

# House Bill 3377

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## SUMMARY

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Provides maximum allowable amount of credit for fuel cell system, other than homebuilder-installed renewable energy system, of 50 percent of total certified cost.

Applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to business energy tax credit allowed for fuel cell systems; creating new provisions;  
3 amending ORS 315.354; and prescribing an effective date.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 315.354 is amended to read:

6 315.354. (1) A credit is allowed against the taxes otherwise due under ORS chapter 316 (or, if  
7 the taxpayer is a corporation, under ORS chapter 317 or 318), based upon the certified cost of the  
8 facility during the period for which that facility is certified under ORS 469.185 to 469.225. The credit  
9 is allowed as follows:

10 (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) or (c) of this subsection, the credit allowed in each of  
11 the first two tax years in which the credit is claimed shall be 10 percent of the certified cost of the  
12 facility, but may not exceed the tax liability of the taxpayer. The credit allowed in each of the  
13 succeeding three years shall be five percent of the certified cost, but may not exceed the tax liability  
14 of the taxpayer.

15 (b) If the certified cost of the facility does not exceed \$20,000, the total amount of the credit  
16 allowable under subsection (4) of this section may be claimed in the first tax year for which the  
17 credit may be claimed, but may not exceed the tax liability of the taxpayer.

18 (c) If the facility uses or produces renewable energy resources or is a renewable energy re-  
19 source equipment manufacturing facility, the credit allowed in each of five succeeding tax years  
20 shall be 10 percent of the certified cost of the facility, but may not exceed the tax liability of the  
21 taxpayer.

22 (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section:

23 (a) If the facility is one or more renewable energy resource systems installed in a single-family  
24 dwelling, the amount of the credit for each system shall be determined as if the facility was con-  
25 sidered a residential alternative energy device under ORS 316.116, but subject to the maximum  
26 credit amount under subsection (4)(b) of this section;

27 (b) If the facility is a high-performance home, the amount of the credit shall equal the amount  
28 determined under paragraph (a) of this subsection plus \$3,000; and

29 (c) If the facility is a high-performance home or a homebuilder-installed renewable energy sys-  
30 tem, the total amount of the credit may be claimed in the first tax year for which the credit is

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New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 claimed, but may not exceed the tax liability of the taxpayer.

2 (3) In order for a tax credit to be allowable under this section:

3 (a) The facility must be located in Oregon;

4 (b) The facility must have received final certification from the Director of the State Department  
5 of Energy under ORS 469.185 to 469.225; and

6 (c) The taxpayer must be an eligible applicant under ORS 469.205 (1)(c).

7 (4) The total amount of credit allowable to an eligible taxpayer under this section may not ex-  
8 ceed:

9 (a) 50 percent of the certified cost of [*a renewable energy resources facility,*] a renewable energy  
10 resource equipment manufacturing facility [*or,*] a high-efficiency combined heat and power facility  
11 **or a renewable energy resources facility, including a fuel cell system other than a**  
12 **homebuilder-installed renewable energy system;**

13 (b) \$9,000 per single-family dwelling for homebuilder-installed renewable energy systems;

14 (c) \$12,000 per single-family dwelling for homebuilder-installed renewable energy systems, if the  
15 dwelling also constitutes a high-performance home; or

16 (d) 35 percent of the certified cost of any other facility.

17 (5)(a) Upon any sale, termination of the lease or contract, exchange or other disposition of the  
18 facility, notice thereof shall be given to the Director of the State Department of Energy who shall  
19 revoke the certificate covering the facility as of the date of such disposition. The new owner, or  
20 upon re-leasing of the facility, the new lessor, may apply for a new certificate under ORS 469.215,  
21 but the tax credit available to the new owner shall be limited to the amount of credit not claimed  
22 by the former owner or, for a new lessor, the amount of credit not claimed by the lessor under all  
23 previous leases.

24 (b) The State Department of Energy may not revoke the certificate covering a facility under  
25 paragraph (a) of this subsection if the tax credit associated with the facility has been transferred  
26 to a taxpayer who is an eligible applicant under ORS 469.205 (1)(c)(A).

27 (6) Any tax credit otherwise allowable under this section that is not used by the taxpayer in a  
28 particular year may be carried forward and offset against the taxpayer's tax liability for the next  
29 succeeding tax year. Any credit remaining unused in that next succeeding tax year may be carried  
30 forward and used in the second succeeding tax year, and likewise, any credit not used in that second  
31 succeeding tax year may be carried forward and used in the third succeeding tax year, and likewise,  
32 any credit not used in that third succeeding tax year may be carried forward and used in the fourth  
33 succeeding tax year, and likewise, any credit not used in that fourth succeeding tax year may be  
34 carried forward and used in the fifth succeeding tax year, and likewise, any credit not used in that  
35 fifth succeeding tax year may be carried forward and used in the sixth succeeding tax year, and  
36 likewise, any credit not used in that sixth succeeding tax year may be carried forward and used in  
37 the seventh succeeding tax year, and likewise, any credit not used in that seventh succeeding tax  
38 year may be carried forward and used in the eighth succeeding tax year, but may not be carried  
39 forward for any tax year thereafter. Credits may be carried forward to and used in a tax year be-  
40 yond the years specified in subsection (1) of this section only as provided in this subsection.

41 (7) The credit provided by this section is not in lieu of any depreciation or amortization de-  
42 duction for the facility to which the taxpayer otherwise may be entitled for purposes of ORS chapter  
43 316, 317 or 318 for such year.

44 (8) The taxpayer's adjusted basis for determining gain or loss may not be decreased by any tax  
45 credits allowed under this section.

1 (9) If a homebuilder claims a credit under this section with respect to a homebuilder-installed  
2 renewable energy system or a high-performance home:

3 (a) The homebuilder may not claim credits for both a homebuilder-installed renewable energy  
4 system and a high-performance home with respect to the same dwelling;

5 (b) The homebuilder must inform the buyer of the dwelling that the homebuilder is claiming a  
6 tax credit under this section with respect to the dwelling; and

7 (c) The buyer of the dwelling may not claim a credit under this section that is based on any  
8 facility for which the homebuilder has already claimed a credit.

9 (10) The definitions in ORS 469.185 apply to this section.

10 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 315.354 by section 1 of this 2009 Act apply to tax**  
11 **years beginning on or after January 1, 2010.**

12 **SECTION 3. This 2009 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the reg-**  
13 **ular session of the Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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