

**REVENUE IMPACT OF
PROPOSED LEGISLATION**
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Bill Number: SB 594
Revenue Area: Property Tax
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Measure Description: Permits property tax exemption claim for cemetery and crematory property regardless of claimant's organizational structure or state of organization. Permits claim for exemption for tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2008. Allows late filing for exemption claims and specifies late filing procedure. Takes effect on the 91st day after adjournment sine die.

Revenue Impact (in \$Millions):

	Fiscal Year		Biennium		
	2009-10	2010-11	2009-11	2011-2013	2013-2015
State Funds	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Local Government (Clackamas County)	\$ Minimal*	\$ Minimal*	\$ Minimal*	\$ Minimal*	\$ Minimal*
Local School Districts (Clackamas County)	\$ Minimal*	\$ Minimal*	\$ Minimal*	\$ Minimal*	\$ Minimal*

*Minimal means revenue loss of less than \$50,000.

Impact Explanation: Historically cemetery and crematory properties have been exempt from property taxation (ORS 307.150). However, ORS 307.022 that passed in the 2005 legislative session was interpreted by Clackamas County to assess property tax on a cemetery in the county. According to Cemetery Association of Oregon, there has been no other case of property taxation of qualified cemetery properties regardless of organizational structures. The amount of FY 2008-09 property taxes in the Clackamas County case is \$18,453.40.

Creates, Extends, or Expands Tax Expenditure: Yes No

Qualified cemetery and crematory properties are exempt from property taxation. State of Oregon 2009-11 Tax Expenditure Report has the revenue loss from this exemption at \$5.2 million. This bill does not change that exemption statute but clarifies that property tax exemption claims for cemetery and crematory property are granted regardless of claimant's organizational structure or state of organization.