

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued  
FISCAL: No fiscal impact

---

<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Tax Credits by prior reference
<b>Vote:</b>	9 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Gallegos, Gelser, Gilliam, Gomberg, Keny-Guyer, Olson, Whisnant, Whitsett, Tomei
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
<b>Prepared By:</b>	Regina Wilson, Administrator
<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	3/13, 3/15

---

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Extends sunset for Earned Income Tax Credit to 2020.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Economic impact of Earned Income Tax Credit
- Earned Income Tax Credit as pathway to reduce poverty
- Number of children and families served by Earned Income Tax Credit

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** The Oregon Legislature first enacted the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) in 1997. In 2010, the federal EITC reportedly assisted approximately 6.3 million people across the nation. Low and moderate income working Oregonians with children and some very low income workers without children are eligible for the EITC. A worker must file federal and state tax returns to receive the EITC. In November 2012, the Oregon Center for Public Policy (OCPP) reported that the value of the credit rises as the work hours of low-wage earners increases. According to this same report, the value of the credit phases out at higher income levels. Based on data provided by the OCPP, the national average EITC received by Oregon working families in 2010 was \$1953. House Bill 2477 extends the sunset for the Earned Income Tax Credit to 2020.