## 2007 Regular Legislative Session FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office

MEASURE NUMBER: HB 2938 STATUS: Original

**SUBJECT:** Increasing amount of property tax exemption for veterans with service-connected

disabilities and their surviving spouses

GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: County Tax and Assessment Programs, Oregon Department of

Revenue

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**EXPENDITURES:** See Comments.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 2008

**GOVERNOR'S BUDGET:** This bill is not anticipated by the Governor's recommended budget.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATE:** This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

**COMMENTS:** The measure would increase the amount of a property's assessed value that is exempted from taxation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and their surviving spouses. The Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) is not able to determine the quantifiable fiscal impact on thirty-six counties' assessment and taxation programs to identify subject property and incorporate the change generated by HB 2938 into county systems, but LFO assumes there would be some workload created at the same time a county's revenue stream is reduced. LFO also notes that other measures are pending before this Legislative Assembly that would affect personal or property tax exemptions, and the cumulative impact of multiple enactments cannot be determined at this time.

The Department of Revenue reports that any workload from this measure would be absorbed by reprioritizing work, but LFO will monitor the cumulative impact of multiple bills.