

House Bill 4037

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Updates connection date to federal Internal Revenue Code and other provisions of federal tax law.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to taxation; creating new provisions; amending ORS 238A.005, 238A.125, 238A.150, 238A.170,
3 238A.230, 238A.370, 238A.400, 238A.410, 238A.415, 238A.430, 305.230, 305.494, 305.690, 307.130,
4 307.147, 308A.450, 310.140, 310.630, 310.800, 314.011, 315.004, 316.012, 317.010, 317.097, 458.670
5 and 657.010; and prescribing an effective date.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** ORS 238A.005 is amended to read:

8 238A.005. For the purposes of this chapter:

9 (1) "Active member" means a member of the pension program or the individual account program
10 of the Oregon Public Service Retirement Plan who is actively employed in a qualifying position.

11 (2) "Actuarial equivalent" means a payment or series of payments having the same value as the
12 payment or series of payments replaced, computed on the basis of interest rate and mortality as-
13 sumptions adopted by the board.

14 (3) "Board" means the Public Employees Retirement Board.

15 (4) "Eligible employee" means a person who performs services for a participating public em-
16 ployer, including elected officials other than judges. "Eligible employee" does not include:

17 (a) Persons engaged as independent contractors;

18 (b) Aliens working under a training or educational visa;

19 (c) Persons, other than workers in the Industries for the Blind Program under ORS 346.190,
20 provided sheltered employment or make-work by a public employer;

21 (d) Persons categorized by a participating public employer as student employees;

22 (e) Any person who is an inmate of a state institution;

23 (f) Employees of foreign trade offices of the Oregon Business Development Department who live
24 and perform services in foreign countries under the provisions of ORS 285A.075 (1)(g);

25 (g) An employee actively participating in an alternative retirement program established under
26 ORS 353.250 or an optional retirement plan established under ORS 341.551;

27 (h) Employees of the Oregon University System who are actively participating in an optional
28 retirement plan offered under ORS 243.800;

29 (i) Any employee who belongs to a class of employees that was not eligible on August 28, 2003,
30 for membership in the system under the provisions of ORS chapter 238 or other law;

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (j) Any person who belongs to a class of employees who are not eligible to become members of
 2 the Oregon Public Service Retirement Plan under the provisions of ORS 238A.070 (2);

3 (k) Any person who is retired under ORS 238A.100 to 238A.245 or ORS chapter 238 and who
 4 continues to receive retirement benefits while employed; and

5 (L) Judges.

6 (5) “Firefighter” means:

7 (a) A person employed by a local government, as defined in ORS 174.116, whose primary job
 8 duties include the fighting of fires;

9 (b) The State Fire Marshal, the chief deputy state fire marshal and deputy state fire marshals;
 10 and

11 (c) An employee of the State Forestry Department who is certified by the State Forester as a
 12 professional wildland firefighter and whose primary duties include the abatement of uncontrolled
 13 fires as described in ORS 477.064.

14 (6) “Fund” means the Public Employees Retirement Fund.

15 (7)(a) “Hour of service” means:

16 (A) An hour for which an eligible employee is directly or indirectly paid or entitled to payment
 17 by a participating public employer for performance of duties in a qualifying position; and

18 (B) An hour of vacation, holiday, illness, incapacity, jury duty, military duty or authorized leave
 19 during which an employee does not perform duties but for which the employee is directly or indi-
 20 rectly paid or entitled to payment by a participating public employer for services in a qualifying
 21 position, as long as the hour is within the number of hours regularly scheduled for the performance
 22 of duties during the period of vacation, holiday, illness, incapacity, jury duty, military duty or au-
 23 thorized leave.

24 (b) “Hour of service” does not include any hour for which payment is made or due under a plan
 25 maintained solely for the purpose of complying with applicable workers’ compensation laws or un-
 26 employment compensation laws.

27 (8) “Inactive member” means a member of the pension program or the individual account pro-
 28 gram of the Oregon Public Service Retirement Plan whose membership has not been terminated, who
 29 is not a retired member and who is not employed in a qualifying position.

30 (9) “Individual account program” means the defined contribution individual account program of
 31 the Oregon Public Service Retirement Plan established under ORS 238A.025.

32 (10) “Institution of higher education” means a public university listed in ORS 352.002, the
 33 Oregon Health and Science University or a community college, as defined in ORS 341.005.

34 (11) “Member” means an eligible employee who has established membership in the pension pro-
 35 gram or the individual account program of the Oregon Public Service Retirement Plan and whose
 36 membership has not been terminated under ORS 238A.110 or 238A.310.

37 (12) “Participating public employer” means a public employer as defined in ORS 238.005 that
 38 provides retirement benefits for employees of the public employer under the system.

39 (13) “Pension program” means the defined benefit pension program of the Oregon Public Service
 40 Retirement Plan established under ORS 238A.025.

41 (14) “Police officer” means a police officer as described in ORS 238.005.

42 (15) “Qualifying position” means one or more jobs with one or more participating public em-
 43 ployers in which an eligible employee performs 600 or more hours of service in a calendar year,
 44 excluding any service in a job for which benefits are not provided under the Oregon Public Service
 45 Retirement Plan pursuant to ORS 238A.070 (2).

1 (16) "Retired member" means a pension program member who is receiving a pension as provided
 2 in ORS 238A.180 to 238A.195.

3 (17)(a) "Salary" means the remuneration paid to an active member in return for services to the
 4 participating public employer, including remuneration in the form of living quarters, board or other
 5 items of value, to the extent the remuneration is includable in the employee's taxable income under
 6 Oregon law. Salary includes the additional amounts specified in paragraph (b) of this subsection,
 7 but does not include the amounts specified in paragraph (c) of this subsection, regardless of whether
 8 those amounts are includable in taxable income.

9 (b) "Salary" includes the following amounts:

10 (A) Payments of employee and employer money into a deferred compensation plan that are made
 11 at the election of the employee.

12 (B) Contributions to a tax-sheltered or deferred annuity that are made at the election of the
 13 employee.

14 (C) Any amount that is contributed to a cafeteria plan or qualified transportation fringe benefit
 15 plan by the employer at the election of the employee and that is not includable in the taxable in-
 16 come of the employee by reason of 26 U.S.C. 125 or 132(f)(4), as in effect on December 31, [2010]
 17 **2011**.

18 (D) Any amount that is contributed to a cash or deferred arrangement by the employer at the
 19 election of the employee and that is not included in the taxable income of the employee by reason
 20 of 26 U.S.C. 402(e)(3), as in effect on December 31, [2010] **2011**.

21 (E) Retroactive payments described in ORS 238.008.

22 (F) The amount of an employee contribution to the individual account program that is paid by
 23 the employer and deducted from the compensation of the employee, as provided under ORS 238A.335
 24 (1) and (2)(a).

25 (G) The amount of an employee contribution to the individual account program that is not paid
 26 by the employer under ORS 238A.335.

27 (H) Wages of a deceased member paid to a surviving spouse or dependent children under ORS
 28 652.190.

29 (c) "Salary" does not include the following amounts:

30 (A) Travel or any other expenses incidental to employer's business which is reimbursed by the
 31 employer.

32 (B) Payments made on account of an employee's death.

33 (C) Any lump sum payment for accumulated unused sick leave, vacation leave or other paid
 34 leave.

35 (D) Any severance payment, accelerated payment of an employment contract for a future period
 36 or advance against future wages.

37 (E) Any retirement incentive, retirement bonus or retirement gratuitous payment.

38 (F) Payment for a leave of absence after the date the employer and employee have agreed that
 39 no future services in a qualifying position will be performed.

40 (G) Payments for instructional services rendered to public universities of the Oregon University
 41 System or the Oregon Health and Science University when those services are in excess of full-time
 42 employment subject to this chapter. A person employed under a contract for less than 12 months is
 43 subject to this subparagraph only for the months covered by the contract.

44 (H) The amount of an employee contribution to the individual account program that is paid by
 45 the employer and is not deducted from the compensation of the employee, as provided under ORS

1 238A.335 (1) and (2)(b).

2 (I) Any amount in excess of \$200,000 for a calendar year. If any period over which salary is
3 determined is less than 12 months, the \$200,000 limitation for that period shall be multiplied by a
4 fraction, the numerator of which is the number of months in the determination period and the de-
5 nominator of which is 12. The board shall adopt rules adjusting this dollar limit to incorporate
6 cost-of-living adjustments authorized by the Internal Revenue Service.

7 (18) "System" means the Public Employees Retirement System.

8 **SECTION 2.** ORS 238A.125 is amended to read:

9 238A.125. (1) Upon retiring at normal retirement age, a vested pension program member shall
10 be paid an annual pension for the life of the member as follows:

11 (a) For service as a police officer or firefighter, 1.8 percent of final average salary multiplied
12 by the number of years of retirement credit attributable to service as a police officer or firefighter.

13 (b) For service as other than a police officer or firefighter, 1.5 percent of final average salary
14 multiplied by the number of years of retirement credit attributable to service as other than a police
15 officer or firefighter.

16 (2) Notwithstanding any provision of ORS 238A.100 to 238A.245, the annual benefit payable to
17 a member under the pension program and under any other tax-qualified defined benefit plan main-
18 tained by the participating public employer may not exceed the applicable limitations set forth in
19 26 U.S.C. 415(b), as in effect on December 31, [2010] 2011. The Public Employees Retirement Board
20 shall adopt rules for the administration of this limitation, including adjustments in the annual dollar
21 limitation to reflect cost-of-living adjustments authorized by the Internal Revenue Service.

22 (3) The board shall make no actuarial adjustment in a member's pension calculated under this
23 section by reason of the member's retirement after normal retirement age.

24 **SECTION 3.** ORS 238A.150 is amended to read:

25 238A.150. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of ORS 238A.100 to 238A.245, an eligible em-
26 ployee who leaves a qualifying position for the purpose of performing service in the uniformed ser-
27 vices, and who subsequently returns to employment with a participating public employer with
28 reemployment rights under federal law, is entitled to accrue retirement credit, credit toward the
29 probationary period required by ORS 238A.100 and credit toward the vesting requirements of ORS
30 238A.115 under rules adopted by the Public Employees Retirement Board pursuant to subsection (2)
31 of this section.

32 (2) The board shall adopt rules establishing benefits and service credit for any period of service
33 in the uniformed services by an employee described in subsection (1) of this section. For the purpose
34 of adopting rules under this subsection, the board shall consider and take into account all federal
35 law relating to benefits and service credit for any period of service in the uniformed services, in-
36 cluding 26 U.S.C. 414(u), as in effect on December 31, [2010] 2011. Benefits and service credit under
37 rules adopted by the board pursuant to this subsection may not exceed benefits and service credit
38 required under federal law for periods of service in the uniformed services.

39 **SECTION 4.** ORS 238A.170 is amended to read:

40 238A.170. (1) An active member of the pension program who is 70-1/2 years of age or older must
41 retire not later than April 1 of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the member
42 terminates employment with all participating public employers. An inactive member of the pension
43 program must retire not later than April 1 of the calendar year following the calendar year in which
44 the member attains 70-1/2 years of age.

45 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of ORS 238A.100 to 238A.245, the entire interest of a

1 member of the pension program must be distributed over a time period commencing no later than
2 the required beginning date set forth in subsection (1) of this section, and must be distributed in a
3 manner that satisfies all other minimum distribution requirements of 26 U.S.C. 401(a)(9) and regu-
4 lations implementing that section, as in effect on December 31, [2010] **2011**. The Public Employees
5 Retirement Board shall adopt rules implementing those minimum distribution requirements.

6 **SECTION 5.** ORS 238A.230 is amended to read:

7 238A.230. (1) If a member of the pension program who is vested dies before the member's effec-
8 tive date of retirement, the Public Employees Retirement Board shall pay the death benefit provided
9 for in this section to the spouse of the member or to any other person who is constitutionally re-
10 quired to be treated in the same manner as a spouse for the purpose of retirement benefits.

11 (2)(a) The death benefit to be paid under this section shall be for the life of the spouse or other
12 person who is constitutionally required to be treated in the same manner as a spouse, and shall be
13 the actuarial equivalent of 50 percent of the pension that would otherwise have been paid to the
14 deceased member.

15 (b) For the purpose of paragraph (a) of this subsection, the amount of the pension that would
16 otherwise have been paid to the deceased member shall be calculated:

17 (A) As of the date of death if the member dies after the earliest retirement date for the member
18 under ORS 238A.165; or

19 (B) As if the member became an inactive member on the date of death and thereafter retired
20 at the earliest retirement date if the member dies before the earliest retirement date for the member
21 under ORS 238A.165.

22 (3) The death benefit provided under this section is first effective on the first day of the month
23 following the date of death of the member. The surviving spouse or other person entitled to the
24 death benefit may elect to delay payment of the death benefit, but payment must commence no later
25 than December 31 of the calendar year in which the member would have reached 70-1/2 years of age.

26 (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of ORS 238A.100 to 238A.245, distributions of death
27 benefits under the pension program must comply with the minimum distribution requirements of 26
28 U.S.C. 401(a)(9) and the regulations implementing that section, as in effect on December 31, [2010]
29 **2011**. The board shall adopt rules implementing those minimum distribution requirements.

30 **SECTION 6.** ORS 238A.370 is amended to read:

31 238A.370. Notwithstanding any other provision of ORS 238A.300 to 238A.415, the annual addition
32 to the employee and employer accounts of a member of the individual account program for a cal-
33 endar year, together with the annual additions to the accounts of the member under any other de-
34 fined contribution plan maintained by the participating public employer for a calendar year, may
35 not exceed the lesser of \$40,000, or 100 percent of the member's compensation for that calendar year.
36 For purposes of this section, "annual addition" has the meaning given that term in 26 U.S.C.
37 415(c)(2), as in effect on December 31, [2010] **2011**, and "compensation" has the meaning given the
38 term "participant's compensation" in 26 U.S.C. 415(c)(3), as in effect on December 31, [2010] **2011**.
39 The Public Employees Retirement Board shall adopt rules for the administration of this limitation,
40 including adjustments in the annual dollar limitation to reflect cost-of-living adjustments authorized
41 by the Internal Revenue Service.

42 **SECTION 7.** ORS 238A.400 is amended to read:

43 238A.400. (1) Upon retirement on or after the earliest retirement date, as described in ORS
44 238A.165, a member of the individual account program shall receive in a lump sum the amounts in
45 the member's employee account, rollover account and employer account to the extent the member

1 is vested in those accounts under ORS 238A.320.

2 (2) In lieu of a lump sum payment under subsection (1) of this section, a member of the individ-
3 ual account program may elect to receive the amounts in the member's employee account and em-
4 ployer account, to the extent the member is vested in those accounts under ORS 238A.320, in
5 substantially equal installments paid over a period of 5, 10, 15 or 20 years, or over a period that is
6 equal to the anticipated life span of the member as actuarially determined by the Public Employees
7 Retirement Board. Installments may be made on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis. In no event
8 may the period selected by the member exceed the time allowed by the minimum distribution re-
9 quirements described in subsection (5) of this section. The board shall by rule establish the manner
10 in which installments will be adjusted to reflect investment gains and losses on the unpaid balance
11 during the payout period elected by the member under this subsection. The board by rule may es-
12 tablish minimum monthly amounts payable under this subsection. The board may require that a
13 lump sum payment, or an installment schedule different than the schedules provided for in this
14 subsection, be used to pay the vested amounts in the member's accounts if those amounts are not
15 adequate to generate the minimum monthly amounts specified by the rule.

16 (3) A member of the individual account program electing to receive installments under sub-
17 section (2) of this section must designate a beneficiary or beneficiaries. In the event the member dies
18 before all amounts in the employee and vested employer accounts are paid, all remaining installment
19 payments shall be made to the beneficiary or beneficiaries designated by the member. A beneficiary
20 may elect to receive a lump sum distribution of the remaining amounts.

21 (4) A member who is entitled to receive retirement benefits under ORS chapter 238 may receive
22 vested amounts in the member's employee account, rollover account and employer account in the
23 manner provided by this section when the member retires for service under the provisions of ORS
24 chapter 238.

25 (5) Notwithstanding any other provision of ORS 238A.300 to 238A.415, the entire interest of a
26 member of the individual account program must be distributed over a time period commencing no
27 later than the latest retirement date set forth in ORS 238A.170, and must be distributed in a manner
28 that satisfies all other minimum distribution requirements of 26 U.S.C. 401(a)(9) and regulations im-
29 plementing that section, as in effect on December 31, [2010] 2011. The board shall adopt rules im-
30 plementing those minimum distribution requirements.

31 **SECTION 8.** ORS 238A.410 is amended to read:

32 238A.410. (1) If a member of the individual account program dies before retirement, the amounts
33 in the member's employee account, rollover account and employer account, to the extent the member
34 is vested in those accounts under ORS 238A.320, shall be paid in a lump sum to the beneficiary or
35 beneficiaries designated by the member for the purposes of this section.

36 (2) If a member of the individual account program is married at the time of death, or there exists
37 at the time of death any other person who is constitutionally required to be treated in the same
38 manner as a spouse for the purpose of retirement benefits, the spouse or other person shall be the
39 beneficiary for purposes of the death benefit payable under this section unless the spouse or other
40 person consents to the designation of a different beneficiary or beneficiaries before the designation
41 has been made and the consent has not been revoked by the spouse or other person as of the time
42 of the member's death. Consent and revocation of consent must be in writing, acknowledged by a
43 notary public, and submitted to the Public Employees Retirement Board in accordance with rules
44 adopted by the board. If the member's spouse is designated as the member's beneficiary and the
45 marriage of the member and spouse is subsequently dissolved, the former spouse shall be treated as

1 predeceasing the member for purposes of this section, unless the member expressly designates the
2 former spouse as beneficiary after the effective date of the dissolution or the former spouse is re-
3 quired to be designated as a beneficiary under the provisions of ORS 238.465.

4 (3) For purposes of this section and ORS 238A.400 (3), if a member fails to designate a benefi-
5 ciary, or if the person or persons designated do not survive the member, the death benefit provided
6 for in this section shall be paid to the following person or persons, in the following order of priority:

7 (a) The member's surviving spouse or other person who is constitutionally required to be treated
8 in the same manner as a spouse;

9 (b) The member's surviving children, in equal shares; or

10 (c) The member's estate.

11 (4) The entire amount of a deceased member's vested accounts must be distributed by December
12 31 of the fifth calendar year after the year in which the member died. Notwithstanding any other
13 provision of this chapter, distributions of death benefits under the individual account program must
14 comply with the minimum distribution requirements of 26 U.S.C. 401(a)(9) and the regulations im-
15 plementing that section, as in effect on December 31, [2010] 2011. The Public Employees Retirement
16 Board shall adopt rules implementing those minimum distribution requirements.

17 **SECTION 9.** ORS 238A.415 is amended to read:

18 238A.415. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of ORS 238A.300 to 238A.415, an eligible em-
19 ployee who leaves a qualifying position for the purpose of performing service in the uniformed ser-
20 vices, and who subsequently returns to employment with a participating public employer with
21 reemployment rights under federal law, is entitled to credit toward the probationary period required
22 by ORS 238A.300, credit toward the vesting requirements of ORS 238A.320 and contributions under
23 rules adopted by the Public Employees Retirement Board pursuant to subsection (2) of this section.

24 (2) The board shall adopt rules establishing contributions and service credit for any period of
25 service in the uniformed services by an employee described in subsection (1) of this section. For the
26 purpose of adopting rules under this subsection, the board shall consider and take into account all
27 federal law relating to benefits and service credit for any period of service in the uniformed ser-
28 vices, including 26 U.S.C. 414(u), as in effect on December 31, [2010] 2011. Contributions and service
29 credit under rules adopted by the board pursuant to this subsection may not exceed contributions
30 and service credit required under federal law for periods of service in the uniformed services.

31 **SECTION 10.** ORS 238A.430 is amended to read:

32 238A.430. (1) To the extent required by law, and except as otherwise provided by rules adopted
33 by the Public Employees Retirement Board under subsection (4) of this section, any portion of a
34 distribution of benefits described in subsection (2) of this section shall, at the election of and in lieu
35 of distribution to the distributee, be paid directly to an eligible retirement plan specified by the
36 distributee.

37 (2) The provisions of subsection (1) of this section apply to a distribution of any benefit under
38 the pension program or the individual account program except:

39 (a) A distribution that is one of a series of substantially equal periodic payments made at least
40 annually for the life or life expectancy of the distributee, or for the joint lives or life expectancies
41 of the distributee and a designated beneficiary;

42 (b) A distribution that is one of a series of substantially equal periodic payments made at least
43 annually for a specified period of 10 years or more; and

44 (c) A distribution to the extent that the distribution is required under 26 U.S.C. 401(a)(9).

45 (3) The provisions of subsection (1) of this section apply to any portion of a distribution of

1 benefits under the pension program or the individual account program even though the portion
 2 consists of after-tax employee contributions that are not includable in gross income. Any portion of
 3 a distribution that consists of after-tax employee contributions that are not includable in gross in-
 4 come may be transferred only to an individual retirement account or annuity described in 26 U.S.C.
 5 408(a) or (b), or to a qualified defined contribution or defined benefit plan described in 26 U.S.C.
 6 401(a) or 403(b) that agrees to account separately for amounts transferred, including accounting
 7 separately for the portion of the distribution that is includable in gross income and the portion of
 8 the distribution that is not includable in gross income. The amount transferred shall be treated as
 9 consisting first of the portion of the distribution that is includable in gross income, determined
 10 without regard to 26 U.S.C. 402(c)(1).

11 (4) The board shall adopt rules implementing the direct rollover requirements of 26 U.S.C.
 12 401(a)(31) and the regulations implementing that section, and may adopt administrative exceptions
 13 to the direct rollover requirements to the extent permitted by 26 U.S.C. 401(a)(31) and the regu-
 14 lations implementing that section.

15 (5) All references in this section to federal laws and regulations are to the laws and regulations
 16 in effect on December 31, [2010] 2011.

17 (6) For purposes of this section:

18 (a) "Distributee" means a member, a member's surviving spouse or a member's alternate payee
 19 under ORS 238.465.

20 (b) "Eligible retirement plan" means:

21 (A) An individual retirement account described in 26 U.S.C. 408(a);

22 (B) An individual retirement annuity described in 26 U.S.C. 408(b), other than an endowment
 23 contract;

24 (C) A qualified trust under 26 U.S.C. 401(a), that is a defined contribution or defined benefit plan
 25 and permits the acceptance of rollover contributions;

26 (D) An annuity plan described in 26 U.S.C. 403(a);

27 (E) An eligible deferred compensation plan described in 26 U.S.C. 457(b) that is maintained by
 28 an eligible governmental employer described in 26 U.S.C. 457(e)(1)(A) and that agrees to account
 29 separately for amounts transferred into such plan from the distributing plan; or

30 (F) An annuity contract described in 26 U.S.C. 403(b).

31 **SECTION 11.** ORS 305.230 is amended to read:

32 305.230. (1) Notwithstanding ORS 9.320:

33 (a) Any person who is qualified to practice law or public accountancy in this state, any person
 34 who has been granted active enrollment to practice before the Internal Revenue Service and who
 35 is qualified to prepare tax returns in this state or any person who is the authorized employee of a
 36 taxpayer and is regularly employed by the taxpayer in tax matters may represent the taxpayer be-
 37 fore a tax court magistrate or the Department of Revenue in any conference or proceeding with
 38 respect to the administration of any tax.

39 (b) Any person who is licensed by the State Board of Tax Practitioners or who is exempt from
 40 such licensing requirement as provided for and limited by ORS 673.610 may represent a taxpayer
 41 before a tax court magistrate or the department in any conference or proceeding with respect to the
 42 administration of any tax on or measured by net income.

43 (c) Any shareholder of an S corporation, as defined in section 1361 of the Internal Revenue
 44 Code, as amended and in effect on December 31, [2010] 2011, may represent the corporation in any
 45 proceeding before a tax court magistrate or the department in the same manner as if the share-

1 holder were a partner and the S corporation were a partnership. The S corporation must designate
 2 in writing a tax matters shareholder authorized to represent the S corporation.

3 (d) An individual who is licensed as a real estate broker or principal real estate broker under
 4 ORS 696.022 or is a state certified appraiser or state licensed appraiser under ORS 674.310 or is a
 5 registered appraiser under ORS 308.010 may represent a taxpayer before a tax court magistrate or
 6 the department in any conference or proceeding with respect to the administration of any ad
 7 valorem property tax.

8 (e) A general partner who has been designated by members of a partnership as their tax matters
 9 partner under ORS 305.242 may represent those partners in any conference or proceeding with re-
 10 spect to the administration of any tax on or measured by net income.

11 (f) Any person authorized under rules adopted by the department may represent a taxpayer be-
 12 fore the department in any conference or proceeding with respect to any tax. Rules adopted under
 13 this paragraph, to the extent feasible, shall be consistent with federal law that governs represen-
 14 tation before the Internal Revenue Service, as federal law is amended and in effect on December 31,
 15 [2010] 2011.

16 (g) Any person authorized under rules adopted by the tax court may represent a taxpayer in a
 17 proceeding before a tax court magistrate.

18 (2) A person may not be recognized as representing a taxpayer pursuant to this section unless
 19 there is first filed with the magistrate or department a written authorization, or unless it appears
 20 to the satisfaction of the magistrate or department that the representative does in fact have au-
 21 thority to represent the taxpayer. A person recognized as an authorized representative under rules
 22 or procedures adopted by the tax court shall be considered an authorized representative by the de-
 23 partment.

24 (3) A taxpayer represented by someone other than an attorney is bound by all things done by
 25 the authorized representative, and may not thereafter claim any proceeding was legally defective
 26 because the taxpayer was not represented by an attorney.

27 (4) Prior to the holding of a conference or proceeding before the tax court magistrate or de-
 28 partment, written notice shall be given by the magistrate or department to the taxpayer of the
 29 provisions of subsection (3) of this section.

30 **SECTION 12.** ORS 305.494 is amended to read:

31 305.494. Notwithstanding ORS 9.320, any shareholder of an S corporation as defined in section
 32 1361 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended and in effect on December 31, [2010] 2011, may
 33 represent the corporation in any proceeding before the Oregon Tax Court in the same manner as
 34 if the shareholder were a partner and the S corporation were a partnership.

35 **SECTION 13.** ORS 305.690 is amended to read:

36 305.690. As used in ORS 305.690 to 305.753, unless the context otherwise requires:

37 (1) "Biennial years" means the two income tax years of individual taxpayers that begin in the
 38 two calendar years immediately following the calendar year in which a list is certified under ORS
 39 305.715.

40 (2) "Commission" means the Oregon Charitable Checkoff Commission.

41 (3) "Department" means the Department of Revenue.

42 (4) "Eligibility roster" means a list, prepared under ORS 305.715 and maintained by the com-
 43 mission in chronological order based on the date of form listing or date of eligibility determination,
 44 whichever is later, of charitable and governmental entities seeking inclusion on the Oregon indi-
 45 vidual income tax return forms.

1 (5) "Form listed" or "form listing" means being listed on the Oregon individual income tax re-
2 turn form.

3 (6) "Instruction listing" means being listed on the Department of Revenue instructions for tax
4 return checkoff contribution.

5 (7) "Internal Revenue Code" means the federal Internal Revenue Code as amended and in effect
6 on December 31, [2010] 2011.

7 **SECTION 14.** ORS 307.130 is amended to read:

8 307.130. (1) As used in this section:

9 (a) "Art museum" means a nonprofit corporation organized to display works of art to the public.

10 (b) "Internal Revenue Code" means the federal Internal Revenue Code as amended and in effect
11 on December 31, [2010] 2011.

12 (c) "Nonprofit corporation" means a corporation that:

13 (A) Is organized not for profit, pursuant to ORS chapter 65 or any predecessor of ORS chapter
14 65; or

15 (B) Is organized and operated as described under section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code.

16 (d) "Volunteer fire department" means a nonprofit corporation organized to provide fire pro-
17 tection services in a specific response area.

18 (2) Upon compliance with ORS 307.162, the following property owned or being purchased by art
19 museums, volunteer fire departments, or incorporated literary, benevolent, charitable and scientific
20 institutions shall be exempt from taxation:

21 (a) Except as provided in ORS 748.414, only such real or personal property, or proportion
22 thereof, as is actually and exclusively occupied or used in the literary, benevolent, charitable or
23 scientific work carried on by such institutions.

24 (b) Parking lots used for parking or any other use as long as that parking or other use is per-
25 mitted without charge for no fewer than 355 days during the tax year.

26 (c) All real or personal property of a rehabilitation facility or any retail outlet thereof, including
27 inventory. As used in this subsection, "rehabilitation facility" means either those facilities defined
28 in ORS 344.710 or facilities which provide individuals who have physical, mental or emotional disa-
29 bilities with occupational rehabilitation activities of an educational or therapeutic nature, even if
30 remuneration is received by the individual.

31 (d) All real and personal property of a retail store dealing exclusively in donated inventory,
32 where the inventory is distributed without cost as part of a welfare program or where the proceeds
33 of the sale of any inventory sold to the general public are used to support a welfare program. As
34 used in this subsection, "welfare program" means the providing of food, shelter, clothing or health
35 care, including dental service, to needy persons without charge.

36 (e) All real and personal property of a retail store if:

37 (A) The retail store deals primarily and on a regular basis in donated and consigned inventory;

38 (B) The individuals who operate the retail store are all individuals who work as volunteers; and

39 (C) The inventory is either distributed without charge as part of a welfare program, or sold to
40 the general public and the sales proceeds used exclusively to support a welfare program. As used
41 in this paragraph, "primarily" means at least one-half of the inventory.

42 (f) The real and personal property of an art museum that is used in conjunction with the public
43 display of works of art or used to educate the public about art, but not including any portion of the
44 art museum's real or personal property that is used to sell, or hold out for sale, works of art, re-
45 productions of works of art or other items to be sold to the public.

1 (g) All real and personal property of a volunteer fire department that is used in conjunction with
 2 services and activities for providing fire protection to all residents within a fire response area.

3 (h) All real and personal property, including inventory, of a retail store owned by a nonprofit
 4 corporation if:

5 (A) The retail store deals exclusively in donated inventory; and

6 (B) Proceeds of the retail store sales are used to support a not-for-profit housing program whose
 7 purpose is to:

8 (i) Acquire property and construct housing for resale to individuals at or below the cost of ac-
 9 quisition and construction; and

10 (ii) Provide loans bearing no interest to individuals purchasing housing through the program.

11 (3) An art museum or institution shall not be deprived of an exemption under this section solely
 12 because its primary source of funding is from one or more governmental entities.

13 (4) An institution shall not be deprived of an exemption under this section because its purpose
 14 or the use of its property is not limited to relieving pain, alleviating disease or removing constraints.

15 **SECTION 15.** ORS 307.147 is amended to read:

16 307.147. (1) For purposes of this section:

17 (a) "Internal Revenue Code" means the federal Internal Revenue Code as amended and in effect
 18 on December 31, [2010] **2011**.

19 (b) "Nonprofit corporation" means a corporation that:

20 (A) Is organized not for profit, pursuant to ORS chapter 65 or any predecessor of ORS chapter
 21 65; or

22 (B) Is organized and operated as described under section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code.

23 (c) "Senior services center" means property that:

24 (A) Is owned or being purchased by a nonprofit corporation;

25 (B) Is actually and exclusively used to provide services and activities (including parking) pri-
 26 marily to or for persons over 50 years of age;

27 (C) Is open generally to all persons over 50 years of age;

28 (D) Is not used primarily for fund-raising activities; and

29 (E) Is not a residential or dwelling place.

30 (2) Upon compliance with ORS 307.162, a senior services center is exempt from ad valorem
 31 property taxation.

32 **SECTION 16.** ORS 308A.450 is amended to read:

33 308A.450. As used in ORS 308A.450 to 308A.465:

34 (1) "Conservation easement" has the meaning given that term in ORS 271.715.

35 (2) "Holder" has the meaning given that term in ORS 271.715.

36 (3) "Internal Revenue Code" means the federal Internal Revenue Code as amended and in effect
 37 on December 31, [2010] **2011**.

38 (4) "Lot" has the meaning given that term in ORS 92.010.

39 (5) "Parcel" has the meaning given that term in ORS 92.010, as further modified by ORS 215.010.

40 **SECTION 17.** ORS 310.140 is amended to read:

41 310.140. The Legislative Assembly finds that section 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution,
 42 was drafted by citizens and placed before the voters of the State of Oregon by initiative petition.
 43 Section 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution, uses terms that do not have established legal
 44 meanings and require definition by the Legislative Assembly. Section 11b, Article XI of the Oregon
 45 Constitution, was amended by section 11 (11), Article XI of the Oregon Constitution. This section is

1 intended to interpret the terms of section 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution, as originally
2 adopted and as amended by section 11 (11), Article XI of the Oregon Constitution, consistent with
3 the intent of the people in adopting these provisions, so that the provisions of section 11b, Article
4 XI of the Oregon Constitution, may be given effect uniformly throughout the State of Oregon, with
5 minimal confusion and misunderstanding by citizens and affected units of government. As used in the
6 revenue and tax laws of this state, and for purposes of section 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Con-
7 stitution:

8 (1) "Actual cost" means all direct or indirect costs incurred by a government unit in order to
9 deliver goods or services or to undertake a capital construction project. The "actual cost" of pro-
10 viding goods or services to a property or property owner includes the average cost or an allocated
11 portion of the total amount of the actual cost of making a good or service available to the property
12 or property owner, whether stated as a minimum, fixed or variable amount. "Actual cost" includes,
13 but is not limited to, the costs of labor, materials, supplies, equipment rental, property acquisition,
14 permits, engineering, financing, reasonable program delinquencies, return on investment, required
15 fees, insurance, administration, accounting, depreciation, amortization, operation, maintenance, re-
16 pair or replacement and debt service, including debt service payments or payments into reserve ac-
17 counts for debt service and payment of amounts necessary to meet debt service coverage
18 requirements.

19 (2) "Assessment for local improvement" means any tax, fee, charge or assessment that does not
20 exceed the actual cost incurred by a unit of government for design, construction and financing of
21 a local improvement.

22 (3) "Bonded indebtedness" means any formally executed written agreement representing a
23 promise by a unit of government to pay to another a specified sum of money, at a specified date or
24 dates at least one year in the future.

25 (4) "Capital construction":

26 (a) For bonded indebtedness issued prior to December 5, 1996, and for the proceeds of any
27 bonded indebtedness approved by electors prior to December 5, 1996, that were spent or
28 contractually obligated to be spent prior to June 20, 1997, means the construction, modification,
29 replacement, repair, remodeling or renovation of a structure, or addition to a structure, that is ex-
30 pected to have a useful life of more than one year, and includes, but is not limited to:

31 (A) Acquisition of land, or a legal interest in land, in conjunction with the capital construction
32 of a structure.

33 (B) Acquisition, installation of machinery or equipment, furnishings or materials that will be-
34 come an integral part of a structure.

35 (C) Activities related to the capital construction, including planning, design, authorizing, issuing,
36 carrying or repaying interim or permanent financing, research, land use and environmental impact
37 studies, acquisition of permits or licenses or other services connected with the construction.

38 (D) Acquisition of existing structures, or legal interests in structures, in conjunction with the
39 capital construction.

40 (b) For bonded indebtedness issued on or after December 5, 1996, except for the proceeds of any
41 bonded indebtedness approved by electors prior to December 5, 1996, that were spent or
42 contractually obligated to be spent before June 20, 1997, has the meaning given that term in para-
43 graph (a) of this subsection, except that "capital construction":

44 (A) Includes public safety and law enforcement vehicles with a projected useful life of five years
45 or more; and

1 (B) Does not include:

2 (i) Maintenance and repairs, the need for which could be reasonably anticipated;

3 (ii) Supplies and equipment that are not intrinsic to the structure; or

4 (iii) Furnishings, unless the furnishings are acquired in connection with the acquisition, con-
5 struction, remodeling or renovation of a structure, or the repair of a structure that is required be-
6 cause of damage or destruction of the structure.

7 (5) "Capital improvements":

8 (a) For bonded indebtedness issued prior to December 5, 1996, and for the proceeds of any
9 bonded indebtedness approved by electors before December 5, 1996, that were spent or contractually
10 obligated to be spent before June 20, 1997, means land, structures, facilities, personal property that
11 is functionally related and subordinate to real property, machinery, equipment or furnishings having
12 a useful life longer than one year.

13 (b) For bonded indebtedness issued on or after December 5, 1996, except for the proceeds of any
14 bonded indebtedness approved by electors prior to December 5, 1996, that were spent or
15 contractually obligated to be spent before June 20, 1997, has the meaning given that term in para-
16 graph (a) of this subsection, except that "capital improvements":

17 (A) Includes public safety and law enforcement vehicles with a projected useful life of five years
18 or more; and

19 (B) Does not include:

20 (i) Maintenance and repairs, the need for which could be reasonably anticipated;

21 (ii) Supplies and equipment that are not intrinsic to the structure; or

22 (iii) Furnishings, unless the furnishings are acquired in connection with the acquisition, con-
23 struction, remodeling or renovation of a structure, or the repair of a structure that is required be-
24 cause of damage or destruction of the structure.

25 (6) "Direct consequence of ownership" means that the obligation of the owner of property to pay
26 a tax arises solely because that person is the owner of the property, and the obligation to pay the
27 tax arises as an immediate and necessary result of that ownership without respect to any other in-
28 tervening transaction, condition or event.

29 (7)(a) "Exempt bonded indebtedness" means:

30 (A) Bonded indebtedness authorized by a specific provision of the Oregon Constitution;

31 (B) Bonded indebtedness incurred or to be incurred for capital construction or capital improve-
32 ments that was issued as a general obligation of the issuing governmental unit on or before No-
33 vember 6, 1990;

34 (C) Bonded indebtedness incurred or to be incurred for capital construction or capital improve-
35 ments that was issued as a general obligation of the issuing governmental unit after November 6,
36 1990, with the approval of the electors of the issuing governmental unit; or

37 (D) Bonded indebtedness incurred or to be incurred for capital construction or capital improve-
38 ments, if the issuance of the bonds is approved by voters on or after December 5, 1996, in an election
39 that is in compliance with the voter participation requirements of section 11 (8), Article XI of the
40 Oregon Constitution.

41 (b) "Exempt bonded indebtedness" includes bonded indebtedness issued to refund or refinance
42 any bonded indebtedness described in paragraph (a) of this subsection.

43 (8)(a) "Incurred charge" means a charge imposed by a unit of government on property or upon
44 a property owner that does not exceed the actual cost of providing goods or services and that can
45 be controlled or avoided by the property owner because:

1 (A) The charge is based on the quantity of the goods or services used, and the owner has direct
2 control over the quantity;

3 (B) The goods or services are provided only on the specific request of the property owner; or

4 (C) The goods or services are provided by the government unit only after the individual property
5 owner has failed to meet routine obligations of ownership of the affected property, and such action
6 is deemed necessary by an appropriate government unit to enforce regulations pertaining to health
7 or safety.

8 (b) For purposes of this subsection, an owner of property may control or avoid an incurred
9 charge if the owner is capable of taking action to affect the amount of a charge that is or will be
10 imposed or to avoid imposition of a charge even if the owner must incur expense in so doing.

11 (c) For purposes of paragraph (a)(A) of this subsection, an owner of property has direct control
12 over the quantity of goods or services if the owner of property has the ability, whether or not that
13 ability is exercised, to determine the quantity of goods or services provided or to be provided.

14 (9)(a) "Local improvement" means a capital construction project, or part thereof, undertaken by
15 a local government, pursuant to ORS 223.387 to 223.399, or pursuant to a local ordinance or resol-
16 ution prescribing the procedure to be followed in making local assessments for benefits from a local
17 improvement upon the lots that have been benefited by all or a part of the improvement:

18 (A) That provides a special benefit only to specific properties or rectifies a problem caused by
19 specific properties;

20 (B) The costs of which are assessed against those properties in a single assessment upon the
21 completion of the project; and

22 (C) For which the property owner may elect to make payment of the assessment plus appropriate
23 interest over a period of at least 10 years.

24 (b) For purposes of paragraph (a) of this subsection, the status of a capital construction project
25 as a local improvement is not affected by the accrual of a general benefit to property other than the
26 property receiving the special benefit.

27 (10) "Maintenance and repairs, the need for which could be reasonably anticipated":

28 (a) Means activities, the type of which may be deducted as an expense under the provisions of
29 the federal Internal Revenue Code, as amended and in effect on December 31, [2010] 2011, that keep
30 the property in ordinarily efficient operating condition and that do not add materially to the value
31 of the property nor appreciably prolong the life of the property;

32 (b) Does not include maintenance and repair of property that is required by damage, destruction
33 or defect in design, or that was otherwise not reasonably expected at the time the property was
34 constructed or acquired, or the addition of material that is in the nature of the replacement of
35 property and that arrests the deterioration or appreciably prolongs the useful life of the property;
36 and

37 (c) Does not include street and highway construction, overlay and reconstruction.

38 (11) "Projected useful life" means the useful life, as reasonably estimated by the unit of gov-
39 ernment undertaking the capital construction or capital improvement project, beginning with the
40 date the property was acquired, constructed or reconstructed and based on the property's condition
41 at the time the property was acquired, constructed or reconstructed.

42 (12) "Routine obligations of ownership" means a standard of operation, maintenance, use or care
43 of property established by law, or if established by custom or common law, a standard that is rea-
44 sonable for the type of property affected.

45 (13) "Single assessment" means the complete assessment process, including preassessment, as-

1 sessment or reassessment, for any local improvement authorized by ORS 223.387 to 223.399, or a
 2 local ordinance or resolution that provides the procedure to be followed in making local assessments
 3 for benefits from a local improvement upon lots that have been benefited by all or part of the im-
 4 provement.

5 (14) "Special benefit only to specific properties" shall have the same meaning as "special and
 6 peculiar benefit" as that term is used in ORS 223.389.

7 (15) "Specific request" means:

8 (a) An affirmative act by a property owner to seek or obtain delivery of goods or services;

9 (b) An affirmative act by a property owner, the legal consequence of which is to cause the de-
 10 livery of goods or services to the property owner; or

11 (c) Failure of an owner of property to change a request for goods or services made by a prior
 12 owner of the property.

13 (16) "Structure" means any temporary or permanent building or improvement to real property
 14 of any kind that is constructed on or attached to real property, whether above, on or beneath the
 15 surface.

16 (17) "Supplies and equipment intrinsic to a structure" means the supplies and equipment that
 17 are necessary to permit a structure to perform the functions for which the structure was con-
 18 structed, or that will, upon installation, constitute fixtures considered to be part of the real property
 19 that is comprised, in whole or part, of the structure and land supporting the structure.

20 (18) "Tax on property" means any tax, fee, charge or assessment imposed by any government
 21 unit upon property or upon a property owner as a direct consequence of ownership of that property,
 22 but does not include incurred charges or assessments for local improvements. As used in this sub-
 23 section, "property" means real or tangible personal property, and intangible property that is part
 24 of a unit of real or tangible personal property to the extent that such intangible property is subject
 25 to a tax on property.

26 **SECTION 18.** ORS 310.630 is amended to read:

27 310.630. As used in ORS 310.630 to 310.706:

28 (1) "Contract rent" means rental paid to the landlord for the right to occupy a homestead, in-
 29 cluding the right to use the personal property located therein. "Contract rent" does not include
 30 rental paid for the right to occupy a homestead that is exempt from taxation, unless payments in lieu
 31 of taxes of 10 percent or more of the rental exclusive of fuel and utilities are made on behalf of the
 32 homestead. "Contract rent" does not include advanced rental payments for another period and rental
 33 deposits, whether or not expressly set out in the rental agreement, or payments made to a nonprofit
 34 home for the elderly described in ORS 307.375. If a landlord and tenant have not dealt with each
 35 other at arm's length, and the Department of Revenue is satisfied that the contract rent charged
 36 was excessive, it may adjust the contract rent to a reasonable amount for purposes of ORS 310.630
 37 to 310.706.

38 (2) "Department" means the Department of Revenue.

39 (3) "Fuel and utility payments" includes payments for heat, lights, water, sewer and garbage
 40 made solely to secure those commodities or services for the homestead of the taxpayer. "Fuel and
 41 utility payments" does not include telephone service.

42 (4) "Gross rent" means contract rent paid plus the fuel and utility payments made for the
 43 homestead in addition to the contract rent, during the calendar year for which the claim is filed.

44 (5) "Homestead" means the taxable principal dwelling located in Oregon, either real or personal
 45 property, rented by the taxpayer, and the taxable land area of the tax lot upon which it is built.

1 (6) "Household" means the taxpayer, the spouse of the taxpayer and all other persons residing
 2 in the homestead during any part of the calendar year for which a claim is filed.

3 (7) "Household income" means the aggregate income of the taxpayer and the spouse of the tax-
 4 payer who reside in the household, that was received during the calendar year for which the claim
 5 is filed. "Household income" includes payments received by the taxpayer or the spouse of the tax-
 6 payer under the federal Social Security Act for the benefit of a minor child or minor children who
 7 are members of the household.

8 (8) "Income" means "adjusted gross income" as defined in the federal Internal Revenue Code,
 9 as amended and in effect on December 31, [2010] **2011**, even when the amendments take effect or
 10 become operative after that date, relating to the measurement of taxable income of individuals, es-
 11 tates and trusts, with the following modifications:

12 (a) There shall be added to adjusted gross income the following items of otherwise exempt in-
 13 come:

14 (A) The gross amount of any otherwise exempt pension less return of investment, if any.

15 (B) Child support received by the taxpayer.

16 (C) Inheritances.

17 (D) Gifts and grants, the sum of which are in excess of \$500 per year.

18 (E) Amounts received by a taxpayer or spouse of a taxpayer for support from a parent who is
 19 not a member of the taxpayer's household.

20 (F) Life insurance proceeds.

21 (G) Accident and health insurance proceeds, except reimbursement of incurred medical expenses.

22 (H) Personal injury damages.

23 (I) Sick pay which is not included in federal adjusted gross income.

24 (J) Strike benefits excluded from federal gross income.

25 (K) Worker's compensation, except for reimbursement of medical expense.

26 (L) Military pay and benefits.

27 (M) Veteran's benefits.

28 (N) Payments received under the federal Social Security Act which are excluded from federal
 29 gross income.

30 (O) Welfare payments, except as follows:

31 (i) Payments for medical care, drugs and medical supplies, if the payments are not made directly
 32 to the welfare recipient;

33 (ii) In-home services authorized and approved by the Department of Human Services; and

34 (iii) Direct or indirect reimbursement of expenses paid or incurred for participation in work or
 35 training programs.

36 (P) Nontaxable dividends.

37 (Q) Nontaxable interest not included in federal adjusted gross income.

38 (R) Rental allowance paid to a minister that is excluded from federal gross income.

39 (S) Income from sources without the United States that is excluded from federal gross income.

40 (b) Adjusted gross income shall be increased due to the disallowance of the following deductions:

41 (A) The amount of the net loss, in excess of \$1,000, from all dispositions of tangible or intangible
 42 properties.

43 (B) The amount of the net loss, in excess of \$1,000, from the operation of a farm or farms.

44 (C) The amount of the net loss, in excess of \$1,000, from all operations of a trade or business,
 45 profession or other activity entered into for the production or collection of income.

1 (D) The amount of the net loss, in excess of \$1,000, from tangible or intangible property held for
 2 the production of rents, royalties or other income.

3 (E) The amount of any net operating loss carryovers or carrybacks included in federal adjusted
 4 gross income.

5 (F) The amount, in excess of \$5,000, of the combined deductions or other allowances for depre-
 6 ciation, amortization or depletion.

7 (G) The amount added or subtracted, as required within the context of this section, for adjust-
 8 ments made under ORS 316.680 (2)(d) and 316.707 to 316.737.

9 (c) "Income" does not include any of the following:

10 (A) Any governmental grant which must be used by the taxpayer for rehabilitation of the
 11 homestead of the taxpayer.

12 (B) The amount of any payments made pursuant to ORS 310.630 to 310.706.

13 (C) Any refund of Oregon personal income taxes that were imposed under ORS chapter 316.

14 (9) "Payments for heat" means those payments made to secure the commodities or services to
 15 be used as the principal source of heat for the homestead of the taxpayer and includes payments for
 16 natural gas, oil, firewood, coal, sawdust, electricity, steam or other materials that are capable of use
 17 as a primary source of heat for the homestead.

18 (10) "Statement of gross rent" means a declaration by the applicant, under penalties of false
 19 swearing, that the amount of contract rent and fuel and utility payments designated is the actual
 20 amount both incurred and paid during the year for which elderly rental assistance is claimed.

21 (11) "Taxpayer" means an individual who is a resident of this state on December 31 of the year
 22 for which elderly rental assistance is claimed and whose homestead, as of the same December 31
 23 and during all or a portion of the year ending on the same December 31, is rented and while rented
 24 is the subject, directly or indirectly, of property tax levied by this state or a political subdivision
 25 or of payments made in lieu of taxes.

26 **SECTION 19.** ORS 310.800 is amended to read:

27 310.800. (1) As used in this section:

28 (a) "Authorized representative" means a senior citizen who is authorized by a tax-exempt entity
 29 to perform charitable or public service on behalf of a senior citizen who has entered into a contract
 30 under subsection (2) of this section.

31 (b) "Homestead" means an owner-occupied principal residence.

32 (c) "Senior citizen" means a person who is 60 years of age or older.

33 (d) "Tax-exempt entity" means an entity that is exempt from federal income taxes under section
 34 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended and in effect on December 31, [2010] 2011.

35 (e) "Taxing unit" means any county, city or common or union high school district, community
 36 college service district or community college district within this state with authority to impose ad
 37 valorem property taxes.

38 (2) A tax-exempt entity may establish a property tax work-off program pursuant to which a
 39 senior citizen may contract to perform charitable or public service in consideration of payment of
 40 property taxes extended against the homestead of the senior citizen and billed to the senior citizen.
 41 For purposes of ORS chapters 316 and 656, and notwithstanding ORS 670.600 or other law, a senior
 42 citizen who enters into a contract under this subsection shall be considered an independent con-
 43 tractor and not a worker or employee with respect to the services performed pursuant to the con-
 44 tract. Nothing in this section precludes a taxing unit from being considered an employer, for
 45 purposes of unemployment compensation under ORS chapter 657, of a senior citizen who enters into

1 a contract under this section.

2 (3) A taxing unit may enter into an agreement with a tax-exempt entity that has established a
3 property tax work-off program. Pursuant to the agreement the taxing unit may accept, as volunteer
4 and public service, the services of a senior citizen who has entered into a contract described in
5 subsection (2) of this section or an authorized representative.

6 (4) A taxing unit may provide funds or make grants to any tax-exempt entity that has established
7 a property tax work-off program for use to carry out the program.

8 **SECTION 20.** ORS 314.011 is amended to read:

9 314.011. (1) As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise, "department" means
10 the Department of Revenue.

11 (2) As used in this chapter:

12 (a) Any term has the same meaning as when used in a comparable context in the laws of the
13 United States relating to federal income taxes, unless a different meaning is clearly required or the
14 term is specifically defined in this chapter.

15 (b) Except where the Legislative Assembly has provided otherwise, a reference to the laws of
16 the United States or to the Internal Revenue Code refers to the laws of the United States or to the
17 Internal Revenue Code as they are amended and in effect:

18 (A) On December 31, [2010] **2011**; or

19 (B) If related to the definition of taxable income, as applicable to the tax year of the taxpayer.

20 (c) With respect to ORS 314.105, 314.256 (relating to proxy tax on lobbying expenditures), 314.260
21 (1)(b), 314.265 (1)(b), 314.302, 314.306, 314.330, 314.360, 314.362, 314.385, 314.402, 314.410, 314.412,
22 314.525, 314.742 (7), 314.750 and 314.752 and other provisions of this chapter, except those described
23 in paragraph (b) of this subsection, any reference to the laws of the United States or to the Internal
24 Revenue Code means the laws of the United States relating to income taxes or the Internal Revenue
25 Code as they are amended on or before December 31, [2010] **2011**, even when the amendments take
26 effect or become operative after that date, except where the Legislative Assembly has specifically
27 provided otherwise.

28 (3) Insofar as is practicable in the administration of this chapter, the department shall apply and
29 follow the administrative and judicial interpretations of the federal income tax law. When a pro-
30 vision of the federal income tax law is the subject of conflicting opinions by two or more federal
31 courts, the department shall follow the rule observed by the United States Commissioner of Internal
32 Revenue until the conflict is resolved. Nothing contained in this section limits the right or duty of
33 the department to audit the return of any taxpayer or to determine any fact relating to the tax li-
34 ability of any taxpayer.

35 (4) When portions of the Internal Revenue Code incorporated by reference as provided in sub-
36 section (2) of this section refer to rules or regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury,
37 then such rules or regulations shall be regarded as rules adopted by the department under and in
38 accordance with the provisions of this chapter, whenever they are prescribed or amended.

39 (5)(a) When portions of the Internal Revenue Code incorporated by reference as provided in
40 subsection (2) of this section are later corrected by an Act or a Title within an Act of the United
41 States Congress designated as an Act or Title making technical corrections, then notwithstanding
42 the date that the Act or Title becomes law, those portions of the Internal Revenue Code, as so
43 corrected, shall be the portions of the Internal Revenue Code incorporated by reference as provided
44 in subsection (2) of this section and shall take effect, unless otherwise indicated by the Act or Title
45 (in which case the provisions shall take effect as indicated in the Act or Title), as if originally in-

1 cluded in the provisions of the Act being technically corrected. If, on account of this subsection, any
 2 adjustment is required to an Oregon return that would otherwise be prevented by operation of law
 3 or rule, the adjustment shall be made, notwithstanding any law or rule to the contrary, in the
 4 manner provided under ORS 314.135.

5 (b) As used in this subsection, “Act or Title” includes any subtitle, division or other part of an
 6 Act or Title.

7 **SECTION 21.** ORS 315.004 is amended to read:

8 315.004. (1) Except when the context requires otherwise, the definitions contained in ORS
 9 chapters 314, 316, 317 and 318 are applicable in the construction, interpretation and application of
 10 the personal and corporate income and excise tax credits contained in this chapter.

11 (2)(a) For purposes of the tax credits contained in this chapter, any term has the same meaning
 12 as when used in a comparable context in the laws of the United States relating to federal income
 13 taxes, unless a different meaning is clearly required or the term is specifically defined for purposes
 14 of construing, interpreting and applying the credit.

15 (b) With respect to the tax credits contained in this chapter, any reference to the laws of the
 16 United States or to the Internal Revenue Code means the laws of the United States relating to in-
 17 come taxes or the Internal Revenue Code as they are amended on or before December 31, [2010]
 18 2011, even when the amendments take effect or become operative after that date.

19 (3) Insofar as is practicable in the administration of this chapter, the Department of Revenue
 20 shall apply and follow the administrative and judicial interpretations of the federal income tax law.
 21 When a provision of the federal income tax law is the subject of conflicting opinions by two or more
 22 federal courts, the department shall follow the rule observed by the United States Commissioner of
 23 Internal Revenue until the conflict is resolved. Nothing contained in this section limits the right
 24 or duty of the department to audit the return of any taxpayer or to determine any fact relating to
 25 the tax liability of any taxpayer.

26 (4) When portions of the Internal Revenue Code incorporated by reference as provided in sub-
 27 section (2) of this section refer to rules or regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury,
 28 then such rules or regulations shall be regarded as rules adopted by the department under and in
 29 accordance with the provisions of this chapter, whenever they are prescribed or amended.

30 (5)(a) When portions of the Internal Revenue Code incorporated by reference as provided in
 31 subsection (2) of this section are later corrected by an Act or a Title within an Act of the United
 32 States Congress designated as an Act or Title making technical corrections, then notwithstanding
 33 the date that the Act or Title becomes law, those portions of the Internal Revenue Code, as so
 34 corrected, shall be the portions of the Internal Revenue Code incorporated by reference as provided
 35 in subsection (2) of this section and shall take effect, unless otherwise indicated by the Act or Title
 36 (in which case the provisions shall take effect as indicated in the Act or Title), as if originally in-
 37 cluded in the provisions of the Act being technically corrected. If, on account of this subsection, any
 38 adjustment is required to an Oregon return that would otherwise be prevented by operation of law
 39 or rule, the adjustment shall be made, notwithstanding any law or rule to the contrary, in the
 40 manner provided under ORS 314.135.

41 (b) As used in this subsection, “Act or Title” includes any subtitle, division or other part of an
 42 Act or Title.

43 **SECTION 22.** ORS 316.012 is amended to read:

44 316.012. Any term used in this chapter has the same meaning as when used in a comparable
 45 context in the laws of the United States relating to federal income taxes, unless a different meaning

1 is clearly required or the term is specifically defined in this chapter. Except where the Legislative
2 Assembly has provided otherwise, any reference in this chapter to the laws of the United States or
3 to the Internal Revenue Code refers to the laws of the United States or to the Internal Revenue
4 Code as they are amended and in effect:

5 (1) On December 31, [2010] **2011**; or

6 (2) If related to the definition of taxable income, as applicable to the tax year of the taxpayer.

7 **SECTION 23.** ORS 317.010 is amended to read:

8 317.010. As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise:

9 (1) "Centrally assessed corporation" means every corporation the property of which is assessed
10 by the Department of Revenue under ORS 308.505 to 308.665.

11 (2) "Department" means the Department of Revenue.

12 (3)(a) "Consolidated federal return" means the return permitted or required to be filed by a
13 group of affiliated corporations under section 1501 of the Internal Revenue Code.

14 (b) "Consolidated state return" means the return required to be filed under ORS 317.710 (5).

15 (4) "Doing business" means any transaction or transactions in the course of its activities con-
16 ducted within the state by a national banking association, or any other corporation; provided, how-
17 ever, that a foreign corporation whose activities in this state are confined to purchases of personal
18 property, and the storage thereof incident to shipment outside the state, shall not be deemed to be
19 doing business unless such foreign corporation is an affiliate of another foreign or domestic corpo-
20 ration which is doing business in Oregon. Whether or not corporations are affiliated shall be de-
21 termined as provided in section 1504 of the Internal Revenue Code.

22 (5) "Excise tax" means a tax measured by or according to net income imposed upon national
23 banking associations, all other banks, and financial, centrally assessed, mercantile, manufacturing
24 and business corporations for the privilege of carrying on or doing business in this state.

25 (6) "Financial institution" has the meaning given that term in ORS 314.610 except that it does
26 not include a credit union as defined in ORS 723.006, an interstate credit union as defined in ORS
27 723.001 or a federal credit union.

28 (7) "Internal Revenue Code," except where the Legislative Assembly has provided otherwise,
29 refers to the laws of the United States or to the Internal Revenue Code as they are amended and
30 in effect:

31 (a) On December 31, [2010] **2011**; or

32 (b) If related to the definition of taxable income, as applicable to the tax year of the taxpayer.

33 (8) "Oregon taxable income" means taxable income, less the deduction allowed under ORS
34 317.476, except as otherwise provided with respect to insurers in subsection (11) of this section and
35 ORS 317.650 to 317.665.

36 (9) "Oregon net loss" means taxable loss, except as otherwise provided with respect to insurers
37 in subsection (11) of this section and ORS 317.650 to 317.665.

38 (10) "Taxable income or loss" means the taxable income or loss determined, or in the case of a
39 corporation for which no federal taxable income or loss is determined, as would be determined, un-
40 der chapter 1, Subtitle A of the Internal Revenue Code and any other laws of the United States
41 relating to the determination of taxable income or loss of corporate taxpayers, with the additions,
42 subtractions, adjustments and other modifications as are specifically prescribed by this chapter ex-
43 cept that in determining taxable income or loss for any year, no deduction under ORS 317.476 or
44 317.478 and section 45b, chapter 293, Oregon Laws 1987, shall be allowed. If the corporation is a
45 corporation to which ORS 314.280 or 314.605 to 314.675 (requiring or permitting apportionment of

1 income from transactions or activities carried on both within and without the state) applies, to
2 derive taxable income or loss, the following shall occur:

3 (a) From the amount otherwise determined under this subsection, subtract nonbusiness income,
4 or add nonbusiness loss, whichever is applicable.

5 (b) Multiply the amount determined under paragraph (a) of this subsection by the Oregon ap-
6 portionment percentage defined under ORS 314.280, 314.650 or 314.670, whichever is applicable. The
7 resulting product shall be Oregon apportioned income or loss.

8 (c) To the amount determined as Oregon apportioned income or loss under paragraph (b) of this
9 subsection, add nonbusiness income allocable entirely to Oregon under ORS 314.280 or 314.625 to
10 314.645, or subtract nonbusiness loss allocable entirely to Oregon under ORS 314.280 or 314.625 to
11 314.645. The resulting figure is “taxable income or loss” for those corporations carrying on taxable
12 transactions or activities both within and without Oregon.

13 (11) As used in ORS 317.122 and 317.650 to 317.665, “insurer” means any domestic, foreign or
14 alien insurer as defined in ORS 731.082 and any interinsurance and reciprocal exchange and its at-
15 torney in fact with respect to its attorney in fact net income as a corporate attorney in fact acting
16 as attorney in compliance with ORS 731.458, 731.462, 731.466 and 731.470 for the reciprocal or
17 interinsurance exchange. However, “insurer” does not include title insurers or health care service
18 contractors operating pursuant to ORS 750.005 to 750.095.

19 **SECTION 24.** ORS 317.097 is amended to read:

20 317.097. (1) As used in this section:

21 (a) “Annual rate” means the yearly interest rate specified on the note, and not the annual per-
22 centage rate, if any, disclosed to the applicant to comply with the federal Truth in Lending Act.

23 (b) “Finance charge” means the total of all interest, loan fees, interest on any loan fees financed
24 by the lending institution, and other charges related to the cost of obtaining credit.

25 (c) “Lending institution” means any insured institution, as that term is defined in ORS 706.008,
26 any mortgage banking company that maintains an office in this state or any community development
27 corporation that is organized under the Oregon Nonprofit Corporation Law.

28 (d) “Manufactured dwelling park” has the meaning given that term in ORS 446.003.

29 (e) “Nonprofit corporation” means a corporation that is exempt from income taxes under section
30 501(c)(3) or (4) of the Internal Revenue Code as amended and in effect on December 31, [2010]
31 **2011.**

32 (f) “Preservation project” means housing that was previously developed as affordable housing
33 with a contract for rent assistance from the United States Department of Housing and Urban De-
34 velopment or the United States Department of Agriculture and that is being acquired by a spon-
35 soring entity.

36 (g) “Qualified assignee” means any investor participating in the secondary market for real estate
37 loans.

38 (h) “Qualified borrower” means any borrower that is a sponsoring entity that has a controlling
39 interest in the real property that is financed by a qualified loan. A controlling interest includes, but
40 is not limited to, a controlling interest in the general partner of a limited partnership that owns the
41 real property.

42 (i) “Qualified loan” means:

43 (A) A loan that meets the criteria stated in subsection (5) of this section or that is made to re-
44 finance a loan that meets the criteria described in subsection (5) of this section; or

45 (B) The purchase by a lending institution of bonds, as defined in ORS 286A.001, issued on behalf

1 of the Housing and Community Services Department, the proceeds of which are used to finance or
 2 refinance a loan that meets the criteria described in subsection (5) of this section.

3 (j) "Sponsoring entity" means a nonprofit corporation, nonprofit cooperative, state governmental
 4 entity, local unit of government as defined in ORS 466.706, housing authority or any other person,
 5 provided that the person has agreed to restrictive covenants imposed by a nonprofit corporation,
 6 nonprofit cooperative, state governmental entity, local unit of government or housing authority.

7 (2) The Department of Revenue shall allow a credit against taxes otherwise due under this
 8 chapter for the taxable year to a lending institution that makes a qualified loan certified by the
 9 Housing and Community Services Department as provided in subsection (7) of this section. The
 10 amount of the credit is equal to the difference between:

11 (a) The amount of finance charge charged by the lending institution during the taxable year at
 12 an annual rate less than the market rate for a qualified loan that is made before January 1, 2020,
 13 that complies with the requirements of this section; and

14 (b) The amount of finance charge that would have been charged during the taxable year by the
 15 lending institution for the qualified loan for housing construction, development, acquisition or re-
 16 habilitation measured at the annual rate charged by the lending institution for nonsubsidized loans
 17 made under like terms and conditions at the time the qualified loan for housing construction, de-
 18 velopment, acquisition or rehabilitation is made.

19 (3) The maximum amount of credit for the difference between the amounts described in sub-
 20 section (2)(a) and (b) of this section may not exceed four percent of the average unpaid balance of
 21 the qualified loan during the tax year for which the credit is claimed.

22 (4) Any tax credit allowed under this section that is not used by the taxpayer in a particular
 23 year may be carried forward and offset against the taxpayer's tax liability for the next succeeding
 24 tax year. Any credit remaining unused in the next succeeding tax year may be carried forward and
 25 used in the second succeeding tax year, and likewise, any credit not used in that second succeeding
 26 tax year may be carried forward and used in the third succeeding tax year, and any credit not used
 27 in that third succeeding tax year may be carried forward and used in the fourth succeeding tax year,
 28 and any credit not used in that fourth succeeding tax year may be carried forward and used in the
 29 fifth succeeding tax year, but may not be carried forward for any tax year thereafter.

30 (5) To be eligible for the tax credit allowable under this section, a lending institution must make
 31 a qualified loan by either purchasing bonds, as defined in ORS 286A.001, issued on behalf of the
 32 Housing and Community Services Department, the proceeds of which are used to finance or refi-
 33 nance a loan that meets the criteria stated in this subsection, or by making a loan directly to:

34 (a) An individual or individuals who own a dwelling, participate in an owner-occupied commu-
 35 nity rehabilitation program and are certified by the local government or its designated agent as
 36 having an income level when the loan is made of less than 80 percent of the area median income;

37 (b) A qualified borrower who:

38 (A) Uses the loan proceeds to finance construction, development, acquisition or rehabilitation
 39 of housing; and

40 (B) Provides a written certification executed by the Housing and Community Services Depart-
 41 ment that the:

42 (i) Housing created by the loan is or will be occupied by households earning less than 80 percent
 43 of the area median income; and

44 (ii) Full amount of savings from the reduced interest rate provided by the lending institution is
 45 or will be passed on to the tenants in the form of reduced housing payments, regardless of other

- 1 subsidies provided to the housing project;
- 2 (c) Subject to subsection (14) of this section, a qualified borrower who:
- 3 (A) Uses the loan proceeds to finance construction, development, acquisition or rehabilitation
- 4 of housing consisting of a manufactured dwelling park; and
- 5 (B) Provides a written certification executed by the Housing and Community Services Depart-
- 6 ment that the housing will continue to be operated as a manufactured dwelling park during the pe-
- 7 riod for which the tax credit is allowed; or
- 8 (d) A qualified borrower who:
- 9 (A) Uses the loan proceeds to finance acquisition or rehabilitation of housing consisting of a
- 10 preservation project; and
- 11 (B) Provides a written certification executed by the Housing and Community Services Depart-
- 12 ment that the housing preserved by the loan:
- 13 (i) Is or will be occupied by households earning less than 80 percent of the area median income;
- 14 and
- 15 (ii) Is the subject of a rent assistance contract with the United States Department of Housing
- 16 and Urban Development or the United States Department of Agriculture that will be maintained by
- 17 the qualified borrower.
- 18 (6) A loan made to refinance a loan that meets the criteria stated in subsection (5) of this sec-
- 19 tion must be treated the same as a loan that meets the criteria stated in subsection (5) of this sec-
- 20 tion.
- 21 (7) For a qualified loan to be eligible for the tax credit allowable under this section, the Housing
- 22 and Community Services Department must execute a written certification for the qualified loan that:
- 23 (a) Specifies the period, not to exceed 20 years, as determined by the Housing and Community
- 24 Services Department, during which the tax credit is allowed for the qualified loan; and
- 25 (b) States that the qualified loan is within the limitation imposed by subsection (8) of this sec-
- 26 tion.
- 27 (8) The Housing and Community Services Department may certify qualified loans that are eligi-
- 28 ble under subsection (5) of this section if the total credits attributable to all qualified loans eligible
- 29 for credits under this section and then outstanding do not exceed \$17 million for any fiscal year. In
- 30 making loan certifications under subsection (7) of this section, the Housing and Community Services
- 31 Department shall attempt to distribute the tax credits statewide, but shall concentrate the tax
- 32 credits in those areas of the state that are determined by the State Housing Council to have the
- 33 greatest need for affordable housing.
- 34 (9) The tax credit provided for in this section may be taken whether or not:
- 35 (a) The financial institution is eligible to take a federal income tax credit under section 42 of
- 36 the Internal Revenue Code with respect to the project financed by the qualified loan; or
- 37 (b) The project receives financing from bonds, the interest on which is exempt from federal
- 38 taxation under section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code.
- 39 (10) For a qualified loan defined in subsection (1)(i)(B) of this section financed through the pur-
- 40 chase of bonds, the interest of which is exempt from federal taxation under section 103 of the
- 41 Internal Revenue Code, the amount of finance charge that would have been charged under sub-
- 42 section (2)(b) of this section is determined by reference to the finance charge that would have been
- 43 charged if the federally tax exempt bonds had been issued and the tax credit under this section did
- 44 not apply.
- 45 (11) A lending institution may sell a qualified loan for which a certification has been executed

1 to a qualified assignee whether or not the lending institution retains servicing of the qualified loan
 2 so long as a designated lending institution maintains records, annually verified by a loan servicer,
 3 that establish the amount of tax credit earned by the taxpayer throughout each year of eligibility.

4 (12) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a lending institution that is a community de-
 5 velopment corporation organized under the Oregon Nonprofit Corporation Law may transfer all or
 6 part of a tax credit allowed under this section to one or more other lending institutions that are
 7 stockholders or members of the community development corporation or that otherwise participate
 8 through the community development corporation in the making of one or more qualified loans for
 9 which the tax credit under this section is allowed.

10 (13) The lending institution shall file an annual statement with the Housing and Community
 11 Services Department, specifying that it has conformed with all requirements imposed by law to
 12 qualify for a tax credit under this section.

13 (14) Notwithstanding subsection (1)(h) and (j) of this section, a qualified borrower on a loan to
 14 finance the construction, development, acquisition or rehabilitation of a manufactured dwelling park
 15 under subsection (5)(c) of this section must be a nonprofit corporation, manufactured dwelling park
 16 nonprofit cooperative, state governmental entity, local unit of government as defined in ORS 466.706
 17 or housing authority.

18 (15) The Housing and Community Services Department and the Department of Revenue may
 19 adopt rules to carry out the provisions of this section.

20 **SECTION 25.** ORS 458.670 is amended to read:

21 458.670. As used in this section and ORS 458.675 to 458.700, unless the context requires other-
 22 wise:

23 (1) "Account holder" means a resident of this state who:

- 24 (a) Is 12 years of age or older;
- 25 (b) Is a member of a lower income household; and
- 26 (c) Has established an individual development account with a fiduciary organization.

27 (2) "Fiduciary organization" means an organization selected under ORS 458.695 to administer
 28 state moneys directed to individual development accounts and that is:

29 (a) A nonprofit, fund raising organization that is exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3)
 30 of the Internal Revenue Code as amended and in effect on December 31, [2010] 2011; or

31 (b) A federally recognized Oregon Indian tribe that is located, to a significant degree, within the
 32 boundaries of this state.

33 (3) "Financial institution" means:

- 34 (a) An organization regulated under ORS chapters 706 to 716 or 723; or
- 35 (b) In the case of individual development accounts established for the purpose described in ORS
 36 458.685 (1)(c), a financial institution as defined in ORS 348.841.

37 (4) "Individual development account" means a contract between an account holder and a
 38 fiduciary organization, for the deposit of funds into a financial institution by the account holder, and
 39 the deposit of matching funds into the financial institution by the fiduciary organization, to allow
 40 the account holder to accumulate assets for use toward achieving a specific purpose approved by
 41 the fiduciary organization.

42 (5) "Lower income household" means a household having an income equal to or less than the
 43 greater of the following:

44 (a) 80 percent of the median household income for the area as determined by the Housing and
 45 Community Services Department. In making the determination, the department shall give consider-

1 ation to any data on area household income published by the United States Department of Housing
2 and Urban Development.

3 (b) 200 percent of the poverty guidelines as determined by the Housing and Community Services
4 Department. In making the determination, the department shall give consideration to poverty
5 guidelines published by the United States Department of Health and Human Services and may con-
6 sider other income data periodically published by other federal or Oregon agencies.

7 (6) "Resident of this state" has the meaning given that term in ORS 316.027.

8 **SECTION 26.** ORS 657.010 is amended to read:

9 657.010. As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise:

10 (1) "Base year" means the first four of the last five completed calendar quarters preceding the
11 benefit year.

12 (2) "Benefits" means the money allowances payable to unemployed persons under this chapter.

13 (3) "Benefit year" means a period of 52 consecutive weeks commencing with the first week with
14 respect to which an individual files an initial valid claim for benefits, and thereafter the 52 consec-
15 utive weeks period beginning with the first week with respect to which the individual next files an
16 initial valid claim after the termination of the individual's last preceding benefit year except that
17 the benefit year shall be 53 weeks if the filing of an initial valid claim would result in overlapping
18 any quarter of the base year of a previously filed initial valid claim.

19 (4) "Calendar quarter" means the period of three consecutive calendar months ending on March
20 31, June 30, September 30 or December 31, or the approximate equivalent thereof, as the Director
21 of the Employment Department may, by regulation, prescribe.

22 (5) "Contribution" or "contributions" means the taxes, as defined in subsection (13) of this sec-
23 tion, that are the money payments required by this chapter, or voluntary payments permitted, to be
24 made to the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund.

25 (6) "Educational institution," including an institution of higher education as defined in sub-
26 section (9) of this section, means an institution:

27 (a) In which participants, trainees or students are offered an organized course of study or
28 training designed to transfer to them knowledge, skills, information, doctrines, attitudes or abilities
29 from, by or under the guidance of an instructor or teacher;

30 (b) That is accredited, registered, approved, licensed or issued a permit to operate as a school
31 by the Department of Education or other government agency, or that offers courses for credit that
32 are transferable to an approved, registered or accredited school;

33 (c) In which the course or courses of study or training that it offers may be academic, technical,
34 trade or preparation for gainful employment in a recognized occupation; and

35 (d) In which the course or courses of study or training are offered on a regular and continuing
36 basis.

37 (7) "Employment office" means a free public employment office or branch thereof, operated by
38 this state or maintained as a part of a state-controlled system of public employment offices.

39 (8) "Hospital" means an organization that has been licensed, certified or approved by the Oregon
40 Health Authority as a hospital.

41 (9) "Institution of higher education" means an educational institution that:

42 (a) Admits as regular students only individuals having a certificate of graduation from a high
43 school, or the recognized equivalent of such a certificate;

44 (b) Is legally authorized in this state to provide a program of education beyond high school;

45 (c) Provides an educational program for which it awards a bachelor's or higher degree, or pro-

1 vides a program that is acceptable for full credit toward such a degree, a program of post-graduate
 2 or post-doctoral studies, or a program of training to prepare students for gainful employment in a
 3 recognized occupation; and

4 (d) Is a public or other nonprofit institution.

5 (10) "Internal Revenue Code" means the federal Internal Revenue Code, as amended and in ef-
 6 fect on December 31, [2010] 2011.

7 (11) "Nonprofit employing unit" means an organization, or group of organizations, described in
 8 section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code that is exempt from income tax under section 501(a)
 9 of the Internal Revenue Code.

10 (12) "State" includes, in addition to the states of the United States of America, the District of
 11 Columbia and Puerto Rico. However, for all purposes of this chapter the Virgin Islands shall be
 12 considered a state on and after the day on which the United States Secretary of Labor first approves
 13 the Virgin Islands' law under section 3304(a) of the Federal Unemployment Tax Act as amended by
 14 Public Law 94-566.

15 (13) "Taxes" means the money payments to the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund re-
 16 quired, or voluntary payments permitted, by this chapter.

17 (14) "Valid claim" means any claim for benefits made in accordance with ORS 657.260 if the
 18 individual meets the wages-paid-for-employment requirements of ORS 657.150.

19 (15) "Week" means any period of seven consecutive calendar days ending at midnight, as the
 20 director may, by regulation, prescribe. The director may by regulation prescribe that a "week" shall
 21 be "in," "within," or "during" the calendar quarter that includes the greater part of such week.

22 **SECTION 27. (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and (3) of this section, the**
 23 **amendments to statutes by sections 1 to 26 of this 2012 Act apply to transactions or activities**
 24 **occurring on or after January 1, 2012, in tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2012.**

25 **(2) The effective and applicable dates, and the exceptions, special rules and coordination**
 26 **with the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, relative to those dates, contained in the Com-**
 27 **prehensive 1099 Taxpayer Protection and Repayment of Exchange Subsidy Overpayments Act**
 28 **of 2011 (P.L. 112-9), the Trade Adjustment Assistance Extension Act of 2011 (P.L. 112-40), the**
 29 **United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (P.L. 112-41), the United**
 30 **States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act (P.L. 112-42), the United**
 31 **States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act (P.L. 112-43), the 3%**
 32 **Withholding Repeal and Job Creation Act (P.L. 112-56), the Temporary Payroll Tax Cut Con-**
 33 **tinuation Act of 2011 (P.L. 112-78) and other federal law amending the Internal Revenue Code**
 34 **and enacted before January 1, 2012, apply for Oregon personal income and corporate excise**
 35 **and income tax purposes, to the extent they can be made applicable, in the same manner as**
 36 **they are applied under the Internal Revenue Code and related federal law.**

37 **(3)(a) If a deficiency is assessed against any taxpayer for a tax year beginning before**
 38 **January 1, 2012, and the deficiency or any portion thereof is attributable to any retroactive**
 39 **treatment under the amendments to ORS 305.230, 305.494, 305.690, 307.130, 307.147, 308A.450,**
 40 **310.140, 310.630, 310.800, 314.011, 315.004, 316.012, 317.010 and 317.097 by sections 11 to 24 of this**
 41 **2012 Act, then any interest or penalty assessed under ORS chapter 305, 314, 315, 316, 317 or**
 42 **318 with respect to the deficiency or portion thereof shall be canceled.**

43 **(b) If a refund is due any taxpayer for a tax year beginning before January 1, 2012, and**
 44 **the refund or any portion thereof is due the taxpayer on account of any retroactive treat-**
 45 **ment under the amendments to ORS 305.230, 305.494, 305.690, 307.130, 307.147, 308A.450,**

1 310.140, 310.630, 310.800, 314.011, 315.004, 316.012, 317.010 and 317.097 by sections 11 to 24 of this
2 2012 Act, then notwithstanding ORS 305.270 or 314.415 or other law, the refund or portion
3 thereof shall be paid without interest.

4 (c) Any changes required because of the amendments to ORS 305.230, 305.494, 305.690,
5 307.130, 307.147, 308A.450, 310.140, 310.630, 310.800, 314.011, 315.004, 316.012, 317.010 and 317.097
6 by sections 11 to 24 of this 2012 Act for a tax year beginning before January 1, 2012, shall
7 be made by filing an amended return within the time prescribed by law.

8 (d) If a taxpayer fails to file an amended return under paragraph (c) of this subsection,
9 the Department of Revenue shall make any changes under paragraph (c) of this subsection
10 on the return to which the changes relate within the period specified for issuing a notice of
11 deficiency or claiming a refund as otherwise provided by law with respect to that return, or
12 within one year after a return for a tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2012, and be-
13 fore January 1, 2013, is filed, whichever period expires later.

14 SECTION 28. This 2012 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2012
15 regular session of the Seventy-sixth Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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