

**REVENUE IMPACT OF  
PROPOSED LEGISLATION**  
Seventy-Sixth Oregon Legislative  
Assembly  
2011 Regular Session  
Legislative Revenue Office

Bill Number: SB 315  
Revenue Area: Income Taxes  
Economist: Chris Allanach  
Date: 3/21/2011

**Measure Description:** Adjusts the sunset date for the tax credit for qualified research activities to a date that is currently blank.

**Revenue Impact (in \$Millions):**

	Fiscal Year		Biennium		
	2011-12	2012-13	2011-13	2013-2015	2015-2017
General Fund	\$0	-\$1.9	-\$1.9	-\$7.4	-\$12.1

**Impact Explanation:** The preliminary revenue impact assumes the sunset date is extended beyond the 2015-2017 biennium and is based on the historical use of the tax credit. Since 2005, roughly 200 taxpayers have claimed the credit each tax year. The credit is equal to five percent of research expenses exceeding a base amount, up to \$2 million, per year. An alternative structure for the credit is based on expenses that exceed 10 percent of Oregon sales. Further analysis will be done when the bill is in the Joint Committee on Tax Credits.

**Creates, Extends, or Expands Tax Expenditure:** Yes  No

The policy purpose of this measure is  
*(to be completed by the Senate Committee on Business, Transportation and Economic Development)*