2007	316.048	10,500	0
1.021	Employer Paid Group Life Insurance Premiums	Economic/Community	1920	316.048	28,500	29,400
1.022	Employer Paid Accident and Disability Insurance	Economic/Community	1954	316.048	37,600	41,000
1.023	Miscellaneous Fringe Benefits	Economic/Community	1984	316.048	68,000	71,000
1.024	Employee Meals and Lodging (Nonmilitary)	Economic/Community	1918	316.048	18,800	20,500
1.025	Employee Stock Ownership Plans	Economic/Community	1974	316.048/317.013	900	900
1.026	Employee Awards	Economic/Community	1986	316.048	2,600	3,000
1.027	Employer Provided Education Benefits	Economic/Community	1997	316.048	10,600	11,400
1.028	Spread on Acquisition of Stock	Economic/Community	1981	316.048	3,200	3,200
1.029	Veterans' Benefits and Services	Economic/Community	1917	316.048	97,000	98,600
1.030	Military and Dependents CHAMPUS/TRICARE Insurance	Economic/Community	1925	316.048	37,800	40,500
1.031	Magazine, Paperback, and Record Returns	Economic/Community	1978	316.048/317.013	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.032	Cash Accounting, Other than Agriculture	Economic/Community	1916	316.048/317.013	15,000	15,800
1.033	Inventory Methods of Valuation	Economic/Community	1938	316.048/317.013	2,500	2,500
1.034	Agriculture Cost-Sharing Payments	Natural Resources	1978	316.048/317.013	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.035	Cancellation of Debt for Farmers	Natural Resources	1986	316.048	800	800
1.036	Energy Conservation Subsidies (Federal)	Natural Resources	1992	316.048	3,000	3,000
1.037	Pass Through Status of Specified Publicly Traded Partnerships	Natural Resources	1987	316.048	10,200	10,300
1.040	Employer Paid Transportation Benefits	Transportation	1992	316.048	36,100	39,200
1.042	Certain Disaster Mitigation Payments	Consumer and Business Services	2005	316.048/317.013	200	200
1.045	Workers' Compensation Benefits (Medical)	Consumer and Business Services	1918	316.048	44,300	46,100
1.046	Workers' Compensation Benefits (Nonmedical)	Consumer and Business Services	1918	316.048	25,700	28,300
1.047	Gain on Nondealer Installment Sales	Tax Administration	1921	316.048/317.013	13,000	9,700

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### Personal Income Tax Expenditures

Tax Expenditure	Program or Function	Year Enacted	Oregon Statute	Revenue Impact (\$ Thousands)		
				2015-17	2017-19	
1.048	Gain on Like-Kind Exchanges	Tax Administration	1921	316.048/317.013	66,000	69,600
1.049	Allowances for Federal Employees Abroad	Government	1943	316.048	6,000	6,300
1.050	Interest on Oregon State and Local Debt	Government	1913	316.048	65,000	61,800
1.051	Voluntary Employees' Beneficiary Associations	Social Policy	1928	316.048	25,700	26,500
1.052	Rental Allowances for Clergy Housing	Social Policy	1921	316.048	6,400	6,400
1.053	Discharge of Certain Student Loan Debt	Social Policy	1984	316.048	1,600	1,600
1.054	Capital Gains on Inherited Property	Social Policy	1921	316.048	370,000	397,300
1.055	Capital Gains on Gifts	Social Policy	1921	316.048	100,400	103,000
1.056	Public Safety Officer Survivor Annuities	Social Policy	1997	316.048	200	200
1.057	Disability Benefits of Military and Victims of Terrorism	Social Policy	1942	316.048	3,100	3,100
1.058	Benefits and Allowances of Armed Forces Personnel	Social Policy	1925	316.048	52,500	58,500
1.059	Combat Pay	Social Policy	Pre-1955	316.048	2,600	2,600
1.060	Deferral of Interest on Savings Bonds	Social Policy	1951	316.048	10,200	10,300

#### *Federal Adjustments*

1.101	Teacher Classroom Expenses	Education	2002	316.048	1,500	1,500
1.102	Interest on Student Loans	Education	1997	316.048	33,100	36,800
1.103	Qualified Higher Education Expenses	Education	2001	316.048	6,600	0
1.104	Self-Employment Health Insurance	Human Services	1986	316.048	74,800	79,900
1.105	Health Savings Accounts	Human Services	1996	316.048	16,500	22,300
1.106	IRA Contributions and Earnings	Human Services	1974	316.048	162,600	177,100
1.107	Moving Expenses	Economic/Community	1964	316.048	6,300	7,100
1.108	Overnight Travel Expenses of National Guard and Reserve Members	Social Policy	2003	316.048	800	800

#### *Federal Deductions*

1.201	Charitable Contributions: Education	Education	1917	316.695/317.013	51,900	55,300
1.202	Charitable Contributions: Health	Human Services	1917	316.695/317.013	26,800	28,400
1.203	Medical and Dental Expenses	Human Services	1942	316.695	203,600	230,800
1.204	Removal of Architectural Barriers	Human Services	1976	316.048/317.013	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.205	Deduction of Certain Film and Television Production Costs	Economic/Community	2004	316.048/317.013	Less than 100	0
1.206	Accelerated Depreciation of Buildings	Economic/Community	1954	316.048/317.013	8,000	3,200
1.207	Accelerated Depreciation of Equipment	Economic/Community	1954	316.048/317.013	123,300	32,300
1.208	Research and Development Costs	Economic/Community	1954	316.048/317.013	800	800
1.209	Section 179 Expensing Allowances	Economic/Community	1959	316.048/317.013	93,600	47,400
1.210	Amortization of Business Start-Up Costs	Economic/Community	1980	316.048/317.013	200	200
1.211	Accelerated Depreciation of Rental Housing	Economic/Community	1954	316.048/317.013	30,200	29,300
1.212	Home Mortgage Interest	Economic/Community	1913	316.695	929,900	1,096,200
1.213	Property Taxes	Economic/Community	1913	316.695	433,400	470,600
1.215	Cash Accounting for Agriculture	Natural Resources	1916	316.048/317.013	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.216	Soil and Water Conservation Expenditures	Natural Resources	1954	316.048/317.013	800	800
1.217	Fertilizer and Soil Conditioner Costs	Natural Resources	1960	316.048/317.013	1,500	1,600
1.218	Costs of Raising Dairy and Breeding Cattle	Natural Resources	1916	316.048/317.013	1,800	1,500
1.219	Sale of Stock to Farmers' Cooperatives	Natural Resources	1998	316.048/317.013	600	600
1.220	Extended Carryback of Farming Loss	Natural Resources	1999	316.048	600	600
1.221	Development Costs for Nonfuel Minerals	Natural Resources	1951	316.048/317.013	Less than 100	Less than 100

## Personal Income Tax Expenditures

Tax Expenditure	Program or Function	Year Enacted	Oregon Statute	Revenue Impact (\$ Thousands)		
				2015-17	2017-19	
1.222	Intangible Development Costs for Fuels	Natural Resources	1978	316.695/317.013	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.224	Energy Efficient Commercial Property	Natural Resources	2006	316.695/317.013	700	Less than 100
1.225	Special Depreciation for Recycling Equipment	Natural Resources	2008	316.048/317.013	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.226	Mining and Solid Waste Reclamation Reserves	Natural Resources	1984	316.048/317.013	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.228	Expensing Timber Growing Costs	Natural Resources	1986	316.048/317.013	100	100
1.229	Expensing and Amortization of Reforestation Costs	Natural Resources	1980	316.048/317.013	1,200	1,200
1.230	Magazine Circulation Expenditures	Tax Administration	1950	316.048/317.013	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.231	Completed Contract Rules	Tax Administration	1986	316.048/317.013	800	800
1.232	Charitable Contributions: Other	Social Policy	1917	316.695/317.013	302,800	322,900
1.233	Casualty and Theft Losses	Social Policy	1913	316.695	1,400	1,400
1.234	Local Income Taxes	Social Policy	1913	316.695	100	100
<i>Oregon Subtractions</i>						
1.301	Land Donated to Schools	Education	1999	316.852/317.488	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.302	Oregon 529 College Savings Network	Education	1999	316.699	23,300	28,500
1.303	Scholarship Awards Used for Housing Expenses	Education	1999	316.846	1,200	1,300
1.304	Medical Subtraction for Elderly	Human Services	2013	316.693	59,000	62,700
1.305	Additional Deduction for Elderly or Blind	Human Services	1989	316.695(7)	16,800	17,800
1.306	ABLE Account Contributions	Human Services	2015	316.699	200	500
1.307	Social Security Benefits (Oregon)	Human Services	1985	316.054	726,600	828,100
1.308	Film Production Labor Rebate	Economic/Community	2005	316.698/317.394	900	200
1.309	Artist's Charitable Contribution	Economic/Community	1979	316.838	100	100
1.310	Oregon Investment Advantage	Economic/Community	2001	316.778/317.391	4,700	4,700
1.311	Dividend Received from an IC-DISC	Economic/Community	2013	316.749(1)	10,600	11,700
1.312	Individual Development Accounts (Exclusion and Subtraction)	Economic/Community	1999	316.848	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.313	Mobile Home Park Capital Gain	Economic/Community	2005	Note: 317.401/Note: 316.792	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.314	Mobile Home Tenant Payment	Economic/Community	2007	316.795/317.092	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.315	Interest from State and Local Government Bonds	Economic/Community	1987	316.056	300	400
1.316	Depletion Costs for Metal Mines	Natural Resources	Pre-1953	317.374	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.319	Hydroelectric Dam and Waterway Workers	Tax Administration	1997	316.127(8)(10)	Not Available	Not Available
1.320	Income Earned in "Indian Country"	Government	1977	316.777	5,700	5,900
1.321	Federal Pension Income	Government	1998	316.680(1)(f)	136,500	138,700
1.322	Legislative Per Diem and Allowance	Government	1967	171.072(7)	100	100
1.323	Oregon State Lottery Prizes	Government	1985	461.560	200	200
1.324	Federal Income Tax Subtraction	Social Policy	1929	316.680(1)(b)/316.685/31 6.695	870,100	924,400
1.325	Military Active Duty and Related Pay	Social Policy	1969	316.792/316.127(7)/316. 027(b)(D)	63,000	69,700
1.326	Interest and Dividends on U.S. Obligations	Federal Law	1970	316.680	39,800	39,100
<i>Oregon Credits</i>						
1.401	Contributions of Computer Equipment	Education	1985	317.151	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.402	Employer Provided Scholarships	Education	2001	315.237	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.403	Earned Income Credit	Human Services	1997	315.266	101,400	117,600

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Tax Expenditure	Program or Function	Year Enacted	Oregon Statute	Revenue Impact (\$ Thousands)	
				2015-17	2017-19
1.404 Child with a Disability	Human Services	1985	316.099(3)	9,600	10,000
1.405 Rural Medical Practice	Human Services	1989	315.613/315.616/315.619	17,000	14,800
1.406 Volunteer Rural Emergency Medical Technicians	Human Services	2005	315.622	300	300
1.407 Costs In Lieu of Nursing Home Care	Human Services	1979	316.148	Less than 100	0
1.408 Elderly or Permanently Disabled	Human Services	1969	316.087	Less than 100	0
1.409 Loss of Limbs	Human Services	1973	316.079	Less than 100	0
1.410 Severe Disability	Human Services	1985	316.758/316.765	10,600	11,200
1.411 Agriculture Workforce Housing Construction	Economic/Community	1989	315.164	3,600	4,000
1.412 Farmworker Housing Lender's Credit	Economic/Community	1989	317.147	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.413 Livestock Killed by Wolves	Economic/Community	2012	315.174(2)	Less than 100	0
1.414 Film Production Development Contributions	Economic/Community	2003	315.514	22,900	27,500
1.415 Qualified Low Income Community Investments	Economic/Community	2011	315.533(2)	2,900	5,900
1.416 Qualified Research Activities	Economic/Community	1989	317.152	5,000	3,000
1.417 Qualified Research Activities (Alternative)	Economic/Community	1989	317.154	300	200
1.418 Long Term Rural Enterprise Zone Facilities (Income Tax)	Economic/Community	1997	317.124	Not Available	Not Available
1.419 Reservation Enterprise Zone (Income Tax)	Economic/Community	2001	285C.309	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.420 Electronic Commerce Enterprise Zone (Income Tax)	Economic/Community	2001	315.507	2,000	1,600
1.421 Renewable Resource Equipment Manufacturing Facilities	Economic/Community	2011	315.341	2,700	Less than 100
1.422 Public University Venture Development Fund	Economic/Community	2005	315.521	900	1,000
1.423 Child and Dependent Care	Economic/Community	1975	316.078	8,000	700
1.424 Working Family Child Care	Economic/Community	1997	315.262	25,500	0
1.425 Working Family Household and Dependent Care	Economic/Community	2015	315.264	31,400	62,700
1.426 Employer Provided Dependent Care Assistance	Economic/Community	1987	315.204	200	100
1.427 Employer Provided Dependent Care Facilities	Economic/Community	1987	315.208	Less than 100	0
1.428 Contributions To Office of Child Care	Economic/Community	2001	315.213	1,000	1,000
1.429 Individual Development Account Donation (Credit)	Economic/Community	1999	315.271	14,300	14,300
1.430 Individual Development Account Withdrawal (Credit)	Economic/Community	2005	315.272	200	0
1.431 Oregon Affordable Housing Lender's Credit	Economic/Community	1989	317.097	200	200
1.432 Mobile Home Park Closure	Economic/Community	2007	Note: 316.116	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.433 Crop Donation	Natural Resources	1977	315.156	300	300
1.434 Diesel Truck Engine Replacement	Natural Resources	2003	Note: 315.356	Less than 100	0
1.435 Alternative Energy Devices (Residential)	Natural Resources	1977	316.116	35,400	23,900
1.436 Alternative Fuel Stations	Natural Resources	1997	317.115	Less than 100	0
1.437 Business Energy Facilities, Conservation and Renewables	Natural Resources	1979	315.354	49,200	15,000
1.438 Renewable Energy Development Contributions	Natural Resources	2011	315.326(1)	2,700	600
1.439 Energy Conservation Projects	Natural Resources	2011	315.331(1)	1,900	2,200
1.440 Transportation Projects	Natural Resources	2011	315.336(1)	3,400	2,600
1.441 Energy Conservation Lender's Credit	Natural Resources	1981	317.112	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.443 Production or Collection of Biomass	Natural Resources	2007	315.141	6,800	5,100
1.444 Alternative Fuel Vehicle Fund Contributions	Natural Resources	2013	Note 2: 315.336	300	Less than 100
1.445 Alternatives to Field Burning	Natural Resources	1975	315.304	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.446 Riparian Lands Removed from Farm Production	Natural Resources	2001	315.113	Less than 100	0

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Tax Expenditure	Program or Function	Year Enacted	Oregon Statute	Revenue Impact (\$ Thousands)	
				2015-17	2017-19
1.447	Pollution Control	1967	315.304	300	Less than 100
1.448	Fish Screening Devices	1989	315.138	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.449	Reforestation	1979	315.104	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.452	Political Contributions	1969	316.102	11,700	11,700
1.453	Oregon Cultural Trust	2001	315.675	8,000	8,700
1.454	Personal Exemption	1985	316.085	1,164,300	1,201,800
1.455	Oregon Veterans' Home Physicians	2007	315.624	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.456	Certain Retirement Income	1991	316.157	1,300	1,200
<i>Other</i>					
1.502	Tax Rates for Certain Pass Through Income	2013	316.043(2)	205,000	239,000
1.503	Income Averaging for Farmers	2001	314.297	1,300	1,400
1.504	Capital Gains from Farm Property	2001	316.045/317.063/318.02 0	2,000	2,000
1.505	Nonresident Income from Disaster or Emergency Related Work	2015	401.690	Not Available	Not Available

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**Corporation Income Tax Expenditures**

Tax Expenditure	Program or Function	Year Enacted	Oregon Statute	Revenue Impact (\$ Thousands)		
				2015-17	2017-19	
<i>Federal Exclusions</i>						
1.013	Regional Economic Development Incentives	Economic/Community	1993	316.048/317.013	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.014	Income of Controlled Foreign Corporations	Economic/Community	1909	317.013	489,400	530,200
1.016	Imputed Interest Rules	Economic/Community	1984	316.048/317.013	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.020	Cancellation of Mortgage Debt	Economic/Community	2007	316.048	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
1.025	Employee Stock Ownership Plans	Economic/Community	1974	316.048/317.013	8,200	8,800
1.031	Magazine, Paperback, and Record Returns	Economic/Community	1978	316.048/317.013	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.032	Cash Accounting, Other than Agriculture	Economic/Community	1916	316.048/317.013	1,500	1,500
1.033	Inventory Methods of Valuation	Economic/Community	1938	316.048/317.013	8,100	8,400
1.034	Agriculture Cost-Sharing Payments	Natural Resources	1978	316.048/317.013	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.038	Earnings of Certain Environmental Settlement Funds	Natural Resources	2005	317.013	100	100
1.039	Nonprofit's Gain from Brownfield	Natural Resources	2004	317.013	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.041	Contributions in Aid of Construction for Utilities	Consumer and Business Services	1996	317.013	200	200
1.042	Certain Disaster Mitigation Payments	Consumer and Business Services	2005	316.048/317.013	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.043	Credit Union Income	Consumer and Business Services	1951	317.080(1)	11,700	13,300
1.044	Elimination of Tax Exempt Interest Allocation for Banks	Consumer and Business Services	2009	317.013	2,400	2,400
1.047	Gain on Nondealer Installment Sales	Tax Administration	1921	316.048/317.013	32,900	32,500
1.048	Gain on Like-Kind Exchanges	Tax Administration	1921	316.048/317.013	54,300	57,500
<i>Federal Deductions</i>						
1.201	Charitable Contributions: Education	Education	1917	316.695/317.013	1,900	1,900
1.202	Charitable Contributions: Health	Human Services	1917	316.695/317.013	9,400	9,900
1.204	Removal of Architectural Barriers	Human Services	1976	316.048/317.013	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.205	Deduction of Certain Film and Television Production Costs	Economic/Community	2004	316.048/317.013	Less than 100	0
1.206	Accelerated Depreciation of Buildings	Economic/Community	1954	316.048/317.013	11,400	3,600
1.207	Accelerated Depreciation of Equipment	Economic/Community	1954	316.048/317.013	206,700	122,000
1.208	Research and Development Costs	Economic/Community	1954	316.048/317.013	25,800	28,900
1.209	Section 179 Expensing Allowances	Economic/Community	1959	316.048/317.013	37,000	19,300
1.210	Amortization of Business Start-Up Costs	Economic/Community	1980	316.048/317.013	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.211	Accelerated Depreciation of Rental Housing	Economic/Community	1954	316.048/317.013	2,000	1,900
1.214	Deferral of Certain Financing Income of Foreign Corporations	Economic/Community	1997	317.013	37,000	34,500
1.215	Cash Accounting for Agriculture	Natural Resources	1916	316.048/317.013	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.216	Soil and Water Conservation Expenditures	Natural Resources	1954	316.048/317.013	100	100
1.217	Fertilizer and Soil Conditioner Costs	Natural Resources	1960	316.048/317.013	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.218	Costs of Raising Dairy and Breeding Cattle	Natural Resources	1916	316.048/317.013	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.219	Sale of Stock to Farmers' Cooperatives	Natural Resources	1998	316.048/317.013	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.221	Development Costs for Nonfuel Minerals	Natural Resources	1951	316.048/317.013	100	100
1.222	Intangible Development Costs for Fuels	Natural Resources	1978	316.695/317.013	3,100	3,000
1.223	Deferral of Capital Gains From FERC Restructuring Requirements	Natural Resources	2004	317.013	-500	-1,000
1.224	Energy Efficient Commercial Property	Natural Resources	2006	316.695/317.013	400	Less than 100
1.225	Special Depreciation for Recycling Equipment	Natural Resources	2008	316.048/317.013	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.226	Mining and Solid Waste Reclamation Reserves	Natural Resources	1984	316.048/317.013	Less than 100	Less than 100

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Tax Expenditure	Program or Function	Year Enacted	Oregon Statute	Revenue Impact (\$ Thousands)	
				2015-17	2017-19
1.227	Amortization of Air Pollution Control Facilities	2005	317.013	300	200
1.228	Expensing Timber Growing Costs	1986	316.048/317.013	1,500	1,500
1.229	Expensing and Amortization of Reforestation Costs	1980	316.048/317.013	700	900
1.230	Magazine Circulation Expenditures	1950	316.048/317.013	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.231	Completed Contract Rules	1986	316.048/317.013	4,400	4,800
1.232	Charitable Contributions: Other	1917	316.695/317.013	5,300	5,300

*Oregon Subtractions*

1.301	Land Donated to Schools	Education	1999	316.852/317.488	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.308	Film Production Labor Rebate	Economic/Community	2005	316.698/317.394	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.310	Oregon Investment Advantage	Economic/Community	2001	316.778/317.391	8,600	8,600
1.313	Mobile Home Park Capital Gain	Economic/Community	2005	Note: 317.401/Note: 316.792	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.316	Depletion Costs for Metal Mines	Natural Resources	Pre-1953	317.374	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.317	Energy Conservation Subsidies (Oregon)	Natural Resources	1981	316.744/317.386	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.318	Wet Marine and Transportation Policies	Consumer and Business Services	1995	317.080(8)	400	400

*Oregon Credits*

1.401	Contributions of Computer Equipment	Education	1985	317.151	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.402	Employer Provided Scholarships	Education	2001	315.237	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.411	Agriculture Workforce Housing Construction	Economic/Community	1989	315.164	400	400
1.412	Farmworker Housing Lender's Credit	Economic/Community	1989	317.147	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.413	Livestock Killed by Wolves	Economic/Community	2012	315.174(2)	Less than 100	0
1.414	Film Production Development Contributions	Economic/Community	2003	315.514	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.415	Qualified Low Income Community Investments	Economic/Community	2011	315.533(2)	8,500	22,900
1.416	Qualified Research Activities	Economic/Community	1989	317.152	15,100	14,200
1.417	Qualified Research Activities (Alternative)	Economic/Community	1989	317.154	700	700
1.418	Long Term Rural Enterprise Zone Facilities (Income Tax)	Economic/Community	1997	317.124	Not Available	Not Available
1.419	Reservation Enterprise Zone (Income Tax)	Economic/Community	2001	285C.309	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.420	Electronic Commerce Enterprise Zone (Income Tax)	Economic/Community	2001	315.507	500	500
1.421	Renewable Resource Equipment Manufacturing Facilities	Economic/Community	2011	315.341	19,900	1,100
1.422	Public University Venture Development Fund	Economic/Community	2005	315.521	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.426	Employer Provided Dependent Care Assistance	Economic/Community	1987	315.204	800	400
1.427	Employer Provided Dependent Care Facilities	Economic/Community	1987	315.208	Less than 100	0
1.428	Contributions To Office of Child Care	Economic/Community	2001	315.213	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.429	Individual Development Account Donation (Credit)	Economic/Community	1999	315.271	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.431	Oregon Affordable Housing Lender's Credit	Economic/Community	1989	317.097	8,500	8,500
1.433	Crop Donation	Natural Resources	1977	315.156	Less than 100	Less than 100
1.434	Diesel Truck Engine Replacement	Natural Resources	2003	Note: 315.356	Less than 100	0
1.436	Alternative Fuel Stations	Natural Resources	1997	317.115	Less than 100	0

Appendix E

**Corporation Income Tax Expenditures**

Tax Expenditure	Program or Function	Year Enacted	Oregon Statute	Revenue Impact (\$ Thousands)		
				2015-17	2017-19	
1.437 Business Energy Facilities, Conservation and Renewables	Natural Resources	1979	315.354	75,800	25,600	
1.438 Renewable Energy Development Contributions	Natural Resources	2011	315.326(1)	Less than 100	Less than 100	
1.439 Energy Conservation Projects	Natural Resources	2011	315.331(1)	2,300	4,100	
1.440 Transportation Projects	Natural Resources	2011	315.336(1)	2,300	2,300	
1.441 Energy Conservation Lender's Credit	Natural Resources	1981	317.112	Less than 100	Less than 100	
1.442 Weatherization Lender's Credit	Natural Resources	1977	317.111	Less than 100	Less than 100	
1.443 Production or Collection of Biomass	Natural Resources	2007	315.141	400	300	
1.444 Alternative Fuel Vehicle Fund Contributions	Natural Resources	2013	Note 2: 315.336	Less than 100	Less than 100	
1.445 Alternatives to Field Burning	Natural Resources	1975	315.304	Less than 100	Less than 100	
1.446 Riparian Lands Removed from Farm Production	Natural Resources	2001	315.113	Less than 100	0	
1.447 Pollution Control	Natural Resources	1967	315.304	600	200	
1.448 Fish Screening Devices	Natural Resources	1989	315.138	Less than 100	Less than 100	
1.449 Reforestation	Natural Resources	1979	315.104	Less than 100	Less than 100	
1.450 Fire Insurance	Consumer and Business Services	1969	317.122(1)	6,100	3,200	
1.451 Oregon Life and Health IGA Assessments	Consumer and Business Services	1975	734.835	Less than 100	Less than 100	
1.453 Oregon Cultural Trust	Social Policy	2001	315.675	Less than 100	Less than 100	
<i>Other</i>						
1.501 Public Warehouse Sales Throwback Exemption	Economic/Community	2005	314.665	Less than 100	Less than 100	
1.505 Nonresident Income from Disaster or Emergency Related Work	Consumer and Business Services	2015	401.690	Not Available	Not Available	
1.506 Apportionment for Utility and Telecommunication Companies	Consumer and Business Services	2001	314.280	300	300	

## Index of Tax Expenditures by Keyword

Keywords	Tax Expenditure Number	Tax Program
529 College Savings Network, Oregon	1.302	Income
ABLE Account Contributions	1.306	Income
ABLE Account Earnings	1.009	Income
Abroad by U.S. Citizens, Income Earned	1.019	Income
Academies, Day Care, and Student Housing	2.001	Property
Accelerated Depreciation of Buildings	1.206	Income
Accelerated Depreciation of Equipment	1.207	Income
Accelerated Depreciation of Rental Housing	1.211	Income
Accident and Disability Insurance, Employer Paid	1.022	Income
Account Contributions, ABLE	1.306	Income
Account Earnings, ABLE	1.009	Income
Accounting for Agriculture, Cash	1.215	Income
Accounting, Other than Agriculture, Cash	1.032	Income
Accounts, Health Savings	1.105	Income
Acquisition of Stock, Spread on	1.028	Income
Active Duty and Related Pay, Military	1.325	Income
Active Duty Military Servicemember, Homestead Exemption for Federal	2.119	Property
Additional Deduction for Elderly or Blind	1.305	Income
Adoption Benefits, Employee	1.005	Income
Agricultural Housing and Day Care Facilities	2.009	Property
Agricultural Products Held by the Farmer	2.038	Property
Agriculture Cost-Sharing Payments	1.034	Income
Agriculture Workforce Housing Construction	1.411	Income
Agriculture, Cash Accounting for	1.215	Income
Agriculture, Cash Accounting, Other than	1.032	Income
Air Pollution Control Facilities, Ammortization of	1.227	Income
Air Transportation Companies, Aircraft Under 75,000 Pounds Owned by	2.118	Property
Aircraft Being Repaired	2.032	Property
Aircraft Departing U.S., Fuel for	3.006	Gas and Use Fuel
Aircraft Under 75,000 Pounds Owned by Air Transportation Companies	2.118	Property
Aircraft, Foreign Owned and Aircraft Not Owned by Air Transportation Companies	2.069	Property
Airports, Leased Docks and	2.030	Property
Allowance, Legislative Per Diem and	1.322	Income
Allowances for Federal Employees Abroad	1.049	Income
Allowances of Armed Forces Personnel, Benefits and	1.058	Income
Allowances, Section 179 Expensing	1.209	Income
Alternative Energy Devices (Residential)	1.435	Income
Alternative Energy Systems	2.115	Property
Alternative Fuel Stations	1.436	Income
Alternative Fuel Vehicle Fund Contributions	1.444	Income
Alternative Transportation, Railroad Right of Way Used for	2.065	Property
Alternatives to Field Burning	1.445	Income
Amortization of Air Pollution Control Facilities	1.227	Income
Amortization of Business Start-Up Costs	1.210	Income
Amortization of Reforestation Costs, Expensing and	1.229	Income
Amtrak Passenger Railroad	2.097	Property
Annuities, Public Safety Officer Survivor	1.056	Income
Apportionment for Utility and Telecommunication Companies	1.506	Income
Apprenticeship/Training Trust, Industry	2.019	Property
Aquaculture/Egg Equipment, Other Farm/	2.044	Property
Architectural Barriers, Removal of	1.204	Income

## Index of Tax Expenditures by Keyword

Keywords	Tax Expenditure Number	Tax Program
Armed Forces Personnel, Benefits and Allowances of	1.058	Income
Artist's Charitable Contribution	1.309	Income
Assessed, Watercraft Centrally	2.117	Property
Assessed, Watercraft Locally	2.136	Property
Assessment for Certain Companies, Cap on Central	2.102	Property
Assessments, Oregon Life and Health IGA	1.451	Income
Assistance, Employer Provided Dependent Care	1.426	Income
Association, Forest Fire Protection	2.060	Property
Associations, Voluntary Employees' Beneficiary	1.051	Income
Averaging for Farmers, Income	1.503	Income
Awards, Employee	1.026	Income
Banks, Elimination of Tax Exempt Interest Allocations for	1.044	Income
Barriers, Removal of Architectural	1.204	Income
Beach Lands	2.077	Property
Benefits and Allowances of Armed Forces Personnel	1.058	Income
Benefits and Services, Veterans'	1.029	Income
Benefits for Disabled Coal Miners, Special	1.008	Income
Benefits of Military and Victims of Terrorism, Disability	1.057	Income
Benefits, Cafeteria Plan	1.010	Income
Benefits, Employee Adoption	1.005	Income
Benefits, Employer Paid Medical	1.007	Income
Benefits, Employer Paid Transportation	1.040	Income
Benefits, Employer Provided Education	1.027	Income
Benefits, Miscellaneous Fringe	1.023	Income
Benefits, Social Security (Federal)	1.012	Income
Benefits, Social Security (Oregon)	1.307	Income
Benefits, Workers' Compensation (Medical)	1.045	Income
Benefits, Workers' Compensation (Nonmedical)	1.046	Income
Beverage Containers Requiring Deposit	2.074	Property
Biodiesel, Diesel Fuel Blended with	3.003	Gas and Use Fuel
Biomass, Production or Collection of	1.443	Income
Blind, Additional Deduction for Elderly or	1.305	Income
Board Feet, First 25,000	9.001	Forest Products Harvest
Bonds, Interest from State and Local Government	1.315	Income
Breeding Cattle, Costs of Raising Dairy and	1.218	Income
Bridges of Other States or Subdivisions, Interstate	2.083	Property
Brownfield Development	2.017	Property
Brownfield, Nonprofit's Gain from	1.039	Income
Buildings Under Construction, Commercial	2.011	Property
Buildings, Accelerated Depreciation of	1.206	Income
Burial Grounds, and Mausoleums, Cemeteries	2.090	Property
Business Energy Facilities, Conservation and Renewables	1.437	Income
Business Personal Property Cancellation	2.028	Property
Business Start-Up Costs, Amortization of	1.210	Income
Business, Employees on Official Federal	13.002	Lodging Tax
Businesses Transferring or Leasing Property	2.015	Property
Businesses, Enterprise Zone	2.013	Property
Business Energy Tax Credit (BETC)	1.437	Income
Cafeteria Plan Benefits	1.010	Income
Cancellation of Debt for Farmers	1.035	Income
Cancellation of Mortgage Debt	1.020	Income

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Keywords	Tax Expenditure Number	Tax Program
Cancellation, Business Personal Property	2.028	Property
Cap on Central Assessment for Certain Companies	2.102	Property
Capital Gain, Mobile Home Park	1.313	Income
Capital Gains from Farm Property	1.504	Income
Capital Gains from FERC Restructuring Requirements, Deferral of	1.223	Income
Capital Gains on Gifts	1.055	Income
Capital Gains on Home Sales	1.018	Income
Capital Gains on Inherited Property	1.054	Income
Cargo Containers	2.029	Property
Carryback of Farming Loss, Extended	1.220	Income
Cash Accounting for Agriculture	1.215	Income
Cash Accounting, Other than Agriculture	1.032	Income
Casualty and Theft Losses	1.233	Income
Cattle, Costs of Raising Dairy and Breeding	1.218	Income
Cemeteries, Burial Grounds, and Mausoleums	2.090	Property
Cemetery to School, Transfer of Land	2.089	Property
Center Pivot Irrigation Equipment	2.043	Property
Centers, Senior Services	2.007	Property
Central Assessment for Certain Companies, Cap on	2.102	Property
Centrally Assessed, Watercraft	2.117	Property
Certain Communication Related Property	2.104	Property
Certain Disaster Mitigation Payments	1.042	Income
Certain Foster Care Payments	1.004	Income
Certain Property Owned by a Port	2.016	Property
Certain Retirement Income	1.456	Income
Certain Small Business Stock, Exclusion of Gain from	1.015	Income
CHAMPUS/TRICARE Insurance, Military and Dependents	1.030	Income
Charitable Contribution, Artist's	1.309	Income
Charitable Contributions: Education	1.201	Income
Charitable Contributions: Health	1.202	Income
Charitable Contributions: Other	1.232	Income
Charitable Organizations	4.009	Weight-Mile
Charitable, Literary, and Scientific Organizations	2.086	Property
Child and Dependent Care	1.423	Income
Child Care, Working Family	1.424	Income
Child with a Disability	1.404	Income
Cigarette Sales, Reservation	5.003	Cigarette Tax
Circulation Expenditures, Magazine	1.230	Income
City Owned Sports Facility	2.092	Property
Classroom Expenses, Teacher	1.101	Income
Clergy Housing, Rental Allowances for	1.052	Income
Coal Miners, Special Benefits for Disabled	1.008	Income
Collection of Biomass, Production or	1.443	Income
College Savings Network, Oregon 529	1.302	Income
Combat Pay	1.059	Income
Commercial Buildings Under Construction	2.011	Property
Commercial Property, Energy Efficient	1.224	Income
Communication Related Property, Certain	2.104	Property
Communications Equipment for Maritime Emergency Response	2.082	Property
Compensatory Damages	1.006	Income
Completed Contract Rules	1.231	Income

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Keywords	Tax Expenditure Number	Tax Program
Computer Equipment, Contributions of	1.401	Income
Conservation and Renewables, Business Energy Facilities	1.437	Income
Conservation Easements	2.130	Property
Conservation Expenditures, Soil and Water	1.216	Income
Conservation Projects, Energy	1.439	Income
Conservation Subsidies, Energy (Federal)	1.036	Income
Conservation Subsidies, Energy (Oregon)	1.317	Income
Construction for Utilities, Contributions in Aid of	1.041	Income
Construction in Process in an Enterprise Zone	2.012	Property
Construction, Agriculture Workforce Housing	1.411	Income
Construction, Commercial Buildings Under	2.011	Property
Construction, Exempt	14.001	Local Construction Tax
Consumers, Small Quantity by	5.001	Cigarette Tax
Containers Requiring Deposit, Beverage	2.074	Property
Containers, Cargo	2.029	Property
Contract Rules, Completed	1.231	Income
Contract, Federal Standing Timber Under	2.055	Property
Contract, State and Local Standing Timber Under	2.056	Property
Contribution, Artist's Charitable	1.309	Income
Contribution, Individual Development Account (Credit)	1.429	Income
Contributions and Earnings, IRA	1.106	Income
Contributions and Earnings, Pension	1.011	Income
Contributions in Aid of Construction for Utilities	1.041	Income
Contributions of Computer Equipment	1.401	Income
Contributions To Office of Child Care	1.428	Income
Contributions, ABLE Account	1.306	Income
Contributions, Alternative Fuel Vehicle Fund	1.444	Income
Contributions, Film Production Development	1.414	Income
Contributions, Office of Child Care	1.428	Income
Contributions, Political	1.452	Income
Contributions, Renewable Energy Development	1.438	Income
Contributions: Education, Charitable	1.201	Income
Contributions: Health, Charitable	1.202	Income
Contributions: Other, Charitable	1.232	Income
Control, Pollution	1.447	Income
Convention Facilities	2.091	Property
Cooperatives, Fraternities, Sororities and	2.098	Property
Cooperatives, Sale of Stock to Farmers'	1.219	Income
Corporation, LLC Owned by Nonprofit	2.095	Property
Corporations for Irrigation, Drainage, Water Supply or Flood Control	2.080	Property
Corporations, Deferral of Certain Financing Income of Foreign	1.214	Income
Corporations, Income of Controlled Foreign	1.014	Income
Costs for Fuels, Intangible Development	1.222	Income
Costs for Nonfuel Minerals, Depletion	1.316	Income
Costs for Nonfuel Minerals, Development	1.221	Income
Costs In Lieu of Nursing Home Care	1.407	Income
Costs of Raising Dairy and Breeding Cattle	1.218	Income
Costs, Amortization of Business Start-Up	1.210	Income
Costs, Deduction of Certain Film and Television Production	1.205	Income
Costs, Expensing and Amortization of Reforestation	1.229	Income
Costs, Expensing Timber Growing	1.228	Income

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Keywords	Tax Expenditure Number	Tax Program
Costs, Fertilizer and Soil Conditioner	1.217	Income
Costs, Research and Development	1.208	Income
Cost-Sharing Payments, Agriculture	1.034	Income
County Roads, Forest Products on	4.002	Weight-Mile
Crab Pots	2.046	Property
Credit for Property Taxes Paid	11.002	Oil and Gas Privilege Tax
Credit Union Income	1.043	Income
Credit, Earned Income	1.403	Income
Credit, Energy Conservation Lender's	1.441	Income
Credit, Farmworker Housing Lender's	1.412	Income
Credit, Individual Development Account Contribution	1.429	Income
Credit, Individual Development Account Withdrawal	1.430	Income
Credit, Oregon Affordable Housing Lender's	1.431	Income
Credit, Weatherization Lender's	1.442	Income
Crop Donation	1.433	Income
Crops, Plants, and Fruit Trees	2.037	Property
Cultural Trust, Oregon	1.453	Income
Dairy and Breeding Cattle, Costs of Raising	1.218	Income
Dam and Waterway Workers, Hydroelectric	1.319	Income
Damaged Property, Destroyed or	2.137	Property
Damages, Compensatory	1.006	Income
Day Care and Student Housing, Academies	2.001	Property
Day Care Facilities, Agricultural Housing and	2.009	Property
Dealer Vehicle on Test Drive	4.003	Weight-Mile
Debt for Farmers, Cancellation of	1.035	Income
Debt, Cancellation of Mortgage	1.020	Income
Debt, Discharge of Certain Student Loan	1.053	Income
Debt, Interest on Oregon State and Local	1.050	Income
Deduction for Elderly or Blind, Additional	1.305	Income
Deduction of Certain Film and Television Production Costs	1.205	Income
Defense Contractor With Federal Property	2.024	Property
Deferral of Capital Gains From FERC Restructuring Requirements	1.223	Income
Deferral of Certain Financing Income of Foreign Corporations	1.214	Income
Deferral of Interest on Savings Bonds	1.060	Income
Dental Expenses, Medical and	1.203	Income
Dependent Care Assistance, Employer Provided	1.426	Income
Dependent Care Facilities, Employer Provided	1.427	Income
Dependent Care, Child and	1.423	Income
Dependent Care, Employer Provided	1.017	Income
Dependent Care, Working Family Household and	1.425	Income
Depletion Costs for Metal Mines	1.316	Income
Deposit, Beverage Containers Requiring	2.074	Property
Depreciation for Recycling Equipment, Special	1.225	Income
Depreciation of Buildings, Accelerated	1.206	Income
Depreciation of Equipment, Accelerated	1.207	Income
Depreciation of Rental Housing, Accelerated	1.211	Income
Destroyed or Damaged Property	2.137	Property
Development Costs for Nonfuel Minerals	1.221	Income
Development Costs, Research and	1.208	Income
Development Zone, Rural Renewable Energy	2.020	Property
Development Zone, Vertical Housing	2.105	Property

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Keywords	Tax Expenditure Number	Tax Program
Development, Brownfield	2.017	Property
Devices, Fish Screening	1.448	Income
Diesel Fuel Blended with Biodiesel	3.003	Gas and Use Fuel
Diesel Truck Engine Replacement	1.434	Income
Disability Benefits of Military and Victims of Terrorism	1.057	Income
Disability Insurance, Employer Paid Accident and	1.022	Income
Disability, Child with a	1.404	Income
Disability, Severe	1.410	Income
Disabled Coal Miners, Special Benefits for	1.008	Income
Disabled Veterans or Their Surviving Spouses	2.112	Property
Disabled, Elderly or Permanently	1.408	Income
Disaster Mitigation Payments, Certain	1.042	Income
Disaster or Emergency Related Work, Nonresident Income from	1.505	Income
Discharge of Certain Student Loan Debt	1.053	Income
Dividend Received from an IC-DISC	1.311	Income
Dividends on U.S. Obligations, Interest and	1.326	Income
Docks and Airports, Leased	2.030	Property
Domestic International Sales Corporation, Subtraction of Dividend Received	1.311	Income
Donated to Schools, Land	1.301	Income
Donation, Crop	1.433	Income
Dwelling Units, Exempt	13.001	Lodging Tax
Earned Income Credit	1.403	Income
Earnings of Certain Environmental Settlement Funds	1.038	Income
Earnings, ABLE Account	1.009	Income
Earnings, IRA Contributions and	1.106	Income
Earnings, Pension Contributions and	1.011	Income
Easements, Conservation	2.130	Property
Eastern Private Forestland	2.134	Property
Eastern Private Standing Timber	2.058	Property
Economic Development Incentives, Regional	1.013	Income
Education Benefits, Employer Provided	1.027	Income
Education Expenses, Qualified Higher	1.103	Income
Education Parking Space, Higher	2.004	Property
Education, Charitable Contributions:	1.201	Income
Effluent, Property Used for Golf Course and	2.051	Property
Egg Processing Equipment	2.114	Property
Elderly Housing State Funded, Nonprofit	2.026	Property
Elderly Housing, Veterans in Nonprofit	2.113	Property
Elderly or Blind, Additional Deduction for	1.305	Income
Elderly or Permanently Disabled	1.408	Income
Elderly, Medical Subtraction for	1.304	Income
Elderly, Nonprofit Housing for the	2.125	Property
Electrical Distribution Associations, Nonprofit	2.071	Property
Electricity Transmission Property, Federally Leased High-Voltage	2.085	Property
Electronic Commerce Enterprise Zone (Income Tax)	1.420	Income
Elementary and Secondary School Vehicles	4.005	Weight-Mile
Elimination of Tax Exempt Interest Allocation for Banks	1.044	Income
Emergency Medical Technicians, Volunteer Rural	1.406	Income
Emergency Related Work, Nonresident Income from Disaster or	1.505	Income
Emergency Response, Communications Equipment for Maritime	2.082	Property
Emissions, Vehicle Used for Testing (Gas and Use Fuel Taxes)	3.005	Gas and Use Fuel

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Keywords	Tax Expenditure Number	Tax Program
Emissions, Vehicle Used for Testing (Weight-Mile Tax)	4.004	Weight-Mile
Employee Adoption Benefits	1.005	Income
Employee Awards	1.026	Income
Employee Meals and Lodging (Nonmilitary)	1.024	Income
Employee Stock Ownership Plans	1.025	Income
Employees, on Official Business Federal	13.002	Lodging Tax
Employer Paid Accident and Disability Insurance	1.022	Income
Employer Paid Group Life Insurance Premiums	1.021	Income
Employer Paid Medical Benefits	1.007	Income
Employer Paid Transportation Benefits	1.040	Income
Employer Provided Dependent Care	1.017	Income
Employer Provided Dependent Care Assistance	1.426	Income
Employer Provided Dependent Care Facilities	1.427	Income
Employer Provided Education Benefits	1.027	Income
Employer Provided Scholarships	1.402	Income
Employer Provided Tuition Reduction, Exclusion of	1.003	Income
Energy Conservation Lender's Credit	1.441	Income
Energy Conservation Projects	1.439	Income
Energy Conservation Subsidies (Federal)	1.036	Income
Energy Conservation Subsidies (Oregon)	1.317	Income
Energy Development Contributions, Renewable	1.438	Income
Energy Development Zone, Rural Renewable	2.020	Property
Energy Devices, Alternative (Residential)	1.435	Income
Energy Efficient Commercial Property	1.224	Income
Energy Systems, Alternative	2.115	Property
Engine Replacement, Diesel Truck	1.434	Income
Enterprise Zone Businesses	2.013	Property
Enterprise Zone, Construction in Process in an	2.012	Property
Enterprise Zone, Electronic Commerce (Income Tax)	1.420	Income
Enterprise Zone, Long Term Rural (Income Tax)	1.418	Income
Enterprise Zone, Long Term Rural (Property Tax)	2.014	Property
Enterprise Zone, Reservation (Income Tax)	1.419	Income
Environmental Settlement Funds, Earnings of Certain	1.038	Income
Environmentally Sensitive Logging Equipment	2.053	Property
Equipment for Maritime Emergency Response, Communications	2.082	Property
Equipment Manufacturing Facilities, Renewable Resource	1.421	Income
Equipment, Accelerated Depreciation of	1.207	Income
Equipment, Center Pivot Irrigation	2.043	Property
Equipment, Contributions of Computer	1.401	Income
Equipment, Egg Processing	2.114	Property
Equipment, Environmentally Sensitive Logging	2.053	Property
Equipment, Field Burning Smoke Management	2.045	Property
Equipment, Food Processing	2.034	Property
Equipment, Other Farm/Aquaculture/Egg	2.044	Property
Equipment, Private Service Telephone	2.073	Property
Equipment, Special Depreciation for Recycling	1.225	Income
Equipment, and Farm Machinery	2.035	Property
Exchanges, Gain on Like-Kind	1.048	Income
Exclusion and Subtraction, Individual Development Accounts	1.312	Income
Exclusion of Employer Provided Tuition Reduction	1.003	Income
Exclusion of Gain from Certain Small Business Stock	1.015	Income

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Keywords	Tax Expenditure Number	Tax Program
Exempt Construction	14.001	Local Construction Tax
Exempt Dwelling Units	13.001	Lodging Tax
Exempt Lease from Exempt Owner	2.094	Property
Exempt Lease from Taxable Owner	2.093	Property
Exemption for Federal Active Duty Military Servicemember, Homestead	2.119	Property
Exemption, Personal	1.454	Income
Exemption, Public Warehouse Sales Throwback	1.501	Income
Expenditures, Magazine Circulation	1.230	Income
Expenditures, Soil and Water Conservation	1.216	Income
Expenses of National Guard and Reserve Members, Overnight Travel	1.108	Income
Expenses, Medical and Dental	1.203	Income
Expenses, Moving	1.107	Income
Expenses, Qualified Higher Education	1.103	Income
Expenses, Scholarship Awards Used for Housing	1.303	Income
Expenses, Teacher Classroom	1.101	Income
Expensing Allowances, Section 179	1.209	Income
Expensing and Amortization of Reforestation Costs	1.229	Income
Expensing Timber Growing Costs	1.228	Income
Extended Carryback of Farming Loss	1.220	Income
Facilities, Convention	2.091	Property
Facilities, Employer Provided Dependent Care	1.427	Income
Facilities, Long Term Care	2.100	Property
Facilities, Nonprofit Sewage Treatment	2.050	Property
Facilities, Pollution Control	2.116	Property
Facilities, Rural Health Care	2.099	Property
Facility Materials, Ship Repair	2.031	Property
Facility, City Owned Sports	2.092	Property
Facility, Federal Land Under Recreation	2.025	Property
Fairground Leased Storage Space	2.010	Property
Farm and Logging Roads, Private	2.059	Property
Farm Homesites	2.127	Property
Farm Machinery and Equipment	2.035	Property
Farm Production, Riparian Lands Removed from	1.446	Income
Farm Property, Capital Gains from	1.504	Income
Farm/Aquaculture/Egg Equipment, Other	2.044	Property
Farmer, Agricultural Products Held by	2.038	Property
Farmers' Cooperatives, Sale of Stock to	1.219	Income
Farmers, Cancellation of Debt for	1.035	Income
Farmers, Income Averaging for	1.503	Income
Farming and Grazing Land, Leased State and Local	2.040	Property
Farming Loss, Extended Carryback of	1.220	Income
Farming Operations	4.001	Weight-Mile
Farmland	2.126	Property
Farmworker Housing Construction	1.411	Income
Farmworker Housing Lender's Credit	1.412	Income
Federal and Veteran Institutions (Cigarette)	5.002	Cigarette Tax
Federal and Veteran Institutions (Other Tobacco Products)	6.001	Other Tobacco Products
Federal Employees Abroad, Allowances for	1.049	Income
Federal Employees on Official Business	13.002	Lodging Tax
Federal Grazing Land, Leased	2.041	Property
Federal Income Tax Subtraction	1.324	Income

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Federal Land Under Recreation Facility	2.025	Property
Federal Land Under Summer Homes	2.021	Property
Federal Land, Mining Claims on	2.063	Property
Federal Pension Income	1.321	Income
Federal Property	2.096	Property
Federal Property, Defense Contractor With	2.024	Property
Federal Standing Timber Under Contract	2.055	Property
Federal Subscribers	8.002	911 Tax
Federally Leased High-Voltage Electricity Transmission Property	2.085	Property
Fellowship and Scholarship Income	1.001	Income
FERC Restructuring Requirements, Deferral of Capital Gains From	1.223	Income
Fertilizer and Soil Conditioner Costs	1.217	Income
Field Burning Smoke Management Equipment	2.045	Property
Field Burning, Alternatives to	1.445	Income
Field Incinerators, Mobile	2.036	Property
Film and Television Production Costs, Deduction of Certain	1.205	Income
Film Production Development Contributions	1.414	Income
Film Production Labor Rebate	1.308	Income
Fire District, Railroad Right of Way in Rural	2.123	Property
Fire Insurance	1.450	Income
Fire Protection	4.008	Weight-Mile
Fire Protection Association, Forest	2.060	Property
First \$3,000 in Gross Sales Value	11.001	Oil and Gas Privilege Tax
First 25,000 Board Feet	9.001	Forest Products Harvest
Fish Screening Devices	1.448	Income
Fishing Property, Natural Resource and	15.001	Estate Transfer Tax
Food Processing Equipment	2.034	Property
Foreign Corporations, Deferral of Certain Financing Income of	1.214	Income
Foreign Corporations, Income of Controlled	1.014	Income
Foreign Owned Aircraft and Aircraft Not Owned by Air Transportation Companies	2.069	Property
Forest Fire Protection Association	2.060	Property
Forest Homesites	2.132	Property
Forest Products on County Roads	4.002	Weight-Mile
Forest Products: Gasoline	3.001	Gas and Use Fuel
Forest Products: Other than Gasoline	3.002	Gas and Use Fuel
Forestland Option, Small Tract	2.135	Property
Forestland, Eastern Private	2.134	Property
Forestland, Western Private	2.133	Property
Foster Care Payments, Certain	1.004	Income
Fraternal Organizations	2.087	Property
Fraternal Organizations, Sororities, and Cooperatives	2.098	Property
Fruit Trees, Crops, Plants, and	2.037	Property
Fuel for Aircraft Departing U.S.	3.006	Gas and Use Fuel
Fuel Stations, Alternative	1.436	Income
Fuels, Intangible Development Costs for	1.222	Income
Furnishings, Student Housing	2.002	Property
Gain from Certain Small Business Stock, Exclusion of	1.015	Income
Gain on Like-Kind Exchanges	1.048	Income
Gain on Nondealer Installment Sales	1.047	Income
Gas Pipeline Extension, Natural	2.048	Property
Gasoline, Forest Products	3.001	Gas and Use Fuel

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Gasoline, Forest Products -- Other than	3.002	Gas and Use Fuel
Gifts, Capital Gains on	1.055	Income
Gigabit Internet	2.103	Property
Golf Course and Effluent, Property Used for	2.051	Property
Government Bonds, Interest from State and Local	1.315	Income
Government Leased Lines, Revenue from	10.001	Electric Cooperative Tax
Government Owned or Operated Vehicles	4.006	Weight-Mile
Government Services, Indian Property used Exclusively for	2.084	Property
Grazing Land, Leased Federal	2.041	Property
Grazing Land, Leased State and Local Farming and	2.040	Property
Habitat, Wildlife	2.129	Property
Health Care Facilities, Rural	2.099	Property
Health Care Property, Leased	2.006	Property
Health IGA Assessments, Oregon Life and	1.451	Income
Health Insurance, Self-Employment	1.104	Income
Health Savings Accounts	1.105	Income
Health, Charitable Contributions:	1.202	Income
Higher Education Parking Space	2.004	Property
Highway Lighting District, Railroad Right of Way in	2.122	Property
Historic Property	2.128	Property
Home Care, Costs In Lieu of Nursing	1.407	Income
Home Mortgage Interest	1.212	Income
Home Park Closure, Mobile	1.432	Income
Home Sales, Capital Gains on	1.018	Income
Home, Oregon Veterans'	12.003	Medical Provider Taxes
Homes, Federal Land Under Summer	2.021	Property
Homesites, Farm	2.127	Property
Homesites, Forest	2.132	Property
Homestead Exemption for Active Duty Military	2.119	Property
Hospitals, Type A and B	12.001	Medical Provider Taxes
Hospitals, Veterans Affairs and Pediatric Specialty	12.002	Medical Provider Taxes
Household and Dependent Care, Working Family	1.425	Income
Housing Authority Rental Units	2.022	Property
Housing Construction, Agriculture Workforce	1.411	Income
Housing Development Zone, Vertical	2.105	Property
Housing Expenses, Scholarship Awards Used for	1.303	Income
Housing for Low Income Rental, New	2.110	Property
Housing for the Elderly, Nonprofit	2.125	Property
Housing Furnishings, Student	2.002	Property
Housing in City Core, Multi-Family Rental	2.108	Property
Housing Lender's Credit, Farmworker	1.412	Income
Housing Lender's Credit, Oregon Affordable	1.431	Income
Housing Publicly Owned, Leased Student	2.003	Property
Housing State Funded, Nonprofit Elderly	2.026	Property
Housing, Academies, Day Care and Student	2.001	Property
Housing, Accelerated Depreciation of Rental	1.211	Income
Housing, Agricultural and Day Care Facilities	2.009	Property
Housing, Land Owned by Nonprofit for Purpose of Building Low-Income	2.008	Property
Housing, Low Income Multi-Unit	2.109	Property
Housing, Multi-Unit Rental	2.124	Property
Housing, New Single Unit	2.106	Property

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Housing, Nonprofit Low Income Rental	2.111	Property
Housing, Rehabilitated	2.107	Property
Housing, Rental Allowances for Clergy	1.052	Income
Housing, Veterans in Nonprofit Elderly	2.113	Property
Hydroelectric Dam and Waterway Workers	1.319	Income
IC-DISC, Subtraction of Dividend Received from	1.311	Income
Imputed Interest Rules	1.016	Income
Inactive Mineral Interests	2.062	Property
Incentives, Regional Economic Development	1.013	Income
Incinerators, Mobile Field	2.036	Property
Income Averaging for Farmers	1.503	Income
Income Credit, Earned	1.403	Income
Income Earned Abroad by U.S. Citizens	1.019	Income
Income Earned in "Indian Country"	1.320	Income
Income from Disaster or Emergency Work, Nonresident	1.505	Income
Income of Controlled Foreign Corporations	1.014	Income
Income of Foreign Corporations, Deferral of Certain Financing	1.214	Income
Income Tax Subtraction, Federal	1.324	Income
Income Taxes, Local	1.234	Income
Income, Certain Retirement	1.456	Income
Income, Credit Union	1.043	Income
Income, Federal Pension	1.321	Income
Income, Scholarship and Fellowship	1.001	Income
Indian Country, Income Earned in	1.320	Income
Indian Property Used Exclusively for Government Services	2.084	Property
Indian Reservation Subscribers	8.003	911 Tax
Indians, Tribal Trust Land Property of	2.078	Property
Individual Development Account Donation (Credit)	1.429	Income
Individual Development Account Withdrawal (Credit)	1.430	Income
Individual Development Accounts (Exclusion and Subtraction)	1.312	Income
Industrial Property in Rural Areas, New	2.018	Property
Industry Apprenticeship/Training Trust	2.019	Property
Inherited Property, Capital Gains on	1.054	Income
Installations, Federal	6.001	Other Tobacco Products
Installment Sales, Gain on Nondealer	1.047	Income
Institutions, Federal and Veteran	5.002	Cigarette Tax
Insurance Premiums, Employer Paid Group Life	1.021	Income
Insurance, Employer Paid Accident and Disability	1.022	Income
Insurance, Fire	1.450	Income
Insurance, Military and Dependents CHAMPUS/TRICARE	1.030	Income
Insurance, Self-Employment Health	1.104	Income
Intangible Development Costs for Fuels	1.222	Income
Interest Allocation for Banks, Elimination of Tax Exempt	1.044	Income
Interest and Dividends on U.S. Obligations	1.326	Income
Interest from State and Local Government Bonds	1.315	Income
Interest on Oregon State and Local Debt	1.050	Income
Interest on Savings Bonds, Deferral of	1.060	Income
Interest on Student Loans	1.102	Income
Interest Rules, Imputed	1.016	Income
Interest, Home Mortgage	1.212	Income
Interests, Inactive Mineral	2.062	Property

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Interests, State and Local	11.003	Oil and Gas Privilege Tax
Internet, Gigabit	2.103	Property
Interstate Bridges of Other States or Subdivisions	2.083	Property
Inventory	2.027	Property
Inventory Methods of Valuation	1.033	Income
Investment Advantage, Oregon	1.310	Income
Investment Program, Strategic	2.101	Property
Investments, Qualified Low Income Community	1.415	Income
IRA Contributions and Earnings	1.106	Income
Irrigation Equipment, Center Pivot	2.043	Property
Irrigation, Drainage, Water Supply or Flood Control, Corporations for	2.080	Property
Land Donated to Schools	1.301	Income
Land Owned by Nonprofit for Purpose of Building Low-Income Housing	2.008	Property
Land Under Use Permit, ODOT	2.067	Property
Land, Farm	2.126	Property
Land, Leased Federal Grazing	2.041	Property
Land, Leased State and Local Farming and Grazing	2.040	Property
Land, Leased State Land Board	2.047	Property
Land, Mining Claims on Federal	2.063	Property
Land, Nonprofit Public Park Use	2.061	Property
Land, Open Space	2.131	Property
Land, Riparian	2.052	Property
Land, Shellfish Growing on State	2.042	Property
Lands Removed from Farm Production, Riparian	1.446	Income
Lands, Beach	2.077	Property
Lease from Exempt Owner, Exempt	2.094	Property
Lease from Taxable Owner, Exempt	2.093	Property
Leased Docks and Airports	2.030	Property
Leased Federal Grazing Land	2.041	Property
Leased Health Care Property	2.006	Property
Leased Lines, Revenue from Government	10.001	Electric Cooperative Tax
Leased State and Local Farming and Grazing Land	2.040	Property
Leased State Land Board Land	2.047	Property
Leased Storage Space, Fairground	2.010	Property
Leased Student Housing Publicly Owned	2.003	Property
Leasing Property, Businesses Transferring or	2.015	Property
Legislative Per Diem and Allowance	1.322	Income
Lender's Credit, Energy Conservation	1.441	Income
Lender's Credit, Farmworker Housing	1.412	Income
Lender's Credit, Oregon Affordable Housing	1.431	Income
Lender's Credit, Weatherization	1.442	Income
Libraries for Public Use, Private	2.005	Property
Life and Health IGA Assessments, Oregon	1.451	Income
Life Insurance Premiums, Employer Paid Group	1.021	Income
Lighting District, Railroad Right of Way in Highway	2.122	Property
Like-Kind Exchanges, Gain on	1.048	Income
Limbs, Loss of	1.409	Income
Literary and Scientific Organizations, Charitable	2.086	Property
Livestock Killed by Wolves	1.413	Income
LLC Owned by Nonprofit Corporation	2.095	Property
Loans, Interest on Student	1.102	Income

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Local Government Owned Low Income Housing	2.023	Property
Local Government Public Ways	2.081	Property
Local Income Taxes	1.234	Income
Locally Assessed Watercraft	2.136	Property
Lodging, Employee Meals and (Nonmilitary)	1.024	Income
Logging Equipment, Environmentally Sensitive	2.053	Property
Logging Roads, Private Farm and	2.059	Property
Long Term Care Facilities	2.100	Property
Long Term Rural Enterprise Zone (Property Tax)	2.014	Property
Long Term Rural Enterprise Zone Facilities (Income Tax)	1.418	Income
Loss of Limbs	1.409	Income
Losses, Casualty and Theft	1.233	Income
Lottery Prizes, Oregon State	1.323	Income
Low Income Community Investments, Qualified	1.415	Income
Low Income Housing, Local Government Owned	2.023	Property
Low Income Multi-Unit Housing	2.109	Property
Low Income Rental Housing, Nonprofit	2.111	Property
Low Income Rental, New Housing for	2.110	Property
Low Value Manufactured Structure in Large County	2.075	Property
Low-Income Housing, Land Owned by Nonprofit for Purpose of Building	2.008	Property
Machinery, Farm and Equipment	2.035	Property
Magazine Circulation Expenditures	1.230	Income
Magazine, Paperback, and Record Returns	1.031	Income
Manufactured Structure in Large County, Low Value	2.075	Property
Manufacturing Facilities, Renewable Resource Equipment	1.421	Income
Marijuana Purchased for Medical Use	16.001	Marijuana Sales Tax
Marine and Transportation Policies, Wet	1.318	Income
Maritime Emergency Response, Communications Equipment for	2.082	Property
Marketing Activities, Wine	7.002	Beer and Wine Tax
Mass Transit Vehicles, Public	4.007	Weight-Mile
Materials, Ship Repair Facility	2.031	Property
Mausoleums, Cemeteries, Burial Grounds and	2.090	Property
Meals and Lodging, Employee (Nonmilitary)	1.024	Income
Medical and Dental Expenses	1.203	Income
Medical Benefits, Employer Paid	1.007	Income
Medical Practice, Rural	1.405	Income
Medical Subtraction for Elderly	1.304	Income
Medical Technicians, Volunteer Rural Emergency	1.406	Income
Medical, Marijuana Purchased for Use	16.001	Marijuana Sales Tax
Medical, Workers' Compensation Benefits	1.045	Income
Military Active Duty and Related Pay	1.325	Income
Military and Dependents CHAMPUS/TRICARE Insurance	1.030	Income
Military and Victims of Terrorism, Disability Benefits of	1.057	Income
Military Servicemember, Homestead Exemption for Federal Active Duty	2.119	Property
Mineral Interests, Inactive	2.062	Property
Minerals, Depletion Costs for Nonfuel	1.316	Income
Minerals, Development Costs for Nonfuel	1.221	Income
Mining and Solid Waste Reclamation Reserves	1.226	Income
Mining Claims on Federal Land	2.063	Property
Miscellaneous Fringe Benefits	1.023	Income
Mobile Field Incinerators	2.036	Property

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Mobile Home Park Capital Gain	1.313	Income
Mobile Home Park Closure	1.432	Income
Mobile Home Tenant Payment	1.314	Income
Mortgage Debt, Cancellation of	1.020	Income
Mortgage Interest, Home	1.212	Income
Motor Vehicles and Trailers	2.066	Property
Moving Expenses	1.107	Income
Multi-Family Rental Housing in City Core	2.108	Property
Multi-Unit Rental Housing	2.124	Property
National Guard and Reserve Members, Overnight Travel Expenses of	1.108	Income
Natural Gas and Propane Vehicles	3.004	Gas and Use Fuel
Natural Gas Pipeline Extension	2.048	Property
Natural Resource and Fishing Property	15.001	Estate Transfer Tax
New Housing for Low Income Rental	2.110	Property
New Industrial Property in Rural Areas	2.018	Property
New Rural Health Care Facilities	2.099	Property
New Single Unit Housing	2.106	Property
Nonprofit Corporation, LLC Owned by	2.095	Property
Nonprofit Elderly Housing State Funded	2.026	Property
Nonprofit Elderly Housing, Veterans in	2.113	Property
Nonprofit Electrical Distribution Associations	2.071	Property
Nonprofit for Purpose of Building Low-Income Housing, Land Owned by	2.008	Property
Nonprofit Housing for the Elderly	2.125	Property
Nonprofit Low Income Rental Housing	2.111	Property
Nonprofit Public Park Use Land	2.061	Property
Nonprofit Sewage Treatment Facilities	2.050	Property
Nonprofit Telephone Associations	2.072	Property
Nonprofit Water Associations	2.070	Property
Nonprofit's Gain from Brownfield	1.039	Income
Nonresident Income from Disaster or Emergency Related Work	1.505	Income
Nursery Stock	2.039	Property
Nursing Home Care, Costs In Lieu of	1.407	Income
ODOT Land Under Use Permit	2.067	Property
Officer, Surviving Spouse of Public Safety	2.120	Property
Open Space Land	2.131	Property
Operations, Farming	4.001	Weight-Mile
Oregon 529 College Savings Network	1.302	Income
Oregon Affordable Housing Lender's Credit	1.431	Income
Oregon Cultural Trust	1.453	Income
Oregon Investment Advantage	1.310	Income
Oregon Life and Health IGA Assessments	1.451	Income
Oregon State and Local Debt, Interest on	1.050	Income
Oregon State Lottery Prizes	1.323	Income
Oregon Veterans' Home	12.003	Medical Provider Taxes
Oregon Veterans' Home Physicians	1.455	Income
Organizations, Charitable	4.009	Weight-Mile
Organizations, Charitable, Literary, and Scientific	2.086	Property
Organizations, Fraternal	2.087	Property
Organizations, Religious	2.088	Property
Other Farm/Aquaculture/Egg Equipment	2.044	Property
Other, Charitable Contributions:	1.232	Income

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Overnight Travel Expenses of National Guard and Reserve Members	1.108	Income
Owner, Exempt Lease from Exempt	2.094	Property
Owner, Exempt Lease from Taxable	2.093	Property
Paperback, and Record Returns, Magazine	1.031	Income
Park Closure, Mobile Home	1.432	Income
Park Use Land, Nonprofit Public	2.061	Property
Parking Space, Higher Education	2.004	Property
Partnerships, Pass Through Status of Specified Publicly Traded	1.037	Income
Pass Through Income, Tax Rates for	1.502	Income
Pass Through Status of Specified Publicly Traded Partnerships	1.037	Income
Pay, Combat	1.059	Income
Pay, Military Active Duty and Related	1.325	Income
Payment, Mobile Home Tenant	1.314	Income
Payments, Agriculture Cost-Sharing	1.034	Income
Payments, Certain Disaster Mitigation	1.042	Income
Payments, Certain Foster Care	1.004	Income
Pediatric Specialty Hospitals, Veterans Affairs and	12.002	Medical Provider Taxes
Pension Contributions and Earnings	1.011	Income
Pension Income, Federal	1.321	Income
Per Diem and Allowance, Legislative	1.322	Income
Permit, ODOT Land Under Use	2.067	Property
Personal Exemption	1.454	Income
Personal Property for Personal Use	2.076	Property
Physicians, Oregon Veterans' Home	1.455	Income
Pipeline Extension, Natural Gas	2.048	Property
Plants, and Fruit Trees, Crops,	2.037	Property
Political Contributions	1.452	Income
Pollution Control	1.447	Income
Pollution Control Facilities	2.116	Property
Pollution Control Facilities, Ammortization of Air	1.227	Income
Port, Certain Property Owned by	2.016	Property
Pots, Crab	2.046	Property
Private Farm and Logging Roads	2.059	Property
Private Libraries for Public Use	2.005	Property
Private Service Telephone Equipment	2.073	Property
Prizes, Oregon State Lottery	1.323	Income
Processing Equipment, Egg	2.114	Property
Processing Equipment, Food	2.034	Property
Production or Collection of Biomass	1.443	Income
Production, Riparian Lands Removed from Farm	1.446	Income
Project, Solar	2.049	Property
Projects, Energy Conservation	1.439	Income
Projects, Transportation	1.440	Income
Propane and Natural Gas Vehicles	3.004	Gas and Use Fuel
Property Cancellation, Business Personal	2.028	Property
Property for Personal Use, Personal	2.076	Property
Property in Rural Areas, New Industrial	2.018	Property
Property of Indians and Tribal Trust Land	2.078	Property
Property Taxes	1.213	Income
Property Taxes Paid, Credit for	11.002	Oil and Gas Privilege Tax
Property used Exclusively for Government Services, Indian	2.084	Property

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Property Used for Golf Course and Effluent	2.051	Property
Property, Businesses Transferring or Leasing	2.015	Property
Property, Capital Gains from Farm	1.504	Income
Property, Capital Gains on Inherited	1.054	Income
Property, Certain Communication Related	2.104	Property
Property, Defense Contractor With Federal	2.024	Property
Property, Destroyed or Damaged	2.137	Property
Property, Energy Efficient Commercial	1.224	Income
Property, Federal	2.096	Property
Property, Historic	2.128	Property
Property, Leased Health Care	2.006	Property
Property, Natural Resource and Fishing	15.001	Estate Transfer Tax
Property, State and Local	2.079	Property
Protection, Fire	4.008	Weight-Mile
Public Mass Transit Vehicles	4.007	Weight-Mile
Public Park Use Land, Nonprofit	2.061	Property
Public Safety Officer, Surviving Spouse of	2.120	Property
Public Safety Officer Survivor Annuities	1.056	Income
Public Services	3.007	Gas and Use Fuel
Public Transportation	3.008	Gas and Use Fuel
Public University Venture Development Fund	1.422	Income
Public Use, Private Libraries for	2.005	Property
Public Warehouse Sales Throwback Exemption	1.501	Income
Public Ways, Local Government	2.081	Property
Publicly Owned, Leased Student Housing	2.003	Property
Publicly Traded Partnerships, Pass Through Status of Specified	1.037	Income
Qualified Education Savings (Federal)	1.002	Income
Qualified Higher Education Expenses	1.103	Income
Qualified Low Income Community Investments	1.415	Income
Qualified Research Activities	1.416	Income
Qualified Research Activities (Alternative)	1.417	Income
Railroad Cars Being Repaired	2.033	Property
Railroad Right of Way in Highway Lighting District	2.122	Property
Railroad Right of Way in Rural Fire District	2.123	Property
Railroad Right of Way in Water District	2.121	Property
Railroad Right of Way Used for Alternative Transportation	2.065	Property
Railroad, Amtrak Passenger	2.097	Property
Rebate, Film Production Labor	1.308	Income
Reclamation Reserves, Mining and Solid Waste	1.226	Income
Record Returns, Magazine, Paperback, and	1.031	Income
Recreation Facility, Federal Land Under	2.025	Property
Reforestation	1.449	Income
Reforestation Costs, Expensing and Amortization of	1.229	Income
Regional Economic Development Incentives	1.013	Income
Rehabilitated Housing	2.107	Property
Religious Organizations	2.088	Property
Removal of Architectural Barriers	1.204	Income
Renewable Energy Development Contributions	1.438	Income
Renewable Resource Equipment Manufacturing Facilities	1.421	Income
Renewables and Conservation, Business Energy Facilities	1.437	Income
Rental Allowances for Clergy Housing	1.052	Income

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Rental Housing, Multi-Unit	2.124	Property
Rental Units, Housing Authority	2.022	Property
Research Activities, Qualified	1.416	Income
Research Activities, Qualified (Alternative)	1.417	Income
Research and Development Costs	1.208	Income
Reservation Cigarette Sales	5.003	Cigarette Tax
Reservation Enterprise Zone (Income Tax)	1.419	Income
Reservation Tobacco Sales	6.002	Other Tobacco Products
Residential Energy Tax Credit (RETC)	1.435	Income
Retirement Income, Certain	1.456	Income
Returns, Magazine, Paperback, and Record	1.031	Income
Revenue from Government Leased Lines	10.001	Electric Cooperative Tax
Right of Way in Highway Lighting District, Railroad	2.122	Property
Right of Way in Rural Fire District, Railroad	2.123	Property
Right of Way in Water District, Railroad	2.121	Property
Right of Way Used for Alternative Transportation, Railroad	2.065	Property
Riparian Habitat Land	2.052	Property
Riparian Lands Removed from Farm Production	1.446	Income
Roads, Private Farm and Logging	2.059	Property
Rural Areas, New Industrial Property in	2.018	Property
Rural Emergency Medical Technicians, Volunteer	1.406	Income
Rural Enterprise Zone, Long Term (Income Tax)	1.418	Income
Rural Enterprise Zone, Long Term (Property Tax)	2.014	Property
Rural Fire District, Railroad Right of Way in	2.123	Property
Rural Medical Practice	1.405	Income
Rural Renewable Energy Development Zone	2.020	Property
Sale of Stock to Farmers' Cooperatives	1.219	Income
Sales Throwback Exemption, Public Warehouse	1.501	Income
Sales Value, First \$3,000 in Gross	11.001	Oil and Gas Privilege Tax
Sales, Capital Gains on Home	1.018	Income
Sales, Gain on Nondealer Installment	1.047	Income
Sales, Reservation Cigarette	5.003	Cigarette Tax
Sales, Reservation Tobacco	6.002	Other Tobacco Products
Savings Accounts, Health	1.105	Income
Savings Bonds, Deferral of Interest on	1.060	Income
Savings Network, Oregon 529 College	1.302	Income
Schedule E Pass Through Income, Tax Rates for	1.502	Income
Scholarship and Fellowship Income	1.001	Income
Scholarship Awards Used for Housing Expenses	1.303	Income
Scholarships, Employer Provided	1.402	Income
School Vehicles, Elementary and Secondary	4.005	Weight-Mile
School, Transfer of Land from Cemetery to	2.089	Property
Schools, Land Donated to	1.301	Income
Scientific Organizations, Charitable, Literary and	2.086	Property
Secondary School Vehicles, Elementary and	4.005	Weight-Mile
Section 179 Expensing Allowances	1.209	Income
Self-Employment Health Insurance	1.104	Income
Senior Services Centers	2.007	Property
Services Centers, Senior	2.007	Property
Services, Public	3.007	Gas and Use Fuel
Services, Veterans' Benefits and	1.029	Income

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Settlement Funds, Earnings of Certain Environmental	1.038	Income
Severe Disability	1.410	Income
Sewage Treatment Facilities, Nonprofit	2.050	Property
Shellfish Growing on State Land	2.042	Property
Ship Repair Facility Materials	2.031	Property
Single Unit Housing, New	2.106	Property
Skyline and Swing Yards	2.054	Property
Small Business Stock, Exclusion of Gain from Certain	1.015	Income
Small Quantity by Consumers	5.001	Cigarette Tax
Small Tract Forestland Option	2.135	Property
Small Watercraft	2.064	Property
Small Wineries	7.001	Beer and Wine Tax
Social Security Benefits (Federal)	1.012	Income
Social Security Benefits (Oregon)	1.307	Income
Soil and Water Conservation Expenditures	1.216	Income
Soil Conditioner Costs, Fertilizer and	1.217	Income
Solar project	2.049	Property
Sororities, and Cooperatives, Fraternities	2.098	Property
Special Benefits for Disabled Coal Miners	1.008	Income
Special Depreciation for Recycling Equipment	1.225	Income
Sports Facility, City Owned	2.092	Property
Spouse of Public Safety Officer, Surviving	2.120	Property
Spouses, Disabled Veterans or Their Surviving	2.112	Property
Spread on Acquisition of Stock	1.028	Income
State and Local Interests	11.003	Oil and Gas Privilege Tax
State and Local Property	2.079	Property
State and Local Standing Timber Under Contract	2.056	Property
State and Local Subscribers	8.001	911 Tax
State Land Board Land, Leased	2.047	Property
State Land, Shellfish Growing on	2.042	Property
Stock Ownership Plans, Employee	1.025	Income
Stock to Farmers' Cooperatives, Sale of	1.219	Income
Stock, Nursery	2.039	Property
Stock, Spread on Acquisition of	1.028	Income
Storage Space, Fairground Leased	2.010	Property
Strategic Investment Program	2.101	Property
Student Housing Furnishings	2.002	Property
Student Loan Debt, Discharge of Certain	1.053	Income
Student Loans, Interest on	1.102	Income
Subscribers, Federal	8.002	911 Tax
Subscribers, Indian Reservation	8.003	911 Tax
Subscribers, State and Local	8.001	911 Tax
Subsidies, Energy Conservation (Federal)	1.036	Income
Subsidies, Energy Conservation (Oregon)	1.317	Income
Subtraction for Elderly, Medical	1.304	Income
Subtraction, Federal Income Tax	1.324	Income
Subtraction, Individual Development Accounts, Exclusion and	1.312	Income
Summer Homes, Federal Land Under	2.021	Property
Surviving Spouse of Public Safety Officer	2.120	Property
Survivor Annuities, Public Safety Officer	1.056	Income
Swing Yards, Skyline and	2.054	Property

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Tax Rates for Certain Pass Through Income	1.502	Income
Taxes Paid, Credit for Property	11.002	Oil and Gas Privilege Tax
Taxes, Local Income	1.234	Income
Taxes, Property	1.213	Income
Teacher Classroom Expenses	1.101	Income
Telecommunication Companies, Apportionment for Utility and	1.506	Income
Telephone Associations, Nonprofit	2.072	Property
Telephone Equipment, Private Service	2.073	Property
Television Production Costs, Deduction of Certain Film and	1.205	Income
Tenant Payment, Mobile Home	1.314	Income
Test Drive, Dealer Vehicle on	4.003	Weight-Mile
Testing Emissions, Vehicle Used for (Gas and Use Fuel Taxes)	3.005	Gas and Use Fuel
Testing Emissions, Vehicle Used for (Weight-Mile Tax)	4.004	Weight-Mile
Theft Losses, Casualty and	1.233	Income
Throwback Exemption, Public Warehouse Sales	1.501	Income
Timber Growing Costs, Expensing	1.228	Income
Timber Under Contract, Federal Standing	2.055	Property
Timber Under Contract, State and Local Standing	2.056	Property
Timber, Eastern Private Standing	2.058	Property
Timber, Western Private Standing	2.057	Property
Tobacco Sales, Reservation	6.002	Other Tobacco Products
Tollways and Related Facilities	2.068	Property
Trailers, Motor Vehicles and	2.066	Property
Transfer of Land from Cemetery to School	2.089	Property
Transferring or Leasing Property, Businesses	2.015	Property
Transportation Policies, Wet Marine and	1.318	Income
Transportation Projects	1.440	Income
Transportation, Employer Paid Benefits	1.040	Income
Transportation, Public	3.008	Gas and Use Fuel
Travel Expenses of National Guard and Reserve Members, Overnight	1.108	Income
Tribal Trust Land, Property of Indians and	2.078	Property
TRICARE Insurance, Military and Dependents CHAMPUS/	1.030	Income
Truck, Diesel Engine Replacement	1.434	Income
Trust Land, Property of Indians and	2.078	Property
Trust, Industry Apprenticeship/Training	2.019	Property
Trust, Oregon Cultural	1.453	Income
Tuition Programs, Qualified (Federal)	1.002	Income
Tuition Reduction, Exclusion of Employer Provided	1.003	Income
Type A and B Hospitals	12.001	Medical Provider Taxes
U.S. Citizens, Income Earned Abroad by	1.019	Income
U.S. Obligations, Interest and Dividends on	1.326	Income
Utilities, Contributions in Aid of Construction for	1.041	Income
Utility and Telecommunication Companies, Apportionment for	1.506	Income
Valuation, Inventory Methods of	1.033	Income
Vehicle Fund Contributions, Alternative Fuel	1.444	Income
Vehicle Used for Testing Emissions (Gas and Use Fuel Taxes)	3.005	Gas and Use Fuel
Vehicle Used for Testing Emissions (Weight-Mile Tax)	4.004	Weight-Mile
Vehicle, Dealer on Test Drive	4.003	Weight-Mile
Vehicles, Elementary and Secondary School	4.005	Weight-Mile
Vehicles, Government Owned or Operated	4.006	Weight-Mile
Vehicles, Natural Gas and Propane	3.004	Gas and Use Fuel

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Vehicles, Public Mass Transit	4.007	Weight-Mile
Venture Development Fund, Public University	1.422	Income
Vertical Housing Development Zone	2.105	Property
Veteran Institutions, Federal and	5.002	Cigarette Tax
Veterans Affairs and Pediatric Specialty Hospitals	12.002	Medical Provider Taxes
Veterans' Benefits and Services	1.029	Income
Veterans' Home Physicians, Oregon	1.455	Income
Veterans' Home, Oregon	12.003	Medical Provider Taxes
Veterans in Nonprofit Elderly Housing	2.113	Property
Veterans or Their Surviving Spouses, Disabled	2.112	Property
Voluntary Employees' Beneficiary Associations	1.051	Income
Volunteer Rural Emergency Medical Technicians	1.406	Income
Water Associations, Nonprofit	2.070	Property
Water Conservation Expenditures, Soil and	1.216	Income
Water District, Railroad Right of Way in	2.121	Property
Water Supply, Irrigation, Drainage, or Flood Control, Corporations for	2.080	Property
Watercraft Centrally Assessed	2.117	Property
Watercraft Locally Assessed	2.136	Property
Watercraft, Small	2.064	Property
Waterway Workers, Hydroelectric Dam and	1.319	Income
Weatherization Lender's Credit	1.442	Income
Western Private Forestland	2.133	Property
Western Private Standing Timber	2.057	Property
Wet Marine and Transportation Policies	1.318	Income
Wildlife Habitat	2.129	Property
Wine Marketing Activities	7.002	Beer and Wine Tax
Wineries, Small	7.001	Beer and Wine Tax
Withdrawal, Individual Development Account (Credit)	1.430	Income
Wolves, Livestock Killed by	1.413	Income
Workers' Compensation Benefits (Medical)	1.045	Income
Workers' Compensation Benefits (Nonmedical)	1.046	Income
Working Family Child Care	1.424	Income
Working Family Household and Dependent Care	1.425	Income
Yarders, Skyline and Swing	2.054	Property





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