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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Modifies definition of "financial organization" for corporate excise and income tax purposes. Applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2007[, and to earlier tax years for which taxpayer may file claim for refund, for which Department of Revenue may audit or make adjustment to return or for which return is subject of appeal].

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

- Relating to treatment of financial organizations in tax law; creating new provisions; amending ORS 311.473, 314.610, 317.010, 317.056, 317.310 and 317.660; and prescribing an effective date.
- Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
 - **SECTION 1.** ORS 314.610 is amended to read:
- 314.610. As used in ORS 314.605 to 314.675, unless the context otherwise requires:
 - (1) "Business income" means income arising from transactions and activity in the regular course of the taxpayer's trade or business and includes income from tangible and intangible property if the acquisition, the management, use or rental, and the disposition of the property constitute integral parts of the taxpayer's regular trade or business operations.
 - (2) "Commercial domicile" means the principal place from which the trade or business of the taxpayer is directed or managed.
 - (3) "Compensation" means wages, salaries, commissions and any other form of remuneration paid to employees for personal services.
 - (4) "Financial organization" means [any financial institution or trust company, as those terms are defined in ORS 706.008, any industrial bank, land bank, safe deposit company, private banker, cooperative bank, investment company, or any type of insurance company.] a person, corporation or other business entity that is any of the following:
 - (a) A bank holding company under the laws of this state or under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, 12 U.S.C. 1841 et seq., as amended.
- (b) A savings and loan holding company under the National Housing Act, 12 U.S.C. 1701 et seq., as amended.
- (c) A national bank organized and existing as a national bank association under the National Bank Act, 12 U.S.C. 21 et seq., as amended.
 - (d) A savings association, as defined in 12 U.S.C. 1813(b)(1), as amended.

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- 1 (e) A bank or thrift institution incorporated or organized under the laws of any state.
 - (f) An entity organized under the provisions of 12 U.S.C. 611 to 631, as amended.
 - (g) An agency or branch of a foreign bank, as defined in 12 U.S.C. 3101, as amended.
 - (h) A state credit union the loan assets of which exceed \$50,000,000 as of the first day of the taxable year of the state credit union.
 - (i) A production credit association subject to 12 U.S.C. 2071 et seq., as amended.
 - (j) A corporation, more than 50 percent of the voting stock of which is owned, directly or indirectly, by a person or other business entity described in paragraphs (a) to (i) of this subsection, provided that the entity is not an insurer taxable under ORS 317.655.
 - (k) A person that is not described in paragraphs (a) to (j) or (L) of this subsection, that is not an insurer taxable under ORS 317.655 and that derives more than 50 percent of its gross income from activities that a person described in paragraphs (c) to (i) or (L) of this subsection is authorized to conduct, not taking into account any income derived from non-recurring extraordinary sources.
 - (L) A person that derives at least 50 percent of the person's annual average gross income, for financial accounting purposes for the current tax year and the two preceding tax years, from finance leases, excluding any gross income from incidental or occasional transactions. For purposes of this paragraph, "finance lease" means:
 - (A) A lease transaction that is the functional equivalent of an extension of credit and that transfers substantially all of the benefits and risks of the ownership of the leased property;
 - (B) A direct financing lease or a leverage lease that meets the criteria of Financial Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 13; or
 - (C) Any other lease that is accounted for as a financing by a lessor under generally accepted accounting principles.
 - (5) "Nonbusiness income" means all income other than business income.
 - (6) "Public utility" means any business entity whose principal business is ownership and operation for public use of any plant, equipment, property, franchise, or license for the transmission of communications, transportation of goods or persons, or the production, storage, transmission, sale, delivery, or furnishing of electricity, water, steam, oil, oil products or gas.
 - (7) "Sales" means all gross receipts of the taxpayer not allocated under ORS 314.615 to 314.645.
 - (8) "State" means any state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, any territory or possession of the United States, and any foreign country or political subdivision thereof.

SECTION 2. ORS 317.010 is amended to read:

- 317.010. As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise:
- (1) "Centrally assessed corporation" means every corporation the property of which is assessed by the Department of Revenue under ORS 308.505 to 308.665.
 - (2) "Department" means the Department of Revenue.
- (3)(a) "Consolidated federal return" means the return permitted or required to be filed by a group of affiliated corporations under section 1501 of the Internal Revenue Code.
 - (b) "Consolidated state return" means the return required to be filed under ORS 317.710 (5).
- (4) "Doing business" means any transaction or transactions in the course of its activities conducted within the state by a national banking association, or any other corporation; provided, however, that a foreign corporation whose activities in this state are confined to purchases of personal

property, and the storage thereof incident to shipment outside the state, shall not be deemed to be doing business unless such foreign corporation is an affiliate of another foreign or domestic corporation which is doing business in Oregon. Whether or not corporations are affiliated shall be determined as provided in section 1504 of the Internal Revenue Code.

- (5) "Excise tax" means a tax measured by or according to net income imposed upon national banking associations, all other banks, and financial, centrally assessed, mercantile, manufacturing and business corporations for the privilege of carrying on or doing business in this state.
- [(6) "Financial institution" or "financial corporation" means a bank or trust company organized under ORS chapter 707, national banking association or production credit association organized under federal statute, building and loan association, savings and loan association, mutual savings bank, and any other corporation whose principal business is in direct competition with national and state banks.]
- (6) "Financial organization" has the meaning given that term in ORS 314.610, except that it does not include a credit union as defined in ORS 723.006, an interstate credit union as defined in ORS 723.001 or a federal credit union.
- (7) "Internal Revenue Code," except where the Legislative Assembly has provided otherwise, refers to the laws of the United States or to the Internal Revenue Code as they are amended and in effect:
 - (a) On December 31, 2004; or

- (b) If related to the definition of taxable income, as applicable to the tax year of the taxpayer.
- (8) "Oregon taxable income" means taxable income, less the deduction allowed under ORS 317.476, except as otherwise provided with respect to insurers in subsection (11) of this section and ORS 317.650 to 317.665.
- (9) "Oregon net loss" means taxable loss, except as otherwise provided with respect to insurers in subsection (11) of this section and ORS 317.650 to 317.665.
- (10) "Taxable income or loss" means the taxable income or loss determined, or in the case of a corporation for which no federal taxable income or loss is determined, as would be determined, under chapter 1, Subtitle A of the Internal Revenue Code and any other laws of the United States relating to the determination of taxable income or loss of corporate taxpayers, with the additions, subtractions, adjustments and other modifications as are specifically prescribed by this chapter except that in determining taxable income or loss for any year, no deduction under ORS 317.476 or 317.478 and section 45b, chapter 293, Oregon Laws 1987, shall be allowed. If the corporation is a corporation to which ORS 314.280 or 314.605 to 314.675 (requiring or permitting apportionment of income from transactions or activities carried on both within and without the state) applies, to derive taxable income or loss, the following shall occur:
- (a) From the amount otherwise determined under this subsection, subtract nonbusiness income, or add nonbusiness loss, whichever is applicable.
- (b) Multiply the amount determined under paragraph (a) of this subsection by the Oregon apportionment percentage defined under ORS 314.280, 314.650 or 314.670, whichever is applicable. The resulting product shall be Oregon apportioned income or loss.
- (c) To the amount determined as Oregon apportioned income or loss under paragraph (b) of this subsection, add nonbusiness income allocable entirely to Oregon under ORS 314.280 or 314.625 to 314.645, or subtract nonbusiness loss allocable entirely to Oregon under ORS 314.280 or 314.625 to 314.645. The resulting figure is "taxable income or loss" for those corporations carrying on taxable transactions or activities both within and without Oregon.

(11) As used in ORS 317.122 and 317.650 to 317.665, "insurer" means any domestic, foreign or alien insurer as defined in ORS 731.082 and any interinsurance and reciprocal exchange and its attorney in fact with respect to its attorney in fact net income as a corporate attorney in fact acting as attorney in compliance with ORS 731.458, 731.462, 731.466 and 731.470 for the reciprocal or interinsurance exchange. However, "insurer" does not include title insurers or health care service contractors operating pursuant to ORS 750.005 to 750.095.

SECTION 3. ORS 317.056 is amended to read:

317.056. Except as otherwise required by federal law **and except as provided in ORS 317.080**, every financial [corporation] **organization** located within this state shall be subject to county, city, district, political subdivision and all other local taxes imposed generally on a nondiscriminatory basis throughout the jurisdiction of the taxing authority, at the same rates and in all respects in the same manner and to the same extent as are mercantile, manufacturing and business corporations, and shall pay annually to the state an excise tax according to or measured by its Oregon taxable income, to be computed in the manner provided by this chapter at the rate provided in ORS 317.061.

SECTION 4. ORS 317.310 is amended to read:

317.310. (1) To derive Oregon taxable income of a financial [institution which] **organization that** has changed from the reserve method of accounting to the specific charge-off method of accounting for federal tax purposes, there shall be subtracted from federal taxable income amounts [which] **that** the financial [institution] **organization** recognized pursuant to section 585(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

- (2) To derive Oregon taxable income, after the modification prescribed in subsection (1) of this section, the balance in the reserve for bad debts, as determined under ORS 317.333 (2) (1985 Replacement Part), shall be taken into income using the same method as the financial [institution] organization used for federal tax purposes pursuant to section 585(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- (3) Subsections (1) and (2) of this section [shall] **do** not apply to bad debt reserves for which an election under section 585(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code has been made. A financial [institution which] **organization that** uses the method described in section 585(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code shall apply that same method to the balance in the reserve for bad debts, as determined under ORS 317.333 (2) (1985 Replacement Part), and adjust its Oregon taxable income accordingly.

SECTION 5. ORS 317.660 is amended to read:

317.660. [In lieu of the provisions of ORS 314.280,] If the income of an insurer is derived from business done both within and without this state, the determination of Oregon taxable income shall be arrived at by apportionment based upon an averaging of the following three factors:

(1) Insurance sales factor: The percentage obtained by dividing (a) the direct premiums (excluding reinsurance accepted and without deduction of reinsurance ceded) received by the insurer during the taxable year on policies and contracts which are allocated to this state and to other jurisdictions in which the insurer is not authorized to do business by (b) the total of such premiums received by the insurer during the taxable year on policies and contracts that had been sold within and without this state. For purposes of this subsection, "premiums" means sums properly included in appropriate schedules of the annual statement filed by the insurer with the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services, which allocate premiums by jurisdiction. If the exclusion of reinsurance premiums results in an apportionment formula that does not fairly represent the extent of the taxpayer's activity in this state, the taxpayer may petition for and the Department of Revenue may permit, or the Department of Revenue may require, the inclusion of reinsurance premiums in the insurance sales factor.

- (2) Wage and commission factor: The percentage obtained by dividing (a) the total of wages, salaries, commissions and other compensation for personal services paid in this state during the tax period to employees and insurance salesmen in connection with the business of the insurer, by (b) the total wages, salaries, commissions and other compensation for personal services paid everywhere during the tax period to employees and insurance salesmen in connection with the business of the insurer. For determining the place of payment, the procedure set forth in ORS 314.660 (2) shall apply.
- (3) Real estate income and interest factor: The percentage obtained by dividing (a) the total net income (after deducting from gross rental income real estate expenses, property taxes and depreciation attributable thereto, which are included in appropriate schedules of the annual statement filed by the insurer with the Department of Consumer and Business Services) received from real property within this state plus gross interest received on loans secured by real property within this state during the taxable year, by (b) the total net income received from real property within and without this state plus gross interest received on loans secured by real property within and without this state during the taxable year.

SECTION 6. The amendments to ORS 314.610, 317.010, 317.056, 317.310 and 317.660 by sections 1 to 5 of this 2007 Act apply to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2007.

SECTION 7. ORS 311.473 is amended to read:

- 311.473. (1) Any financial institution, [as defined in ORS 317.010,] or agent or representative of a financial institution, that, in the process of foreclosing any security interest or other lien on taxable personal property, including property classified as real property machinery and equipment, or after the lien is foreclosed, causes the property to be removed, or is knowledgeable that the property will be removed by another after the foreclosure sale, from the county in which the property is assessed or seized, shall notify the tax collector of that county prior to the removal. The notice shall be mailed to the tax collector, return receipt requested, and shall contain a description of the property that is the subject of the foreclosure, together with the name and address of the owner or owners of the property.
- (2) Failure to give the notice required under subsection (1) of this section shall not affect the foreclosure, but the tax collector shall have recourse against the financial institution on behalf of the taxing units for any damages sustained on account of failure to mail the notice.

SECTION 8. This 2007 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the regular session of the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.