

Senate Bill 997

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

SUMMARY

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Allows credit against inheritance taxes for long-term reforestation of forestland.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to reforestation.

2 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

3 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2007 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 118.005 to**
4 **118.840.**

5 **SECTION 2. (1) A credit is allowed against the tax imposed under ORS 118.010 for long-**
6 **term reforestation of forestland. The amount of the credit is equal to ____ percent of the**
7 **tax that is attributable to the forestland for which the credit is claimed. A credit is allowed**
8 **under this section only for land that is zoned for forest use under a goal protecting**
9 **forestland.**

10 **(2) A credit may be claimed under this section only if:**

11 **(a) The forestland was logged and replanted before the death of the decedent whose es-**
12 **tate is subject to the tax imposed under ORS 118.010;**

13 **(b) At the time of the last replanting, the forestland was planted with at least two species**
14 **of trees and at least 40 percent were Douglas fir;**

15 **(c) At the time of the last replanting and continuously thereafter, the deed for the**
16 **forestland contained a restriction that prohibited the land from being logged within 100 years**
17 **after the forestland was last replanted; and**

18 **(d) The forestland has been managed in a manner that is consistent with the deed re-**
19 **striction described in paragraph (c) of this subsection for as long as the restriction has been**
20 **in the deed.**

21 **(3) If the credit is allowed under this section, any successor in interest to the land is li-**
22 **able for the amount of the credit and interest at the rate of nine percent per annum if the**
23 **land is logged in violation of the deed restriction described in subsection (2)(c) of this section.**
24 **Amounts owing under this subsection may be collected by the Department of Revenue in the**
25 **same manner as delinquent taxes and penalties.**

26 **SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2007 Act applies only to decedents who die on or after the**
27 **effective date of this 2007 Act.**

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