



HB 2407 Political Tax Credit

Testimony for Tax Credits 5.9.2013

Means testing the Political Tax Credit makes sense. This is a change we would support.

A cut off at \$75,000 for all tax filers, or \$60 for single and head of household and \$100 for couples seems appropriate. This is well above the Oregon median household income in 2011 of \$46,800. The chart below is a mix of single, and head of household and couple full-year filers. The \$60k/\$100k limits would remove the benefit for 20-25% of the population. This would allow most households for whom political giving is a stretch to continue to participate in the political progress.

2010 Personal Income Tax Filers

Income Group of Full-Year Filers*	Number of Filers Taking Credit	Percent of filers in income group taking credit	Average Revenue Impact of Credit	Revenue Impact (\$ millions)	Percent of Revenue Impact by Income Group
Below \$2,710	140	0.2%	\$17	<\$0.01	0.0%
\$2,710 - \$6,060	680	0.9%	\$19	\$0.01	0.2%
\$6,060 - \$9,130	1,010	1.3%	\$29	\$0.03	0.5%
\$9,130 - \$12,130	1,270	1.6%	\$30	\$0.04	0.6%
\$12,130 - \$15,100	1,540	1.9%	\$34	\$0.05	0.8%
\$15,100 - \$18,160	1,810	2.3%	\$38	\$0.07	1.1%
\$18,160 - \$21,440	1,930	2.4%	\$42	\$0.08	1.3%
\$21,440 - \$25,020	2,230	2.8%	\$46	\$0.10	1.6%
\$25,020 - \$28,910	2,530	3.2%	\$48	\$0.12	1.9%
\$28,910 - \$33,350	2,890	3.7%	\$51	\$0.15	2.4%
\$33,350 - \$38,400	3,380	4.3%	\$53	\$0.18	2.9%
\$38,400 - \$44,110	3,930	5.0%	\$57	\$0.22	3.6%
\$44,110 - \$50,700	4,670	5.9%	\$58	\$0.27	4.3%
\$50,700 - \$58,200	5,610	7.1%	\$61	\$0.34	5.5%
\$58,200 - \$66,790	6,730	8.5%	\$63	\$0.42	6.8%
\$66,790 - \$77,020	7,620	9.6%	\$66	\$0.51	8.1%
\$77,020 - \$89,890	8,840	11.2%	\$71	\$0.63	10.0%
\$89,890 - \$108,370	10,120	12.8%	\$75	\$0.75	12.0%
\$108,370 - \$145,480	12,490	15.8%	\$78	\$0.97	15.4%
Above \$145,480	15,470	19.6%	\$85	\$1.32	21.0%
All Full-Year Filers	94,880	6.0%	\$66	\$6.27	100.0%
Part-Year and Nonresident Filers	3,340		\$63	\$0.21	

*Each Group contains 5 percent of the full-year filers (approximately 79,060)