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**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2543**

1 In line 2 of the printed bill, delete "311.674;" and insert "305.612, 311.356,
2 311.666, 311.668, 311.670, 311.672, 311.673, 311.674, 311.676, 311.679, 311.681,
3 311.684, 311.686, 311.688, 311.689, 311.691, 311.693, 311.695, 311.700, 311.701,
4 311.704 and 410.422;".

5 Delete lines 5 through 25 and insert:

6 **"SECTION 1.** ORS 311.666 is amended to read:

7 "311.666. As used in ORS 311.666 to 311.701:

8 "[*(1) 'Department' means the Department of Revenue.*]

9 **"(1) 'County median RMV' means the median real market value**
10 **entered on the last certified assessment and tax roll for all residential**
11 **improved properties in the county in which a homestead is located.**

12 "(2) 'Homestead' means the owner occupied principal dwelling, either real
13 or personal property, owned by the taxpayer and the tax lot upon which it
14 is located. If the homestead is located in a multiunit building, the homestead
15 is the portion of the building actually used as the principal dwelling and its
16 percentage of the value of the common elements and of the value of the tax
17 lot upon which it is built. The percentage is the value of the unit consisting
18 of the homestead compared to the total value of the building exclusive of the
19 common elements, if any.

20 **"(3) 'Household income' has the meaning given that term in ORS**
21 **310.630.**

22 **"(4)(a) 'Net worth' means the sum of the current market value of**

1 all assets, including real property, cash, savings accounts, bonds and
2 other investments, after deducting outstanding liabilities.

3 “(b) ‘Net worth’ does not include the value of a homestead for
4 which deferral is claimed under ORS 311.666 to 311.701, the cash value
5 of life insurance policies on the life of a taxpayer or tangible personal
6 property owned by a taxpayer.

7 “[3] (5) ‘Person with a disability’ means [*a person*] **an individual** who
8 has been determined to be eligible to receive or who is receiving federal
9 Social Security benefits due to disability or blindness, including [*a person*]
10 **an individual** who is receiving Social Security survivor benefits in lieu of
11 Social Security benefits due to disability or blindness.

12 “[4] ‘Taxpayer’ means an individual who has filed a claim for deferral
13 under ORS 311.668 or individuals who have jointly filed a claim for deferral
14 under ORS 311.668.]

15 “[5] (6) ‘Tax-deferred property’ means the property upon which taxes are
16 deferred under ORS 311.666 to 311.701.

17 “[6] (7) ‘Taxes’ or ‘property taxes’ means ad valorem taxes, assessments,
18 fees and charges entered on the assessment and tax roll.

19 “(8) ‘Taxpayer’ means an individual who has filed, as an individual
20 or jointly, a claim for deferral under ORS 311.666 to 311.701.

21 “(9)(a) ‘Transferee’ means, without limitation, an heir, legatee,
22 devisee, distributee of an estate of a deceased individual, the assignee
23 or donee of an insolvent individual or a person acting in a fiduciary
24 capacity on behalf of a transferee.

25 “(b) ‘Transferee’ does not mean a bona fide purchaser for value.

26 “(10) ‘U.S. City Average Consumer Price Index’ means the U.S. City
27 Average Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (All Items)
28 as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States
29 Department of Labor.

30 “SECTION 2. ORS 311.668 is amended to read:

1 “311.668. (1)(a) [*Subject to ORS 311.670, an individual, or two or more in-*
2 *dividuals jointly, may elect*] **A claim** to defer the property taxes on [*their*] a
3 homestead [*by filing a claim for deferral*] **that is eligible for deferral under**
4 **ORS 311.670 may be filed** with the county assessor [*after January 1 and on*
5 *or before April 15 of the first year in which deferral is claimed if*] **in the**
6 **manner prescribed under ORS 311.672 by:**

7 “(A) [*The*] **An individual who is**, or, [*in the case of*] two or more indi-
8 viduals filing a claim jointly[,] each [*individual,*] **of whom** is, 62 years of
9 age or older on **or before** April 15 of the year [*in which the claim is filed*]
10 **for which deferral is claimed; or**

11 “(B) [*The*] **An individual who** is a person with a disability [*on*] **as of**
12 April 15 of the year [*in which the claim is filed*] **for which deferral is**
13 **claimed, regardless of the age or disability of other individuals occu-**
14 **pying the homestead.** [*In the case of individuals filing a claim jointly, only*
15 *one individual need be a person with a disability in order to make the*
16 *election.*]

17 “[(b) *In order to make the election described in paragraph (a) of this sub-*
18 *section, the individual must have, or in the case of two or more individuals*
19 *filing a claim jointly, all of the individuals together must have household in-*
20 *come, as defined in ORS 310.630, for the calendar year immediately preceding*
21 *the calendar year in which the claim is filed of less than \$32,000.*]

22 “[(c) *The county assessor shall forward each claim filed under this sub-*
23 *section to the Department of Revenue which shall determine if the property is*
24 *eligible for deferral.*]

25 “[(2) *When the taxpayer elects to defer property taxes for any year by filing*
26 *a claim for deferral under subsection (1) of this section, it shall have the effect*
27 *of:*]

28 “[(a) *Deferring the payment of the property taxes levied on the homestead*
29 *for the fiscal year beginning on July 1 of such year.*]

30 “[(b) *Continuing the deferral of the payment by the taxpayer of any property*

1 *taxes deferred under ORS 311.666 to 311.701 for previous years which have not*
2 *become delinquent under ORS 311.686.]*

3 “[(c) *Continuing the deferral of the payment by the taxpayer of any future*
4 *property taxes for as long as the provisions of ORS 311.670 are met.]*

5 “[~~(3)~~] (b) If a guardian or conservator has been appointed for an individ-
6 ual otherwise [*qualified to obtain*] **eligible to claim** deferral of taxes under
7 [OR*S 311.666 to 311.701*] **this section**, the guardian or conservator may act
8 for [*such*] **the** individual in complying with the provisions of ORS 311.666 to
9 311.701.

10 “[~~(4)~~] (c) If a trustee of an inter vivos trust [*which*] **that** was created by
11 and is revocable by an individual, who is both the trustor and a beneficiary
12 of the trust and who is otherwise [*qualified to obtain a*] **eligible to claim**
13 deferral of taxes under [OR*S 311.666 to 311.701*] **this section**, owns the fee
14 simple estate under a recorded instrument of sale, the trustee may act for
15 the individual in complying with the provisions of ORS 311.666 to 311.701.

16 “[~~(5)~~] (d) [*Nothing in*] This section [*shall*] **may not** be construed to re-
17 quire [*a*] **the** spouse of an individual to file a claim jointly with the indi-
18 vidual even though the spouse may be eligible to claim the deferral jointly
19 with the individual.

20 “[~~(6)~~ *Any person aggrieved by the denial of a claim for deferral of home-*
21 *stead property taxes or disqualification from deferral of homestead property*
22 *taxes may appeal in the manner provided by ORS 305.404 to 305.560.]*

23 “(2)(a) **Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, deferral may**
24 **not be granted under ORS 311.666 to 311.701 with respect to a claim**
25 **filed by individuals who together have, for the calendar year imme-**
26 **diately preceding the calendar year in which the claim for deferral is**
27 **filed:**

28 “(A) **Household income of \$32,000 or more; or**

29 “(B) **Net worth of \$500,000 or more.**

30 “[~~(7)(a)~~] (b) For each tax year beginning on or after July 1, 2002, the

1 Department of Revenue shall recompute the maximum household income
2 [that may be incurred under an allowable claim for deferral under subsection
3 (1)(b) of this section. The computation shall be] **under this subsection** as
4 follows:

5 “(A) Divide the average U.S. City Average Consumer Price Index for the
6 first six months of the current calendar year by the average U.S. City Av-
7 erage Consumer Price Index for the first six months of 2001.

8 “(B) Recompute the maximum household income by multiplying \$32,000
9 by the appropriate indexing factor determined [as provided in] **under** sub-
10 paragraph (A) of this paragraph.

11 “[*(b) As used in this subsection, ‘U.S. City Average Consumer Price*
12 *Index’ means the U.S. City Average Consumer Price Index for All Urban*
13 *Consumers (All Items) as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the*
14 *United States Department of Labor.*]

15 “(c) [*If*] Any change in the maximum household income determined under
16 paragraph [(a)] (b) of this subsection [*is not a multiple of \$500, the increase*]
17 shall be rounded to the nearest multiple of \$500.

18 “(3) **Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, deferral may not**
19 **be granted under ORS 311.666 to 311.701 with respect to a claim if, at**
20 **the time the claim is filed, property taxes imposed on the homestead**
21 **of any individual filing the claim have been deferred and are delin-**
22 **quent or have been canceled.**

23 “**SECTION 3.** ORS 311.670 is amended to read:

24 “311.670. (1) [*In order to qualify*] **Property is not eligible** for tax deferral
25 under ORS 311.666 to 311.701[, *the property must meet all of the following re-*
26 *quirements when the*] **unless, at the time a claim is filed and [thereafter so**
27 *long as the payment of taxes by the taxpayer is deferred] **during the period**
28 **for which deferral is claimed:***

29 “[*(1)*] (a) The property [*must be*] **has been** the homestead of the individual
30 or individuals who file the claim for deferral **for at least five years pre-**

1 ceding April 15 of the year in which the claim is filed, except for an in-
2 dividual required to be absent from the homestead by reason of health.

3 “[2] (b) The [person] **individual** claiming the deferral [*must, by himself*
4 *or herself or together with his or her spouse, own*], **individually or jointly**,
5 **owns** the fee simple estate [*or be purchasing the fee simple estate*] under a
6 recorded instrument of sale, or two or more [persons *must*] **individuals** to-
7 gether own [*or be purchasing*] the fee simple estate with rights of
8 survivorship under a recorded instrument of sale if all owners live in the
9 [homestead] **property** and if all owners apply for the deferral jointly.

10 **“(c) The homestead is insured for fire and other casualty.**

11 “[3] (d) There [*must be*] **is** no prohibition to the deferral of property
12 taxes contained in any provision of federal law, rule or regulation applicable
13 to a mortgage, trust deed, land sale contract or conditional sale contract for
14 which the homestead is security.

15 **“(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, a homestead is**
16 **not eligible for deferral under ORS 311.666 to 311.701 if the real market**
17 **value of the homestead entered on the last certified assessment and**
18 **tax roll is equal to or greater than:**

19 **“(a) 100 percent of county median RMV if, as of April 15 of the year**
20 **in which a claim is filed, the taxpayers have lived in the homestead**
21 **at least five years but less than seven years.**

22 **“(b) 110 percent of county median RMV if, as of April 15 of the year**
23 **in which a claim is filed, the taxpayers have lived in the homestead**
24 **at least seven years but less than nine years.**

25 **“(c) 120 percent of county median RMV if, as of April 15 of the year**
26 **in which a claim is filed, the taxpayers have lived in the homestead**
27 **at least nine years but less than 11 years.**

28 **“(d) 130 percent of county median RMV if, as of April 15 of the year**
29 **in which a claim is filed, the taxpayers have lived in the homestead**
30 **at least 11 years but less than 13 years.**

1 “(e) 140 percent of county median RMV if, as of April 15 of the year
2 in which a claim is filed, the taxpayers have lived in the homestead
3 at least 13 years but less than 15 years.

4 “(f) 150 percent of county median RMV if, as of April 15 of the year
5 in which a claim is filed, the taxpayers have lived in the homestead
6 at least 15 years but less than 17 years.

7 “(g) 160 percent of county median RMV if, as of April 15 of the year
8 in which a claim is filed, the taxpayers have lived in the homestead
9 at least 17 years but less than 19 years.

10 “(h) 170 percent of county median RMV if, as of April 15 of the year
11 in which a claim is filed, the taxpayers have lived in the homestead
12 at least 19 years but less than 21 years.

13 “(i) 180 percent of county median RMV if, as of April 15 of the year
14 in which a claim is filed, the taxpayers have lived in the homestead
15 at least 21 years but less than 23 years.

16 “(j) 190 percent of county median RMV if, as of April 15 of the year
17 in which a claim is filed, the taxpayers have lived in the homestead
18 at least 23 years but less than 25 years.

19 “(k) 200 percent of county median RMV if, as of April 15 of the year
20 in which a claim is filed, the taxpayers have lived in the homestead
21 for 25 years or more.

22 “**SECTION 4.** ORS 311.672 is amended to read:

23 “311.672. (1)(a) A taxpayer’s claim for deferral under ORS [311.668 shall]
24 **311.666 to 311.701 must:**

25 “(A) Be in writing on a form supplied by the Department of Revenue [*and*
26 *shall.*];

27 “[(a)] (B) Describe the homestead[.];

28 “[(b)] (C) Recite **all** facts establishing the eligibility **of the homestead**
29 **for, and of the taxpayers to claim,** the deferral [*under the provisions of*
30 *ORS 311.666 to 311.701, including facts that establish that the household in-*

1 *come as defined in ORS 310.630 of the individual, or in the case of two or more*
2 *individuals claiming the deferral jointly, of all of the individuals together was,*
3 *for the calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year in which the*
4 *claim is filed, less than or equal to the maximum household income that may*
5 *be incurred under an allowable claim for deferral, as provided in ORS*
6 *311.668.]; and*

7 **“(c) (D) Have attached:**

8 **“(i) Any documentary proof required by the department [to show that the**
9 **requirements of ORS 311.666 to 311.701 have been met.]; and**

10 **“(2) (ii) [There shall be annexed to the claim] A statement verified by a**
11 **written declaration of [the applicant making the claim] all taxpayers**
12 **claiming deferral to the effect that the statements contained in the claim**
13 **are true.**

14 **“(b) The claim for deferral must be filed with the assessor of the**
15 **county in which the homestead is located, after January 1 and on or**
16 **before April 15 of the year for which deferral is claimed.**

17 **“(2) The county assessor shall forward each claim filed under this**
18 **section to the department, and the department shall determine**
19 **whether the property is eligible for the deferral.**

20 **“(3) If the taxpayers and the homestead are determined to be eligi-**
21 **ble under ORS 311.668 and 311.670, respectively, a timely claim for**
22 **deferral has the effect of:**

23 **“(a) Deferring the payment of the property taxes levied on the**
24 **homestead for the property tax year beginning on July 1 of the year**
25 **in which the claim is filed.**

26 **“(b) Continuing the deferral of the payment by the taxpayers of any**
27 **property taxes deferred under ORS 311.666 to 311.701 for previous years**
28 **that have not become delinquent under ORS 311.686.**

29 **“(c) Continuing the deferral of the payment by the taxpayers of any**
30 **future property taxes for as long as the homestead remains eligible**

1 for, and the taxpayers remain eligible to claim, the deferral.

2 “(4)(a) Notwithstanding subsection (3) of this section, the number
3 of initial claims for deferral under ORS 311.666 to 311.701 granted dur-
4 ing each property tax year may not exceed an amount equal to five
5 percent of the total number of homesteads that are tax-deferred
6 property during the property tax year that begins on July 1, 2011.

7 “(b) If the number of eligible claims exceeds the amount determined
8 under paragraph (a) of this subsection, claims shall be granted in as-
9 cending order based on the amount payable to the county tax collector
10 under ORS 311.676 with respect to the tax-deferred property for the
11 first property tax year of deferral until the amount determined under
12 paragraph (a) of this subsection is reached.

13 “(5) Any taxpayer aggrieved by the denial of a claim for, or dis-
14 continuation of, deferral under ORS 311.666 to 311.701 may appeal in
15 the manner provided by ORS 305.404 to 305.560.

16 “SECTION 5. ORS 311.673 is amended to read:

17 “311.673. (1)(a) The Department of Revenue shall have a lien against
18 tax-deferred property for payment of deferred taxes plus interest on the de-
19 ferred taxes and any fees paid by the department in connection with the fil-
20 ing, recording, release or satisfaction of the lien.

21 “(b) *[The]* Liens for deferred taxes *[shall]* attach to the property on July
22 1 of the year in which the taxes *[were]* **are** assessed.

23 “(c) *[The]* Deferred property tax liens *[shall]* have the same priority as
24 other real property tax liens *[except that the lien of mortgages, trust deeds*
25 *or security interests that is filed, recorded or noted on any certificate of title*
26 *or in any record maintained by the Department of Consumer and Business*
27 *Services pursuant to ORS 446.566 to 446.646 prior in time to the attachment*
28 *of the lien for deferred taxes shall be prior to the liens for deferred taxes].*

29 “(2)(a) *[The]* A deferred property tax lien may be foreclosed by the de-
30 partment as if it were a purchase money mortgage under ORS chapter 88.

1 “(b) [*The*] A court may award reasonable attorney fees to:

2 “(A) The department if the department prevails in a foreclosure action
3 under this section.

4 “(B) [*The court may award reasonable attorney fees to*] A defendant who
5 prevails in a foreclosure action under this section if the court determines
6 that the department had no objectively reasonable basis for asserting the
7 claim or no reasonable basis for appealing an adverse decision of the trial
8 court.

9 “(3) Receipts from foreclosure proceedings shall be credited in the same
10 manner as other repayments of deferred property taxes under ORS 311.701.

11 “(4) This section applies only to deferred property tax liens arising prior
12 to October 3, 1989.

13 “**SECTION 6.** ORS 311.674 is amended to read:

14 “311.674. (1) If eligibility for deferral of homestead property is established
15 as provided in ORS 311.666 to 311.701, the Department of Revenue shall no-
16 tify the county assessor and the county assessor shall show on the current
17 ad valorem assessment and tax roll [*which*] **that the** property is tax-deferred
18 property by an entry clearly designating [*such*] **the** property as tax-deferred
19 property.

20 “(2) When requested by the department, the tax collector shall send to the
21 department [*as soon as the taxes are extended upon the roll*] the tax statement
22 for each tax-deferred property **as soon as the taxes are extended upon the**
23 **roll.**

24 “(3) Interest shall accrue on the actual amount of taxes advanced to the
25 county for the tax-deferred property at the rate of six percent [*per annum*]
26 **compounded annually.**

27 “(4)(a) For property taxes deferred after October 3, 1979, the state liens
28 provided by ORS 311.673 and 311.679 and recorded under ORS 311.675 shall
29 be for the actual amount of taxes advanced to the counties and not for the
30 gross amount of taxes for which the property would be liable as shown on

1 the tax statement for each tax-deferred property.

2 “(b) For taxes deferred prior to October 3, 1979, the lien under ORS
3 311.673 is for the gross amount of taxes extended upon the tax roll against
4 each tax-deferred property and interest shall continue to accrue on the gross
5 amount of taxes rather than on the actual amount of taxes paid to the
6 county.

7 “**SECTION 7.** ORS 311.676 is amended to read:

8 “311.676. (1) Upon determining the amount of deferred taxes on tax-
9 deferred property for the tax year, **subject to available funds**, the Depart-
10 ment of Revenue shall pay to the respective county tax collectors an amount
11 equivalent to the deferred taxes, less three percent, [*thereof. Payment shall*
12 *be made*] from the revolving account established under ORS 311.701.

13 “(2) The department shall maintain accounts for each deferred property
14 and shall accrue interest only on the actual amount of taxes advanced to the
15 county.

16 “[*(3)(a) If only a portion of taxes are deferred under ORS 311.689, the de-*
17 *partment shall pay the portion that is eligible for deferral to the tax collector*
18 *and shall provide a separate notice to the county assessor stating the amount*
19 *of property taxes that the department is paying.*]

20 “[*(b) The notice stating the amount of property taxes paid by the department*
21 *and any other county records indicating those amounts are not subject to the*
22 *prohibitions against disclosure set forth in ORS 314.835.*]

23 “**SECTION 8.** ORS 311.679 is amended to read:

24 “311.679. (1)(a) At the time that [*the taxpayer elects to defer*] property
25 taxes **are deferred** under ORS 311.666 to 311.701, or if [*the taxpayer has*
26 *elected to defer*] property taxes **were deferred** prior to July 1, 1990, the De-
27 partment of Revenue shall estimate the amount of property taxes [*that will*
28 *be*] deferred for tax years beginning on or after July 1, 1990, interest on the
29 deferred taxes and any fees paid by the department in connection with lien
30 filing, recording, release or satisfaction.

1 “(b) [Thereafter,] The department shall have a lien in the amount of the
2 estimate.

3 “(2) [The lien created under subsection (1) of this section shall attach to the
4 property to which the election to defer relates on July 1 of the tax year of in-
5 itial deferral or on July 1, 1990, whichever is applicable.] **If during the pe-
6 riod of deferral the amount of taxes, interest and fees exceeds the
7 estimate under subsection (1) of this section, the department shall
8 have a lien for the amount of the excess.**

9 “(3)(a) **A lien created under subsection (1) of this section attaches
10 to the homestead to which the deferral relates on July 1 of the first
11 tax year of deferral or on July 1, 1990, as applicable.**

12 “(b) **A lien for the excess created under subsection (2) of this sec-
13 tion attaches to the homestead on July 1 of the tax year in which the
14 excess occurs.**

15 “[(3)] (4) [The] **A lien created under subsection (1) or (2) of this section
16 [in the amount of the estimate shall have] has** the same priority as other real
17 property tax liens [except that the lien of mortgages, trust deeds or security
18 interests that is filed, recorded or noted on a certificate of title or in any record
19 maintained by the Department of Consumer and Business Services pursuant
20 to ORS 446.566 to 446.646 prior in time to the attachment of the lien for de-
21 ferred taxes shall be prior to the liens for deferred taxes].

22 “[(4) If during the period of tax deferment, the amount of taxes, interest and
23 fees exceeds the estimate, the Department of Revenue shall have a lien for the
24 amount of the excess. The liens for the excess shall attach to the property on
25 July 1 of the tax year in which the excess occurs. The lien for the excess shall
26 have the same priority as other real property tax liens, except that the lien of
27 mortgages, trust deeds or security interests that is filed, recorded or noted on
28 any certificate of title or in any record maintained by the Department of Con-
29 sumer and Business Services pursuant to ORS 446.566 to 446.646 prior in time
30 to the date that the Department of Revenue records an amendment to its esti-

1 *mate to reflect its lien for the excess shall be prior to the lien for the excess.]*

2 “(5)(a) The notice of lien for deferred taxes recorded as provided in ORS
3 311.675 (1) and (2) arising on or after October 3, 1989, shall list the amount
4 of the estimate of deferred taxes, interest and fees made by the department
5 under subsection (1) of this section. Any amendment to the notice of lien to
6 reflect a lien for excess, as described under subsection [(4)] (2) of this sec-
7 tion, shall list the amount of the excess that the department claims as a lien.

8 “(b) If notice of lien with respect to any homestead has been filed or re-
9 corded as provided under ORS 311.675 (1) to (3) prior to January 1, 1990, and
10 the lien has not been released or satisfied, the department shall cause a
11 further notice of lien to be recorded in the mortgage records of the county.
12 The further notice of lien shall list the amount of the estimate of deferred
13 taxes and interest made by the department under subsection (1) of this sec-
14 tion and any amendment to the notice to reflect a lien for excess, described
15 under subsection [(4)] (2) of this section, and shall list the amount of the
16 excess that the department claims as lien.

17 “(6)(a) A lien created under this section may be foreclosed by the de-
18 partment as if it were a purchase money mortgage under ORS chapter 88.

19 “(b) [*The*] **In a foreclosure action under this section, a court may**
20 **award:**

21 “(A) Reasonable attorney fees to the prevailing party [*in a foreclosure*
22 *action under this section*].

23 “(B) **All costs associated with foreclosure of the lien to the depart-**
24 **ment if the department prevails.**

25 “(7) Receipts from foreclosure proceedings shall be credited in the same
26 manner as other repayments of deferred property taxes under ORS 311.701.

27 “(8)(a) By means of voluntary payment made as provided under ORS
28 311.690, the taxpayer may limit the amount of the lien for deferred taxes
29 created under this section.

30 “(b) If the taxpayer desires that the limit be reflected in the records of

1 the county, the taxpayer must request, subject to any rules adopted by the
2 department, that the department cause a partial satisfaction of the lien to
3 be recorded in the county.

4 “(c) Upon receipt of such a request, the department shall cause a partial
5 satisfaction, in the amount of the voluntary payment, to be recorded.

6 “(d) Nothing in this subsection [*shall affect*] **affects** the priority of the
7 liens of the department, as originally created under subsections (1) and [(4)]
8 **(2)** of this section.

9 “(9)(a) Nothing in this section [*shall affect*] **affects** any lien arising under
10 ORS 311.666 to 311.701 for taxes assessed before January 1, 1990.

11 “(b) [*However, except as provided under this section, no*] **A** lien for taxes
12 [*shall*] **does not** arise under ORS 311.666 to 311.701 for taxes assessed after
13 December 31, 1989, **except as provided under this section.**

14 “[*(10)(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a lien arising*
15 *under this section as the result of a deferral of property taxes on the homestead*
16 *of a person with a disability who is younger than 62 years of age during the*
17 *tax year may not exceed 90 percent of the real market value of the*
18 *homestead.*]

19 “[*(b) Property may continue to qualify for property tax deferral under ORS*
20 *311.666 to 311.701 even though the amount of property taxes being paid by the*
21 *department may not increase the amount of the lien arising under this*
22 *section.*]

23 “[*(11)*] **(10)** This section first applies to liens for deferred taxes arising on
24 or after October 3, 1989.

25 “**SECTION 9.** ORS 311.684 is amended to read:

26 “311.684. [*Subject to ORS 311.688,*] All deferred property taxes, including
27 accrued interest, become payable as provided in ORS 311.686 when:

28 “(1) The taxpayer who claimed [*deferral of collection*] **deferral** of prop-
29 erty taxes on the homestead dies or, if there was more than one claimant,
30 the survivor of the [*taxpayers*] **taxpayer** who originally claimed [*deferral*

1 of collection] **deferral** of property taxes under ORS 311.668 dies.

2 “(2) Except as provided in ORS 311.683, the property with respect to
3 which [*deferral of collection*] **deferral** of taxes is claimed is sold, or a
4 contract to sell is entered into, or some person other than the taxpayer who
5 claimed the [*deferral*] **deferral, including a transferee**, becomes the
6 owner of the property.

7 “(3) The tax-deferred property is no longer the homestead of the taxpayer
8 who claimed the deferral, except in the case of a taxpayer required to be
9 absent from such tax-deferred property by reason of health.

10 “(4) The tax-deferred property, a manufactured structure or floating home,
11 is moved out of the state.

12 **“SECTION 10.** ORS 311.686 is amended to read:

13 “311.686. (1) Whenever any of the circumstances listed in ORS 311.684
14 occurs:

15 “[*(1)*] (a) The deferral of taxes for the assessment year in which the cir-
16 cumstance occurs:

17 “(A) Shall continue for [*such*] the assessment year[; and] **if the cir-**
18 **cumstance occurs on or after September 1.**

19 “(B) **Shall be discontinued for the assessment year if the circum-**
20 **stance occurs before September 1.**

21 “[*(2)*] (b) **Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section and**
22 **ORS 311.688**, the amounts of deferred property taxes, including accrued in-
23 terest, for all years shall be due and payable to the Department of Revenue
24 **on or before** August 15 of the year following the calendar year in which the
25 circumstance occurs[, *except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, ORS*
26 *311.688 and 311.695*].

27 “[*(3)*] (2) [*Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (2) of this section*
28 *and ORS 311.695, when the circumstances occur*] **If the circumstance** listed
29 in ORS 311.684 (4) **occurs**, the amount of deferred taxes [*shall be*] **is** due and
30 payable five days before the date of removal of the property from the state.

1 “[(4)] (3) If the amounts falling due as provided in this section are not
2 paid on [*the indicated*] **or before the** due date, [*or as extended under ORS*
3 *311.695 such*] **the** amounts shall be deemed delinquent as of that date and the
4 property shall be subject to foreclosure as provided in ORS 311.673 or
5 311.679.

6 “**SECTION 11.** ORS 311.688 is amended to read:

7 “311.688. (1) Notwithstanding ORS 311.684, when one of the circumstances
8 listed in ORS 311.684 (1) to (3) occurs, the spouse who was not eligible to
9 or did not file a claim jointly with the taxpayer may continue the property
10 in its deferred tax status by filing a claim [*within the time and*] in the
11 manner [*provided under ORS 311.668*] **prescribed under ORS 311.672** if:

12 “(a) The spouse of the taxpayer is or will be 60 years of age or older not
13 later than six months from the day the circumstance listed in ORS 311.684
14 (1) to (3) occurs; and

15 “(b) The property is the homestead of the spouse of the taxpayer and
16 meets the requirements of ORS 311.670 [(2)] (1).

17 “(2)(a) A spouse who does not meet the age requirements of subsection
18 (1)(a) of this section but is otherwise qualified to continue the property in
19 its tax-deferred status under subsection (1) of this section may continue the
20 deferral of property taxes deferred for previous years by filing a claim
21 [*within the time and*] in the manner [*provided under ORS 311.668*] **prescribed**
22 **under ORS 311.672.**

23 “(b) If a spouse eligible for and continuing the deferral of taxes previ-
24 ously deferred under this subsection becomes 62 years of age prior to April
25 15 of any year, the spouse may [*elect to*] continue the deferral of previous
26 years’ taxes deferred under this subsection and may elect to defer the current
27 assessment year’s taxes on the homestead by filing a claim [*within the time*
28 *and*] in the manner [*provided under ORS 311.668*] **prescribed under ORS**
29 **311.672.**

30 “(c) [*Thereafter*] **After a claim is filed under paragraph (b) of this**

1 **subsection**, payment of the taxes levied on the homestead and deferred un-
2 der this subsection and payment of taxes levied on the homestead in the
3 current assessment year and in future years may be deferred [*in the manner*
4 *provided in and subject to*] **under** ORS 311.666 to 311.701.

5 “(3) Notwithstanding [*that ORS 311.668 requires that a claim be filed no*
6 *later than April 15*] **ORS 311.672**, if the Department of Revenue determines
7 that good and sufficient cause exists for the failure of a spouse to file a
8 claim under this section on or before April 15, the claim may be filed within
9 180 days after notice of taxes due and payable under ORS 311.686 is mailed
10 or delivered by the department to the taxpayer or spouse.

11 **“SECTION 12.** ORS 311.689, as amended by section 20, chapter 82, Oregon
12 Laws 2010, is amended to read:

13 “311.689. (1) [*Notwithstanding ORS 311.668 or any other provision of ORS*
14 *311.666 to 311.701, if the individual or, in the case of two or more individuals*
15 *electing to defer property taxes jointly, all of the individuals together, or the*
16 *spouse who has filed a claim under ORS 311.688, has federal adjusted gross*
17 *income that exceeds \$32,000 for the tax year that began in the previous calen-*
18 *dar year, then for the tax year next beginning, the amount of taxes for which*
19 *deferral is allowed shall be reduced by \$0.50 for each dollar of federal adjusted*
20 *gross income in excess of \$32,000.*] **On or before April 15 of the third year**
21 **for which deferral under ORS 311.666 to 311.701 is claimed and every**
22 **two years thereafter, all taxpayers claiming the deferral must certify**
23 **to the county assessor that the homestead remains eligible for, and**
24 **the taxpayers remain eligible to claim, the deferral.**

25 “(2)(a) [*Prior to June 1 of each year, and notwithstanding ORS 314.835, the*
26 *Department of Revenue shall review returns filed under ORS chapter 314 and*
27 *316 to determine if subsection (1) of this section is applicable for a homestead*
28 *for the tax year next beginning. If subsection (1) of this section is applicable,*
29 *the department shall notify by mail the taxpayer or spouse electing deferral,*
30 *and the taxes otherwise to be deferred for the tax year next beginning shall*

1 *be reduced as provided in subsection (1) of this section or, if federal adjusted*
2 *gross income in excess of \$32,000 exceeds the amount of property taxes by a*
3 *factor of two, the property taxes shall not be deferred.] For any year in*
4 **which the household income of the taxpayers exceeds the amounts**
5 **allowable under ORS 311.668, the property taxes deferred under ORS**
6 **311.666 to 311.701 for that year, including accrued interest, become**
7 **payable by the applicable due date prescribed in ORS 311.686 (1)(b) or**
8 **(2).**

9 **“(b) The provisions of ORS chapters 305 and 314 apply to this sub-**
10 **section in the same manner as those provisions are applicable to an**
11 **income tax deficiency.**

12 **“(c) The amount of deferred taxes payable under this subsection**
13 **shall bear interest from the date paid by the Department of Revenue**
14 **until paid at the rate established under ORS 305.220 for deficiencies.**

15 **“(d) A deficiency may not be assessed under this subsection if no-**
16 **tice is not given to the taxpayer or spouse within three years after the**
17 **date that the department has paid the deferred taxes to the county.**

18 **“(e) Upon payment of the amount assessed as a deficiency under**
19 **this subsection and any interest, the department shall execute a re-**
20 **lease in the amount of the payment. The release shall be conclusive**
21 **evidence of the removal and extinguishment of the lien under ORS**
22 **311.666 to 311.701 to the extent of the payment.**

23 *“(3) If the taxpayer or spouse does not file a return for purposes of ORS*
24 *chapters 314 and 316 and the department has reason to believe that the federal*
25 *adjusted gross income of the taxpayer or spouse exceeds \$32,000 for the tax year*
26 *that began in the previous calendar year, the department shall notify by mail*
27 *the taxpayer or spouse electing deferral. If, within 30 days after the notice is*
28 *mailed, the taxpayer or spouse does not file a return under ORS chapter 314*
29 *or 316 or otherwise satisfy the department that federal adjusted gross income*
30 *does not exceed \$32,000, the department shall again notify the taxpayer or*

1 spouse, and the taxes otherwise to be deferred for the tax year next beginning
2 shall not be deferred.]

3 “[4] For tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2002, the federal adjusted
4 gross income limit set forth in subsections (1) to (3) of this section shall be
5 recomputed by multiplying \$32,000 by the indexing factor described in ORS
6 311.668 (7)(a)(A), and rounding the amount so computed to the nearest multiple
7 of \$500.]

8 “[5] (3) [Nothing in this section shall] **Subsection (2) of this section**
9 **does not** affect the continued deferral of taxes that have been deferred for
10 tax years beginning [prior to the tax year next beginning or the right to
11 deferral of taxes for a tax year beginning after the tax year next beginning if
12 subsection (1) is not applicable for that tax year for the homestead] **before a**
13 **tax year to which subsection (2) of this section applies or the deferral**
14 **of taxes for tax years beginning after a tax year to which subsection**
15 **(2) applies, provided subsection (2) of this section does not apply to**
16 **those tax years.**

17 “[6] As used in this section, ‘federal adjusted gross income’ means federal
18 adjusted gross income of the individual or, in the case of two or more indi-
19 viduals electing to defer property tax jointly, the combined federal adjusted
20 gross income of the individuals, or the federal adjusted gross income of the
21 spouse who has filed a claim under ORS 311.688, all as determined for the tax
22 year beginning in the calendar year prior to which a determination is required
23 under subsection (2) of this section. ‘Federal adjusted gross income’ shall be
24 determined under the Internal Revenue Code, as amended and in effect on
25 December 31, 2009, without any of the additions, subtractions or other modifi-
26 cations or adjustments required under ORS chapter 314 or 316.]

27 “[7)(a) If, after an initial determination under this section has been made
28 by the department, upon audit or examination or otherwise, it is discovered
29 that the taxpayer or spouse had federal adjusted gross income in excess of the
30 limitation provided under subsection (1) of this section, the department shall

1 determine the amount of taxes deferred that should not have been deferred and
2 give notice to the taxpayer or spouse of the amount of taxes that should not
3 have been deferred. The provisions of ORS chapters 305 and 314 shall apply
4 to a determination of the department under this section in the same manner
5 as those provisions are applicable to an income tax deficiency. The amount of
6 deferred taxes that should not have been deferred shall bear interest from the
7 date paid by the department until paid at the rate established under ORS
8 305.220 for deficiencies. A deficiency shall not be assessed under this section
9 if notice required under this section is not given to the taxpayer or spouse
10 within three years after the date that the department has paid the deferred
11 taxes to the county. Upon payment of the amount assessed as deficiency, and
12 interest, the department shall execute a release in the amount of the payment
13 and the release shall be conclusive evidence of the removal and extinguishment
14 of the lien under ORS 311.666 to 311.701 to the extent of the payment.]

15 “[(b) If, after an initial determination under this section has been made by
16 the department, upon claim for refund, audit or examination or otherwise, it
17 is discovered that the taxpayer or spouse had federal adjusted gross income in
18 the amount of or less than the limitation provided under subsection (1) of this
19 section, the department shall determine the amount of taxes deferred that
20 should have been deferred and give notice to the taxpayer or spouse of the
21 amount of taxes that should have been deferred. The provisions of ORS chap-
22 ters 305 and 314 shall apply to a determination of the department under this
23 section in the same manner as those provisions are applicable to an income tax
24 refund. The amount of the taxes that should have been deferred shall bear
25 interest from the date paid by the taxpayer to the county at the rate established
26 under ORS 305.220 for refunds until paid. Claim for refund under this para-
27 graph must be filed within three years after the earliest date that the taxpayer
28 or spouse is notified by the department that the taxes are not deferred.]

29 “[(8)] (4) This section applies to all tax-deferred property, [notwithstand-
30 ing that election to defer taxes is made] **whether the deferral** under ORS

1 311.666 to 311.701 is **claimed** before or after October 3, 1989.

2 **"SECTION 13.** ORS 311.691 is amended to read:

3 "311.691. (1) Notwithstanding any provision of ORS chapter 312 to the
4 contrary and ORS 311.696 (1), upon compliance with ORS 311.693, taxes as-
5 sessed against a tax-deferred homestead for any tax year that were unpaid
6 as of July 1 of the tax year for which homestead property tax deferral was
7 initially granted under ORS 311.666 to 311.701, and that remain unpaid, shall
8 remain a lien and shall become delinquent as otherwise provided by law, but
9 *[shall not be]* **are not** subject to foreclosure under ORS chapter 312 *[until]*
10 **before** August 15 of the calendar year following the calendar year in which
11 one of the circumstances listed in ORS 311.684 occurs.

12 "(2) This section does not apply if:

13 "(a) The tax-deferred homestead property is a manufactured structure or
14 floating home and is moved out of state;

15 "(b) *[Except in the case of a manufactured structure or floating home,]* The
16 tax-deferred homestead property is personal property, **other than a manu-**
17 **factured structure or floating home;** or

18 "(c) The owner of the tax-deferred homestead property has household in-
19 come, for the calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year in
20 which application is filed under ORS 311.693, *[of more than the maximum*
21 *household income that may be incurred under an]* **that exceeds the amounts**
22 allowable *[claim for deferral, as provided in]* **under** ORS 311.668.

23 "(3) If the property to which subsection (1) of this section applies has
24 been included on a foreclosure list, or a judgment of foreclosure entered, the
25 property shall be removed from the foreclosure list, or judgment vacated,
26 unless the proceeding against the property involves delinquent taxes other
27 than those described in subsection (1) of this section.

28 "(4)(a) Upon removal from the foreclosure list, or upon vacation of the
29 judgment, *[no penalty shall]* **a penalty may not** be imposed under ORS
30 312.110 or 312.120.

1 “(b) [*In lieu thereof*] **If the penalty has been imposed**, the penalty is
2 abated, or if the penalty has been paid, upon application made to the county
3 assessor on or before July 1 of the year immediately following the year of
4 vacation or removal, the penalty shall be refunded out of the unsegregated
5 tax collections account in the manner provided in ORS 311.806.

6 “(5) Within 60 days after approval of an application under ORS 311.693,
7 with respect to any property to which this section applies, the tax collector
8 shall make the proper entries on the tax roll and shall remove the property
9 from the foreclosure list and proceeding.

10 “(6) If a judgment has been entered foreclosing liens for delinquent taxes
11 against any property which is the subject of an application filed under ORS
12 311.693, and the delinquent taxes include only those taxes described in sub-
13 section (1) of this section, or taxes in excess of those described in subsection
14 (1) of this section are paid, the judgment shall be null and void and of no
15 effect and the tax collector shall make the proper entries on the assessment
16 and tax rolls to reflect the vacation of the judgment and to acknowledge the
17 subsisting liens.

18 “(7) Nothing in this section shall remove or release property to which this
19 section applies from the lien of any unpaid tax thereon, but the unpaid taxes
20 shall remain valid and subsisting liens as though the foreclosure proceeding
21 had not been instituted or as though the foreclosure proceeding had not been
22 instituted and a judgment entered.

23 “(8) Nothing in this section shall affect a foreclosure proceeding insti-
24 tuted, or a judgment entered, to foreclose liens for delinquent taxes against
25 properties subject to foreclosure if the delinquent taxes include taxes other
26 than those described under subsection (1) of this section. Such foreclosure
27 proceedings shall be instituted or continued without regard to this section
28 and such judgment shall be of full force and effect as if this section did not
29 exist.

30 “(9) Interest on taxes to which this section applies shall be determined

1 from the same dates, in the same manner and until paid as for other property
2 taxes remaining unpaid upon the due dates, upon preparation of the foreclo-
3 sure list in accordance with ORS chapter 312 and subsection (1) of this sec-
4 tion and upon entry and following a judgment of foreclosure.

5 **“SECTION 14.** ORS 311.693 is amended to read:

6 *“311.693. (1)(a) [The owner of tax-deferred homestead property desiring]*
7 Delay in foreclosure on account of delinquent taxes as provided in ORS
8 311.691 *[shall make]* **may not be granted unless the owner of the tax-**
9 **deferred homestead files an** application for the delay *[to]* **with** the county
10 assessor prior to the date the period of redemption expires under ORS
11 312.120.

12 **“(b) [The] An** application *[shall]* **filed under this subsection must**
13 contain or be accompanied by a verified statement of total household
14 income*[, as defined in ORS 310.630,]* of the owner for the calendar year im-
15 mediately preceding the calendar year in which the application is *[made]*
16 **filed.**

17 **“(2)(a)** Upon receipt of an application under subsection (1) of this section,
18 the county assessor shall approve or deny the application.

19 **“(b)** If the application is denied, the owner may appeal to the circuit
20 court in the county where the tax-deferred homestead property is located
21 within 90 days after notice in writing of the denial is mailed to the owner
22 by the county assessor.

23 **“(c)** Orders of the circuit court in an appeal taken under this subsection
24 may be appealed to the Court of Appeals within the time and in the manner
25 provided under ORS 312.210.

26 **“SECTION 15.** ORS 311.695 is amended to read:

27 *“311.695. [(1) If the taxpayer who claimed homestead property tax deferral*
28 *dies, or if a spouse who continued the deferral under ORS 311.688 dies, the*
29 *Department of Revenue may extend the time for payment of the deferred taxes*
30 *and interest accruing with respect to the taxes becoming due and payable un-*

1 *der ORS 311.686 (2) if:]*

2 *“[(a) The homestead property becomes property of an individual or indi-*
3 *viduals:]*

4 *“[(A) By inheritance or devise; or]*

5 *“[(B) If the individual or individuals are heirs or devisees, as defined un-*
6 *der ORS 111.005, in the course of settlement of the estate;]*

7 *“[(b) The individual or individuals commence occupancy of the property as*
8 *a principal residence on or before August 15 of the calendar year following the*
9 *calendar year of death; and]*

10 *“[(c) The individual or individuals make application to the department for*
11 *an extension of time for payment of the deferred taxes and interest prior to*
12 *August 15 of the calendar year following the calendar year of death.]*

13 *“[(2)(a) Subject to paragraph (b) of this subsection, an extension granted*
14 *under this section shall be for a period not to exceed five years after August*
15 *15 of the calendar year following the calendar year of death. The terms and*
16 *conditions under which the extension is granted shall be in accordance with*
17 *a written agreement entered into by the department and the individual or in-*
18 *dividuals.]*

19 *“[(b) An extension granted under this section shall terminate immediately*
20 *if:]*

21 *“[(A) The homestead property is sold or otherwise transferred by any party*
22 *to the extension agreement;]*

23 *“[(B) All of the heirs or devisees who are parties to the extension agreement*
24 *cease to occupy the property as a principal residence; or]*

25 *“[(C) The homestead property, a manufactured structure or floating home,*
26 *is moved out of the state.]*

27 *“[(3) If the department has reason to believe that the homestead property*
28 *is not sufficient security for the deferred taxes and interest, the department*
29 *may require the individual or individuals to furnish a bond conditioned upon*
30 *payment of the amount extended in accordance with the terms of the extension.*

1 *The bond shall not exceed in amount double the taxes with respect to which*
2 *tax extension is granted.]*

3 *“(4) During the period of extension, and until paid, the deferred taxes*
4 *shall continue to accrue interest in the same manner and at the same rate as*
5 *provided under ORS 311.674 (3). No interest shall accrue upon interest.] A*
6 **transferee of a homestead who is ineligible to claim, or does not claim,**
7 **deferral under ORS 311.666 to 311.701, or that is not an individual, is**
8 **jointly and severally liable for amounts payable under ORS 311.686 to**
9 **the extent of the real market value of the homestead entered on the**
10 **last certified assessment and tax roll prior to the date of the transfer.**

11 **“SECTION 16.** ORS 305.612 is amended to read:

12 “305.612. (1) The Director of the Department of Revenue may enter into
13 an intergovernmental agreement with the United States Financial Manage-
14 ment Service and the Internal Revenue Service for the purpose of engaging
15 in the reciprocal offset of federal tax refunds in payment of liquidated state
16 tax obligations **or of amounts payable by a transferee under ORS 311.695**
17 and the offset of state tax refunds in payment of liquidated federal tax obli-
18 gations.

19 “(2) The director may pay a fee charged by the federal government for the
20 processing of an offset request. The fee may be deducted from amounts
21 remitted to the state by the federal government pursuant to an intergovern-
22 mental agreement. The amount of the fee charged by the federal government
23 shall be added to the taxes, interest and penalties **or to the amounts pay-**
24 **able under ORS 311.695, as applicable,** owed by the taxpayer to the state.

25 “(3) The Department of Revenue may by rule establish a fee to be charged
26 to the federal government for the provision of state offset services.

27 “(4) All moneys received by the department in payment of charges made
28 pursuant to subsection (3) of this section shall be deposited in a department
29 miscellaneous receipts account established under ORS 279A.290.

30 **“SECTION 17.** ORS 311.700 is amended to read:

1 “311.700. (1) [After September 9, 1971, it shall be unlawful for any mortgage
2 trust deed or land sale contract to contain] A clause or statement [which] in
3 a mortgage trust deed or land sale contract executed after September
4 9, 1971, that prohibits the owner from applying for [the benefits of the]
5 deferral of homestead property taxes provided in ORS 311.666 to 311.701[. Any
6 such clause or statement in a mortgage trust deed or land sale contract exe-
7 cuted after September 9, 1971, shall be] is void.

8 “(2) A homestead on which amounts deferred under ORS 311.666 to
9 311.701 remain outstanding may not be pledged as security for a re-
10 verse mortgage by any person.

11 “SECTION 18. ORS 311.701 is amended to read:

12 “311.701. (1) There is established in the State Treasury the Senior Prop-
13 erty Tax Deferral Revolving Account to be used by the Department of Rev-
14 enue for the purpose of making the payments to:

15 “(a) County tax collectors of property taxes deferred for tax years begin-
16 ning on or after January 1, 1983, as required by ORS 311.676.

17 “(b) The appropriate local officer of special assessment improvement
18 amounts deferred on or after October 15, 1983, as required by ORS 311.730.

19 “(c) The department for its expenses in administering the property tax and
20 special assessment senior deferral programs.

21 “(2) The Senior Property Tax Deferral Revolving Account may include a
22 reserve for payment of department administrative expenses.

23 “(3) All sums of money received by the Department of Revenue under ORS
24 311.666 to 311.701 as repayments of deferred property taxes or under ORS
25 311.702 to 311.735 as repayments of deferred special assessment improvement
26 amounts, including the interest accrued under ORS 311.674 (3) or 311.711 (3)
27 shall, upon receipt, be credited to the revolving account and are continuously
28 appropriated to the department for the purposes of subsection (1) of this
29 section.

30 “(4)(a) If there are not sufficient moneys in the revolving account to make

1 the payments required by subsection (1) of this section, and the amount ap-
2 propriated from the General Fund is not sufficient when added together with
3 the moneys in the revolving account to provide an amount sufficient to make
4 the required payments, the State Treasurer, in the capacity of investment
5 officer for the Oregon Investment Council, may lend to the Department of
6 Revenue such amounts as may be necessary to make the payments.

7 “(b) The State Treasurer may lend moneys that may be invested as pro-
8 vided in ORS 293.701 to 293.820.

9 “(c) Any moneys lent under this subsection shall be repaid within five
10 years together with interest at a rate determined by the State Treasurer and
11 consistent with the investment standards of ORS 293.721 and 293.726.

12 “[5)(a) *On November 30 of each year, if the amount in the revolving ac-*
13 *count exceeds the greater of 35 percent of the total amount needed to make the*
14 *payments described in subsection (1) of this section for the previous property*
15 *tax year or \$5 million, the department shall calculate the difference between*
16 *the amount in the revolving account and the greater of an amount that equals*
17 *35 percent of the total amount needed to make the payments described in sub-*
18 *section (1) of this section for the previous property tax year or \$5 million.]*

19 “[b) *No later than February 1 of each year, the department shall transfer*
20 *an amount equal to the difference described in paragraph (a) of this subsection*
21 *into the Oregon Project Independence Fund established in ORS 410.422.]*

22 “**SECTION 19.** ORS 410.422 is amended to read:

23 “410.422. (1) The Oregon Project Independence Fund is established in the
24 State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned
25 by the Oregon Project Independence Fund shall be credited to the Oregon
26 Project Independence Fund. Moneys in the Oregon Project Independence
27 Fund at the end of a biennium are retained in the Oregon Project Inde-
28 pendence Fund and do not revert to the General Fund.

29 “(2) The Oregon Project Independence Fund consists of moneys appropri-
30 ated to the fund by the Legislative Assembly, interest earned by the fund[.]

1 **and** moneys contributed to the fund by donors [*and moneys transferred to the*
2 *fund under ORS 311.701*].

3 “(3) Moneys in the Oregon Project Independence Fund are continuously
4 appropriated to the Department of Human Services for the purpose of fund-
5 ing Oregon Project Independence as provided in ORS 410.410 to 410.480.

6 **“SECTION 20.** ORS 311.704 is amended to read:

7 “311.704. (1) [*Subject to ORS 311.706,*] **On or before the effective date**
8 **of this 2011 Act,** a taxpayer may [*elect*] **file a claim** to defer payment of the
9 amount of special assessment for local improvement assessed or reassessed
10 to the taxpayer’s homestead[. *The election shall be made by filing a claim for*
11 *deferral*] with the officer in charge of the bond lien docket or assessment lien
12 record. The effect of filing the claim shall be to defer payment of the amount
13 of special assessment for local improvement determined under ORS 311.702.
14 The claim for deferral shall be effective for the calendar year for which it
15 is filed and for each subsequent year until the occurrence of one or more of
16 the events described in ORS 311.716.

17 “(2) If a guardian or conservator has been appointed for a taxpayer oth-
18 erwise qualified to obtain the deferral of payment of special assessment for
19 local improvement amounts accorded under ORS 311.702 to 311.735, the
20 guardian or conservator may act for the taxpayer in complying with ORS
21 311.702 to 311.735.

22 “(3) A taxpayer who [*has elected to claim*] **claims** the deferral under ORS
23 311.702 to 311.735 [*shall not be entitled to*] **may not** claim a deferral or other
24 similar assistance available under local law.

25 **“SECTION 21.** ORS 311.356 is amended to read:

26 “311.356. (1) After receipt of the tax roll each year the tax collector shall
27 receive and receipt for all moneys received for taxes and other amounts
28 charged on such roll, and for each payment, shall note on the tax roll at the
29 appropriate property assessment the following:

30 “(a) The date payment was received.

1 “(b) The amount of the payment.

2 “(c) The discount allowed, if any.

3 “(d) The interest charged, if any.

4 “(e) The number of the receipt issued for such payment.

5 “(2) Except as provided under subsection (3)(a) and (c) of this section, the
6 tax collector shall credit all payments of property taxes as follows:

7 “(a) First, to the payment of any taxes assessed against and due on the
8 property for which the payment was made, paying first the earliest such
9 taxes due on that property; and

10 “(b) Second, to the payment of taxes assessed on any other property which
11 have by any means become a lien against the property for which the payment
12 was made.

13 “(3)(a) Payments of property taxes made by the state on behalf of tax-
14 deferred homestead property under ORS 311.666 to 311.701 shall be credited
15 to the current tax year.

16 “(b) At the election of the taxpayer, payments of property taxes made by
17 the taxpayer on behalf of tax-deferred homestead property under ORS 311.666
18 to 311.701 shall be credited as provided in subsection (2) of this section, ex-
19 cept that the payments shall be credited first to the payment of taxes that
20 are not qualified to be deferred under ORS 311.688 (1) [*or 311.689 (1)*], paying
21 first the earliest of such taxes due on that property.

22 “(c) Notwithstanding any contrary direction from the taxpayer, the tax
23 collector shall credit payments of property taxes to the latest year for which
24 taxes are due on the property for which payment is made if:

25 “(A) The payment is made by a payer who is a mortgagee, beneficiary
26 under a deed of trust or vendor under a land sales contract and who pays
27 taxes on behalf of any taxpayer; and

28 “(B) The mortgagee, beneficiary or vendor directs that the payment be
29 credited to the latest year for which taxes are due on the property; and

30 “(C) The mortgagee, beneficiary or vendor includes in the payment sub-

1 mitted with the direction given under subparagraph (B) of this paragraph
2 only the amounts for the payment of taxes on one or more properties for
3 which delinquent taxes are owed and does not include in that payment taxes
4 on property for which no delinquent taxes are owed.

5 “(d) If the mortgagee, beneficiary or vendor does not direct the tax col-
6 lector as to the application of taxes being paid, then the tax collector shall
7 apply all payments as provided under subsection (2) of this section.

8 “(4) The tax collector may, for convenience, divide the tax roll, as pay-
9 ments are made, into two portions, and file each separately, one portion
10 containing the paid accounts and another portion containing the unpaid ac-
11 counts. From time to time, and no later than the receipt of the next year’s
12 tax roll, the tax collector shall compute and indicate on the tax roll the
13 unpaid balance of taxes for each property assessment.

14 **“SECTION 22.** ORS 311.681 is amended to read:

15 “311.681. (1) Notwithstanding ORS [~~311.668~~] **311.672**, if an individual (or
16 two or more individuals jointly) who has elected to defer homestead property
17 taxes in a prior tax year has not filed a timely claim for deferral for one or
18 more tax years succeeding the year in which property taxes were initially
19 deferred under ORS 311.666 to 311.701, then the individual may request that
20 the Director of the Department of Revenue grant a retroactive deferral of
21 property taxes on the property. A spouse who is eligible to make the election
22 under ORS 311.688 may also request a grant of retroactive deferral under this
23 section.

24 “(2) The director may, in the discretion of the director, grant or deny the
25 retroactive deferral of property taxes. No appeal from a decision of the di-
26 rector under this section may be made.

27 “(3) The director shall not grant a retroactive deferral of property taxes
28 if, in any intervening year between the year in which deferral was last
29 granted to the property and the last year for which retroactive deferral is
30 being requested, the property would not have been eligible for deferral had

1 the claim for deferral been timely filed.

2 “(4) If the director grants a retroactive deferral of property taxes under
3 this section, the department shall pay to the county tax collector an amount
4 equal to the deferred taxes for each year, less three percent. Interest shall
5 accrue on the actual amount of taxes advanced to the county.

6 “(5) The department shall have a lien against the tax-deferred property
7 for amounts deferred under this section as provided in ORS 311.673. The lien
8 shall attach as of July 1 of the tax year for which the payment relates. In
9 the case of a payment representing more than one year’s property taxes, the
10 department shall have a lien in the amount of that portion of a payment
11 related to a particular tax year, which shall attach as of July 1 of that tax
12 year.

13 **“SECTION 23. (1) A claim for an initial year of deferral, or for
14 continued deferral, under ORS 311.666 to 311.701 may not be filed on
15 or after April 16, 2021, and deferral may not be granted for a property
16 tax year beginning after July 1, 2021.**

17 **“(2) The amendments to ORS 311.674 by section 6 of this 2011 Act
18 apply to interest that accrues on taxes advanced to counties for tax-
19 deferred property for property tax years beginning on or after July 1,
20 2011.**

21 **“SECTION 24. This 2011 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the
22 date on which the 2011 regular session of the Seventy-sixth Legislative
23 Assembly adjourns sine die.”**

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