

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2894 - MRC

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Legislative Fiscal Office

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Measure Description:

For purposes of tax credits for energy conservation projects, increases amount of eligible cost for which credit may be claimed using informational filing system in place of certification and for which entire credit may be claimed in first allowable tax year.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Energy

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

See Analysis

Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis: The measure makes changes to the Energy Incentives program created by HB 3672 (2011) as amended by HB 4079 (2012), changing the conservation and transportation tax credits without increasing the overall cap on tax credits for either program. In the event that a certified contractor is used, the costs that do not need to be pre-certified for a tax credit are increased from \$20,000 to \$50,000. Eligible costs are increased from \$20,000 to \$50,000 in order to qualify to waive preliminary certification or establish and informal filing system in place of preliminary certification.

The proposed minority report amendment creates a process for individuals that receive state or federal financial assistance to request that they not be charged the public purpose charge. Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) notes that this will most likely have a negative effect on revenues for the Public Purpose Schools Program; however it does not directly affect the fiscal implications of the bill.

The administration of this bill, as amended, can be absorbed within the resources recommended by the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Natural Resources to the Department of Energy's budget on June 5, 2011.