

Earned Income Tax Credit throughout Oregon

How the EITC impacts Oregon's House and Senate Districts

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Find out how many families are benefiting from the EITC in your legislative districts by clicking the on the districts below to go to the correct district. If you are unsure of your district go to <http://www.leg.state.or.us/findlegsltr/>.

| House Districts | House Districts | Senate Districts |
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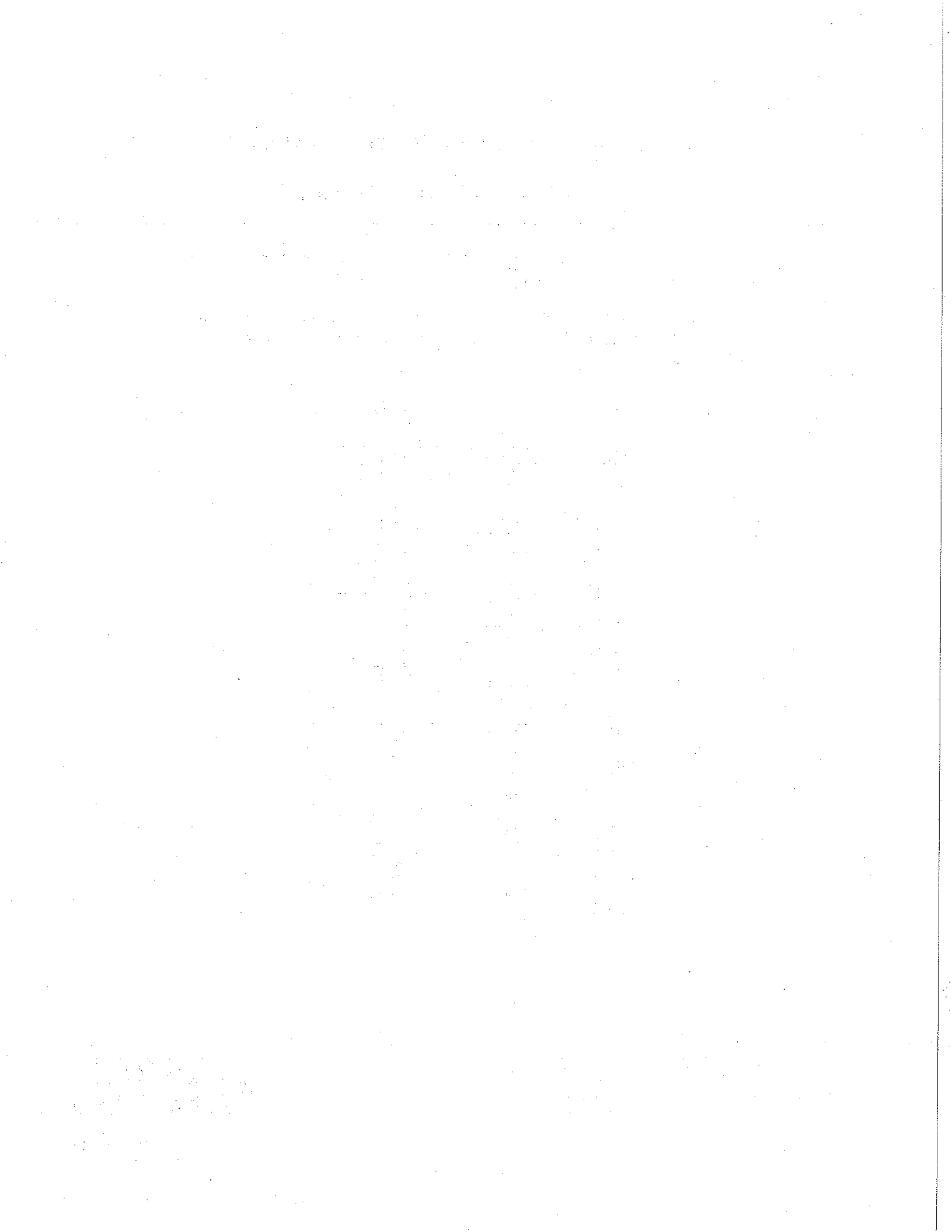
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Senate District 18 Ginny Burdick (D)

EITC in Senate District 18 by the numbers

Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in Senate District 18
5,014

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in Senate District 18
\$6.80 million

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in Senate District 18
at 6 percent of federal credit
\$365,548
at 18 percent of federal credit
\$1,096,644

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Senate District 8 Frank Morse (R)

EITC in Senate District 8 by the numbers

Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in Senate District 8
6,854

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in Senate District 8
\$11.10 million

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in Senate District 8
at 6 percent of federal credit
\$600,806
at 18 percent of federal credit
\$1,802,417

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Senate District 14 Mark Hass (D)

EITC in Senate District 14 by the numbers

Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in Senate District 14
6,057

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in Senate District 14
\$10.60 million

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in Senate District 14 at 6 percent of federal credit
\$570,896

at 18 percent of federal credit
\$1,712,687

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Senate District 27 Chris Telfer (R)

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Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in Senate District 27
9,670

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in Senate District 27
\$16.60 million

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in Senate District 27 at 6 percent of federal credit
\$898,879

at 18 percent of federal credit
\$2,696,638

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