REVENUE IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

75th Oregon Legislative Assembly 2009 Regular Session Legislative Revenue Office Bill Number: SB 726
Revenue Area: Property Tax
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Measure Description: Authorizes eligible Indian tribes to request Economic and Community Development Department to designate Reservation Trust Land Zones (RTLZ). Authorizes eligible Indian tribes to cosponsor Reservation Partnership Zones. Makes Enterprise Zone exemptions and tax credits available for RTLZ. Eliminates median income and unemployment rate requirements for RTLZ.

Revenue Impact (in \$Millions):

	Fiscal Year		Biennium		
	2009-10	2010-11	2009-11	2011-2013	2013-2015
State General Fund	\$ minimal*				

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

Impact Explanation: SB 726 expands eligibility for the Reservation Enterprise Zone (REZ). The expanded REZ is defined as Reservation Trust Land Zones (RTLZ). The original legislation on REZ, enacted in 2001 and amended in 2005, contained restricting criteria that only allowed two of the 9 Oregon Tribes to qualify—Warm Springs and Umatilla. This bill eliminates these restricting requirements. This bill also gives businesses in RTLZ an option to take advantage of exemptions and credits that are available in Enterprise Zones.

Creates, Extends, or Expands Tax Expenditure: Yes \boxtimes No \square

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Qualified taxpayers operating a new business facility in a REZ may claim an income tax credit for the amount of tribal tax paid. 2009-11 Tax Expenditure Report estimates less than \$50,000 of tax expenditure for FY 2009-11.

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