

**A-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 2492**

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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.

Updates connection date to federal Internal Revenue Code and other provisions of federal tax law. **For purposes of earned income tax credit, retains connection date of December 31, 2011.** Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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2 Relating to connection to federal tax law; creating new provisions; amending ORS 238A.005,  
3 238A.125, 238A.150, 238A.170, 238A.230, 238A.370, 238A.400, 238A.410, 238A.415, 238A.430,  
4 305.230, 305.494, 305.690, 307.130, 307.147, 308A.450, 310.140, 310.630, 310.800, 314.011, 315.004,  
5 316.012, 317.010, 317.097, 348.841, 458.670 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, as amended by section 1, chapter 31, Oregon Laws 2012, is amended  
8 to read:

9 238A.005. For the purposes of this chapter:

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

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

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

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

18 (a) Persons engaged as independent contractors;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9 (L) Judges.

10 (5) "Firefighter" means:

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

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

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

18 (6) "Fund" means the Public Employees Retirement Fund.

19 (7)(a) "Hour of service" means:

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

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

28 (b) "Hour of service" does not include any hour for which payment is made or due under a plan  
29 maintained solely for the purpose of complying with applicable workers' compensation laws or un-  
30 employment compensation laws.

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

34 (9) "Individual account program" means the defined contribution individual account program of  
35 the Oregon Public Service Retirement Plan established under ORS 238A.025.

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

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

41 (12) "Participating public employer" means a public employer as defined in ORS 238.005 that  
42 provides retirement benefits for employees of the public employer under the system.

43 (13) "Pension program" means the defined benefit pension program of the Oregon Public Service  
44 Retirement Plan established under ORS 238A.025.

45 (14) "Police officer" means a police officer as described in ORS 238.005.

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 (C) Any amount that is contributed to a cafeteria plan or qualified transportation fringe benefit  
19 plan by the employer at the election of the employee and that is not includable in the taxable in-  
20 come of the employee by reason of 26 U.S.C. 125 or 132(f)(4), as in effect on [December 31, 2011]  
21 **January 3, 2013.**

22 (D) Any amount that is contributed to a cash or deferred arrangement by the employer at the  
23 election of the employee and that is not included in the taxable income of the employee by reason  
24 of 26 U.S.C. 402(e)(3), as in effect on [December 31, 2011] **January 3, 2013.**

25 (E) Retroactive payments described in ORS 238.008.

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

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

31 (H) Wages of a deceased member paid to a surviving spouse or dependent children under ORS  
32 652.190.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

44 (G) Payments for instructional services rendered to public universities of the Oregon University  
45 System or the Oregon Health and Science University when those services are in excess of full-time

1 employment subject to this chapter. A person employed under a contract for less than 12 months is  
2 subject to this subparagraph only for the months covered by the contract.

3 (H) The amount of an employee contribution to the individual account program that is paid by  
4 the employer and is not deducted from the compensation of the employee, as provided under ORS  
5 238A.335 (1) and (2)(b).

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

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

12 **SECTION 2.** ORS 238A.125, as amended by section 2, chapter 31, Oregon Laws 2012, is amended  
13 to read:

14 238A.125. (1) Upon retiring at normal retirement age, a vested pension program member shall  
15 be paid an annual pension for the life of the member as follows:

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

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

21 (2) Notwithstanding any provision of ORS 238A.100 to 238A.245, the annual benefit payable to  
22 a member under the pension program and under any other tax-qualified defined benefit plan main-  
23 tained by the participating public employer may not exceed the applicable limitations set forth in  
24 26 U.S.C. 415(b), as in effect on [December 31, 2011] **January 3, 2013**. The Public Employees Re-  
25 tirement Board shall adopt rules for the administration of this limitation, including adjustments in  
26 the annual dollar limitation to reflect cost-of-living adjustments authorized by the Internal Revenue  
27 Service.

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

30 **SECTION 3.** ORS 238A.150, as amended by section 3, chapter 31, Oregon Laws 2012, is amended  
31 to read:

32 238A.150. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of ORS 238A.100 to 238A.245, an eligible em-  
33 ployee who leaves a qualifying position for the purpose of performing service in the uniformed ser-  
34 vices, and who subsequently returns to employment with a participating public employer with  
35 reemployment rights under federal law, is entitled to accrue retirement credit, credit toward the  
36 probationary period required by ORS 238A.100 and credit toward the vesting requirements of ORS  
37 238A.115 under rules adopted by the Public Employees Retirement Board pursuant to subsection (2)  
38 of this section.

39 (2) The board shall adopt rules establishing benefits and service credit for any period of service  
40 in the uniformed services by an employee described in subsection (1) of this section. For the purpose  
41 of adopting rules under this subsection, the board shall consider and take into account all federal  
42 law relating to benefits and service credit for any period of service in the uniformed services, in-  
43 cluding 26 U.S.C. 414(u), as in effect on [December 31, 2011] **January 3, 2013**. Benefits and service  
44 credit under rules adopted by the board pursuant to this subsection may not exceed benefits and  
45 service credit required under federal law for periods of service in the uniformed services.

1       **SECTION 4.** ORS 238A.170, as amended by section 4, chapter 31, Oregon Laws 2012, is amended  
2 to read:

3       238A.170. (1) An active member of the pension program who is 70-1/2 years of age or older must  
4 retire not later than April 1 of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the member  
5 terminates employment with all participating public employers. An inactive member of the pension  
6 program must retire not later than April 1 of the calendar year following the calendar year in which  
7 the member attains 70-1/2 years of age.

8       (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of ORS 238A.100 to 238A.245, the entire interest of a  
9 member of the pension program must be distributed over a time period commencing no later than  
10 the required beginning date set forth in subsection (1) of this section, and must be distributed in a  
11 manner that satisfies all other minimum distribution requirements of 26 U.S.C. 401(a)(9) and regu-  
12 lations implementing that section, as in effect on [December 31, 2011] **January 3, 2013**. The Public  
13 Employees Retirement Board shall adopt rules implementing those minimum distribution require-  
14 ments.

15       **SECTION 5.** ORS 238A.230, as amended by section 5, chapter 31, Oregon Laws 2012, is amended  
16 to read:

17       238A.230. (1) If a member of the pension program who is vested dies before the member's effec-  
18 tive date of retirement, the Public Employees Retirement Board shall pay the death benefit provided  
19 for in this section to the spouse of the member or to any other person who is constitutionally re-  
20 quired to be treated in the same manner as a spouse for the purpose of retirement benefits.

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

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

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

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

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

36       (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of ORS 238A.100 to 238A.245, distributions of death  
37 benefits under the pension program must comply with the minimum distribution requirements of 26  
38 U.S.C. 401(a)(9) and the regulations implementing that section, as in effect on [December 31, 2011]  
39 **January 3, 2013**. The board shall adopt rules implementing those minimum distribution require-  
40 ments.

41       **SECTION 6.** ORS 238A.370, as amended by section 6, chapter 31, Oregon Laws 2012, is amended  
42 to read:

43       238A.370. Notwithstanding any other provision of ORS 238A.300 to 238A.415, the annual addition  
44 to the employee and employer accounts of a member of the individual account program for a cal-  
45 endar year, together with the annual additions to the accounts of the member under any other de-

1 fined contribution plan maintained by the participating public employer for a calendar year, may  
 2 not exceed the lesser of \$40,000, or 100 percent of the member's compensation for that calendar year.  
 3 For purposes of this section, "annual addition" has the meaning given that term in 26 U.S.C.  
 4 415(c)(2), as in effect on [December 31, 2011] **January 3, 2013**, and "compensation" has the meaning  
 5 given the term "participant's compensation" in 26 U.S.C. 415(c)(3), as in effect on [December 31,  
 6 2011] **January 3, 2013**. The Public Employees Retirement Board shall adopt rules for the adminis-  
 7 tration of this limitation, including adjustments in the annual dollar limitation to reflect cost-of-  
 8 living adjustments authorized by the Internal Revenue Service.

9 **SECTION 7.** ORS 238A.400, as amended by section 7, chapter 31, Oregon Laws 2012, is amended  
 10 to read:

11 238A.400. (1) Upon retirement on or after the earliest retirement date, as described in ORS  
 12 238A.165, a member of the individual account program shall receive in a lump sum the amounts in  
 13 the member's employee account, rollover account and employer account to the extent the member  
 14 is vested in those accounts under ORS 238A.320.

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

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

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

38 (5) Notwithstanding any other provision of ORS 238A.300 to 238A.415, the entire interest of a  
 39 member of the individual account program must be distributed over a time period commencing no  
 40 later than the latest retirement date set forth in ORS 238A.170, and must be distributed in a manner  
 41 that satisfies all other minimum distribution requirements of 26 U.S.C. 401(a)(9) and regulations im-  
 42 plementing that section, as in effect on [December 31, 2011] **January 3, 2013**. The board shall adopt  
 43 rules implementing those minimum distribution requirements.

44 **SECTION 8.** ORS 238A.410, as amended by section 8, chapter 31, Oregon Laws 2012, is amended  
 45 to read:

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

5       (2) If a member of the individual account program is married at the time of death, or there exists  
6 at the time of death any other person who is constitutionally required to be treated in the same  
7 manner as a spouse for the purpose of retirement benefits, the spouse or other person shall be the  
8 beneficiary for purposes of the death benefit payable under this section unless the spouse or other  
9 person consents to the designation of a different beneficiary or beneficiaries before the designation  
10 has been made and the consent has not been revoked by the spouse or other person as of the time  
11 of the member's death. Consent and revocation of consent must be in writing, acknowledged by a  
12 notary public, and submitted to the Public Employees Retirement Board in accordance with rules  
13 adopted by the board. If the member's spouse is designated as the member's beneficiary and the  
14 marriage of the member and spouse is subsequently dissolved, the former spouse shall be treated as  
15 predeceasing the member for purposes of this section, unless the member expressly designates the  
16 former spouse as beneficiary after the effective date of the dissolution or the former spouse is re-  
17 quired to be designated as a beneficiary under the provisions of ORS 238.465.

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

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

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

24       (c) The member's estate.

25       (4) The entire amount of a deceased member's vested accounts must be distributed by December  
26 31 of the fifth calendar year after the year in which the member died. Notwithstanding any other  
27 provision of this chapter, distributions of death benefits under the individual account program must  
28 comply with the minimum distribution requirements of 26 U.S.C. 401(a)(9) and the regulations im-  
29 plementing that section, as in effect on [December 31, 2011] **January 3, 2013**. The Public Employees  
30 Retirement Board shall adopt rules implementing those minimum distribution requirements.

31       **SECTION 9.** ORS 238A.415, as amended by section 9, chapter 31, Oregon Laws 2012, is amended  
32 to read:

33       238A.415. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of ORS 238A.300 to 238A.415, an eligible em-  
34 ployee who leaves a qualifying position for the purpose of performing service in the uniformed ser-  
35 vices, and who subsequently returns to employment with a participating public employer with  
36 reemployment rights under federal law, is entitled to credit toward the probationary period required  
37 by ORS 238A.300, credit toward the vesting requirements of ORS 238A.320 and contributions under  
38 rules adopted by the Public Employees Retirement Board pursuant to subsection (2) of this section.

39       (2) The board shall adopt rules establishing contributions and service credit for any period of  
40 service in the uniformed services by an employee described in subsection (1) of this section. For the  
41 purpose of adopting rules under this subsection, the board shall consider and take into account all  
42 federal law relating to benefits and service credit for any period of service in the uniformed ser-  
43 vices, including 26 U.S.C. 414(u), as in effect on [December 31, 2011] **January 3, 2013**. Contributions  
44 and service credit under rules adopted by the board pursuant to this subsection may not exceed  
45 contributions and service credit required under federal law for periods of service in the uniformed

1 services.

2 **SECTION 10.** ORS 238A.430, as amended by section 10, chapter 31, Oregon Laws 2012, is  
3 amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

17 (3) The provisions of subsection (1) of this section apply to any portion of a distribution of  
18 benefits under the pension program or the individual account program even though the portion  
19 consists of after-tax employee contributions that are not includable in gross income. Any portion of  
20 a distribution that consists of after-tax employee contributions that are not includable in gross in-  
21 come may be transferred only to an individual retirement account or annuity described in 26 U.S.C.  
22 408(a) or (b), or to a qualified defined contribution or defined benefit plan described in 26 U.S.C.  
23 401(a) or 403(b) that agrees to account separately for amounts transferred, including accounting  
24 separately for the portion of the distribution that is includable in gross income and the portion of  
25 the distribution that is not includable in gross income. The amount transferred shall be treated as  
26 consisting first of the portion of the distribution that is includable in gross income, determined  
27 without regard to 26 U.S.C. 402(c)(1).

28 (4) The board shall adopt rules implementing the direct rollover requirements of 26 U.S.C.  
29 401(a)(31) and the regulations implementing that section, and may adopt administrative exceptions  
30 to the direct rollover requirements to the extent permitted by 26 U.S.C. 401(a)(31) and the regu-  
31 lations implementing that section.

32 (5) All references in this section to federal laws and regulations are to the laws and regulations  
33 in effect on [December 31, 2011] **January 3, 2013.**

34 (6) For purposes of this section:

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

37 (b) "Eligible retirement plan" means:

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

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

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

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

44 (E) An eligible deferred compensation plan described in 26 U.S.C. 457(b) that is maintained by  
45 an eligible governmental employer described in 26 U.S.C. 457(e)(1)(A) and that agrees to account



1 separately for amounts transferred into such plan from the distributing plan; or

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

3 **SECTION 11.** ORS 305.230, as amended by section 11, chapter 31, Oregon Laws 2012, is  
4 amended to read:

5 305.230. (1) Notwithstanding ORS 9.320:

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

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

16 (c) Any shareholder of an S corporation, as defined in section 1361 of the Internal Revenue  
17 Code, as amended and in effect on [*December 31, 2011*] **January 3, 2013**, may represent the corpo-  
18 ration in any proceeding before a tax court magistrate or the department in the same manner as if  
19 the shareholder were a partner and the S corporation were a partnership. The S corporation must  
20 designate in writing a tax matters shareholder authorized to represent the S corporation.

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

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

29 (f) Any person authorized under rules adopted by the department may represent a taxpayer be-  
30 fore the department in any conference or proceeding with respect to any tax. Rules adopted under  
31 this paragraph, to the extent feasible, shall be consistent with federal law that governs represen-  
32 tation before the Internal Revenue Service, as federal law is amended and in effect on [*December*  
33 *31, 2011*] **January 3, 2013**.

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

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

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

45 (4) Prior to the holding of a conference or proceeding before the tax court magistrate or de-

1 partment, written notice shall be given by the magistrate or department to the taxpayer of the  
2 provisions of subsection (3) of this section.

3 **SECTION 12.** ORS 305.494, as amended by section 12, chapter 31, Oregon Laws 2012, is  
4 amended to read:

5 305.494. Notwithstanding ORS 9.320, any shareholder of an S corporation as defined in section  
6 1361 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended and in effect on [December 31, 2011] **January 3,**  
7 **2013**, may represent the corporation in any proceeding before the Oregon Tax Court in the same  
8 manner as if the shareholder were a partner and the S corporation were a partnership.

9 **SECTION 13.** ORS 305.690, as amended by section 13, chapter 31, Oregon Laws 2012, is  
10 amended to read:

11 305.690. As used in ORS 305.690 to 305.753, unless the context otherwise requires:

12 (1) "Biennial years" means the two income tax years of individual taxpayers that begin in the  
13 two calendar years immediately following the calendar year in which a list is certified under ORS  
14 305.715.

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

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

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

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

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

25 (7) "Internal Revenue Code" means the federal Internal Revenue Code as amended and in effect  
26 on [December 31, 2011] **January 3, 2013.**

27 **SECTION 14.** ORS 307.130, as amended by section 14, chapter 31, Oregon Laws 2012, is  
28 amended to read:

29 307.130. (1) As used in this section:

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

31 (b) "Internal Revenue Code" means the federal Internal Revenue Code as amended and in effect  
32 on [December 31, 2011] **January 3, 2013.**

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

34 (A) Is organized not for profit, pursuant to ORS chapter 65 or any predecessor of ORS chapter  
35 65; or

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

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

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

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

45 (b) Parking lots used for parking or any other use as long as that parking or other use is per-

mitted without charge for no fewer than 355 days during the tax year.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(i) Acquire property and construct housing for resale to individuals at or below the cost of acquisition and construction; and

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

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

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

**SECTION 15.** ORS 307.147, as amended by section 15, chapter 31, Oregon Laws 2012, is amended to read:

307.147. (1) For purposes of this section:

(a) “Internal Revenue Code” means the federal Internal Revenue Code as amended and in effect on [December 31, 2011] **January 3, 2013**.

(b) “Nonprofit corporation” means a corporation that:

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

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

(c) “Senior services center” means property that:

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

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

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

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

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

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

9 **SECTION 16.** ORS 308A.450, as amended by section 16, chapter 31, Oregon Laws 2012, is  
10 amended to read:

11 308A.450. As used in ORS 308A.450 to 308A.465:

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

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

14 (3) "Internal Revenue Code" means the federal Internal Revenue Code as amended and in effect  
15 on [December 31, 2011] **January 3, 2013.**

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

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

18 **SECTION 17.** ORS 310.140, as amended by section 17, chapter 31, Oregon Laws 2012, is  
19 amended to read:

20 310.140. The Legislative Assembly finds that [section 11b,] Article XI, **section 11b**, of the Oregon  
21 Constitution, was drafted by citizens and placed before the voters of the State of Oregon by initi-  
22 ative petition. [Section 11b,] Article XI, **section 11b**, of the Oregon Constitution, uses terms that do  
23 not have established legal meanings and require definition by the Legislative Assembly. [Section  
24 11b,] Article XI, **section 11b**, of the Oregon Constitution, was amended by [section 11 (11),] Article  
25 XI, **section 11 (11)**, of the Oregon Constitution. This section is intended to interpret the terms of  
26 [section 11b,] Article XI, **section 11b**, of the Oregon Constitution, as originally adopted and as  
27 amended by [section 11 (11),] Article XI, **section 11 (11)**, of the Oregon Constitution, consistent with  
28 the intent of the people in adopting these provisions, so that the provisions of [section 11b,] Article  
29 XI, **section 11b**, of the Oregon Constitution, may be given effect uniformly throughout the State of  
30 Oregon, with minimal confusion and misunderstanding by citizens and affected units of government.  
31 As used in the revenue and tax laws of this state, and for purposes of [section 11b,] Article XI,  
32 **section 11b**, of the Oregon Constitution:

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

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

1 a local improvement.

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

5 (4) "Capital construction":

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 (B) Does not include:

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

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

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

32 (5) "Capital improvements":

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

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

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

44 (B) Does not include:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

14 (C) Bonded indebtedness incurred or to be incurred for capital construction or capital improve-  
15 ments that was issued as a general obligation of the issuing governmental unit after November 6,  
16 1990, with the approval of the electors of the issuing governmental unit; or

17 (D) Bonded indebtedness incurred or to be incurred for capital construction or capital improve-  
18 ments, if the issuance of the bonds is approved by voters on or after December 5, 1996, in an election  
19 that is in compliance with the voter participation requirements of [section 11 (8),] Article XI, **section**  
20 **11 (8)**, of the Oregon Constitution.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

45 (B) The costs of which are assessed against those properties in a single assessment upon the

1 completion of the project; and

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

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

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

8 (a) Means activities, the type of which may be deducted as an expense under the provisions of  
9 the federal Internal Revenue Code, as amended and in effect on [December 31, 2011] **January 3,**  
10 **2013**, that keep the property in ordinarily efficient operating condition and that do not add mate-  
11 rially to the value of the property nor appreciably prolong the life of the property;

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

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

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

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

25 (13) "Single assessment" means the complete assessment process, including preassessment, as-  
26 sessment or reassessment, for any local improvement authorized by ORS 223.387 to 223.399, or a  
27 local ordinance or resolution that provides the procedure to be followed in making local assessments  
28 for benefits from a local improvement upon lots that have been benefited by all or part of the im-  
29 provement.

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

32 (15) "Specific request" means:

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

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

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

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

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

45 (18) "Tax on property" means any tax, fee, charge or assessment imposed by any government

1 unit upon property or upon a property owner as a direct consequence of ownership of that property,  
2 but does not include incurred charges or assessments for local improvements. As used in this sub-  
3 section, "property" means real or tangible personal property, and intangible property that is part  
4 of a unit of real or tangible personal property to the extent that such intangible property is subject  
5 to a tax on property.

6 **SECTION 18.** ORS 310.630, as amended by section 18, chapter 31, Oregon Laws 2012, is  
7 amended to read:

8 310.630. As used in ORS 310.630 to 310.706:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

34 (8) "Income" means "adjusted gross income" as defined in the federal Internal Revenue Code,  
35 as amended and in effect on [December 31, 2011] **January 3, 2013**, even when the amendments take  
36 effect or become operative after that date, relating to the measurement of taxable income of indi-  
37 viduals, estates and trusts, with the following modifications:

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

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

41 (B) Child support received by the taxpayer.

42 (C) Inheritances.

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

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



- 1 (F) Life insurance proceeds.
- 2 (G) Accident and health insurance proceeds, except reimbursement of incurred medical expenses.
- 3 (H) Personal injury damages.
- 4 (I) Sick pay which is not included in federal adjusted gross income.
- 5 (J) Strike benefits excluded from federal gross income.
- 6 (K) Worker's compensation, except for reimbursement of medical expense.
- 7 (L) Military pay and benefits.
- 8 (M) Veteran's benefits.
- 9 (N) Payments received under the federal Social Security Act which are excluded from federal  
10 gross income.
- 11 (O) Welfare payments, except as follows:
  - 12 (i) Payments for medical care, drugs and medical supplies, if the payments are not made directly  
13 to the welfare recipient;
  - 14 (ii) In-home services authorized and approved by the Department of Human Services; and
  - 15 (iii) Direct or indirect reimbursement of expenses paid or incurred for participation in work or  
16 training programs.
- 17 (P) Nontaxable dividends.
- 18 (Q) Nontaxable interest not included in federal adjusted gross income.
- 19 (R) Rental allowance paid to a minister that is excluded from federal gross income.
- 20 (S) Income from sources without the United States that is excluded from federal gross income.
- 21 (b) Adjusted gross income shall be increased due to the disallowance of the following deductions:
  - 22 (A) The amount of the net loss, in excess of \$1,000, from all dispositions of tangible or intangible  
23 properties.
  - 24 (B) The amount of the net loss, in excess of \$1,000, from the operation of a farm or farms.
  - 25 (C) The amount of the net loss, in excess of \$1,000, from all operations of a trade or business,  
26 profession or other activity entered into for the production or collection of income.
  - 27 (D) The amount of the net loss, in excess of \$1,000, from tangible or intangible property held for  
28 the production of rents, royalties or other income.
  - 29 (E) The amount of any net operating loss carryovers or carrybacks included in federal adjusted  
30 gross income.
  - 31 (F) The amount, in excess of \$5,000, of the combined deductions or other allowances for depre-  
32 ciation, amortization or depletion.
  - 33 (G) The amount added or subtracted, as required within the context of this section, for adjust-  
34 ments made under ORS 316.680 (2)(d) and 316.707 to 316.737.
- 35 (c) "Income" does not include any of the following:
  - 36 (A) Any governmental grant which must be used by the taxpayer for rehabilitation of the  
37 homestead of the taxpayer.
  - 38 (B) The amount of any payments made pursuant to ORS 310.630 to 310.706.
  - 39 (C) Any refund of Oregon personal income taxes that were imposed under ORS chapter 316.
- 40 (9) "Payments for heat" means those payments made to secure the commodities or services to  
41 be used as the principal source of heat for the homestead of the taxpayer and includes payments for  
42 natural gas, oil, firewood, coal, sawdust, electricity, steam or other materials that are capable of use  
43 as a primary source of heat for the homestead.
- 44 (10) "Statement of gross rent" means a declaration by the applicant, under penalties of false  
45 swearing, that the amount of contract rent and fuel and utility payments designated is the actual

1 amount both incurred and paid during the year for which elderly rental assistance is claimed.

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

7 **SECTION 19.** ORS 310.800, as amended by section 19, chapter 31, Oregon Laws 2012, is  
8 amended to read:

9 310.800. (1) As used in this section:

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

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

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

15 (d) "Tax-exempt entity" means an entity that is exempt from federal income taxes under section  
16 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended and in effect on [December 31, 2011] **January 3,**  
17 **2013.**

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

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

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

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

36 **SECTION 20.** ORS 314.011, as amended by section 20, chapter 31, Oregon Laws 2012, is  
37 amended to read:

38 314.011. (1) As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise, "department" means  
39 the Department of Revenue.

40 (2) As used in this chapter:

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

44 (b) Except where the Legislative Assembly has provided otherwise, a reference to the laws of  
45 the United States or to the Internal Revenue Code refers to the laws of the United States or to the

1 Internal Revenue Code as they are amended and in effect:

2 (A) On [December 31, 2011] **January 3, 2013**; or

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

4 (c) With respect to ORS 314.105, 314.256 (relating to proxy tax on lobbying expenditures), 314.260  
5 (1)(b), 314.265 (1)(b), 314.302, 314.306, 314.330, 314.360, 314.362, 314.385, 314.402, 314.410, 314.412,  
6 314.525, 314.742 (7), 314.750 and 314.752 and other provisions of this chapter, except those described  
7 in paragraph (b) of this subsection, any reference to the laws of the United States or to the Internal  
8 Revenue Code means the laws of the United States relating to income taxes or the Internal Revenue  
9 Code as they are amended on or before [December 31, 2011] **January 3, 2013**, even when the  
10 amendments take effect or become operative after that date, except where the Legislative Assembly  
11 has specifically provided otherwise.

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

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

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

34 (b) As used in this subsection, "Act or Title" includes any subtitle, division or other part of an  
35 Act or Title.

36 **SECTION 21.** ORS 315.004, as amended by section 21, chapter 31, Oregon Laws 2012, is  
37 amended to read:

38 315.004. (1) Except when the context requires otherwise, the definitions contained in ORS  
39 chapters 314, 316, 317 and 318 are applicable in the construction, interpretation and application of  
40 the personal and corporate income and excise tax credits contained in this chapter.

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

45 (b) With respect to the tax credits contained in this chapter, any reference to the laws of the

1 United States or to the Internal Revenue Code means the laws of the United States relating to in-  
 2 come taxes or the Internal Revenue Code as they are amended on or before [*December 31, 2011*]  
 3 **January 3, 2013**, even when the amendments take effect or become operative after that date.

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

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

15 (5)(a) When portions of the Internal Revenue Code incorporated by reference as provided in  
 16 subsection (2) of this section are later corrected by an Act or a Title within an Act of the United  
 17 States Congress designated as an Act or Title making technical corrections, then notwithstanding  
 18 the date that the Act or Title becomes law, those portions of the Internal Revenue Code, as so  
 19 corrected, shall be the portions of the Internal Revenue Code incorporated by reference as provided  
 20 in subsection (2) of this section and shall take effect, unless otherwise indicated by the Act or Title  
 21 (in which case the provisions shall take effect as indicated in the Act or Title), as if originally in-  
 22 cluded in the provisions of the Act being technically corrected. If, on account of this subsection, any  
 23 adjustment is required to an Oregon return that would otherwise be prevented by operation of law  
 24 or rule, the adjustment shall be made, notwithstanding any law or rule to the contrary, in the  
 25 manner provided under ORS 314.135.

26 (b) As used in this subsection, "Act or Title" includes any subtitle, division or other part of an  
 27 Act or Title.

28 **SECTION 22.** ORS 316.012, as amended by section 22, chapter 31, Oregon Laws 2012, is  
 29 amended to read:

30 316.012. Any term used in this chapter has the same meaning as when used in a comparable  
 31 context in the laws of the United States relating to federal income taxes, unless a different meaning  
 32 is clearly required or the term is specifically defined in this chapter. Except where the Legislative  
 33 Assembly has provided otherwise, any reference in this chapter to the laws of the United States or  
 34 to the Internal Revenue Code refers to the laws of the United States or to the Internal Revenue  
 35 Code as they are amended and in effect:

36 (1) On [*December 31, 2011*] **January 3, 2013**; or

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

38 **SECTION 23.** ORS 317.010, as amended by section 23, chapter 31, Oregon Laws 2012, is  
 39 amended to read:

40 317.010. As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise:

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 (6) "Financial institution" has the meaning given that term in ORS 314.610 except that it does  
13 not include a credit union as defined in ORS 723.006, an interstate credit union as defined in ORS  
14 723.001 or a federal credit union.

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

18 (a) On [*December 31, 2011*] **January 3, 2013**; or

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

20 (8) "Oregon taxable income" means taxable income, less the deduction allowed under ORS  
21 317.476, except as otherwise provided with respect to insurers in subsection (11) of this section and  
22 ORS 317.650 to 317.665.

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

25 (10) "Taxable income or loss" means the taxable income or loss determined, or in the case of a  
26 corporation for which no federal taxable income or loss is determined, as would be determined, un-  
27 der chapter 1, Subtitle A of the Internal Revenue Code and any other laws of the United States  
28 relating to the determination of taxable income or loss of corporate taxpayers, with the additions,  
29 subtractions, adjustments and other modifications as are specifically prescribed by this chapter ex-  
30 cept that in determining taxable income or loss for any year, no deduction under ORS 317.476 or  
31 317.478 and section 45b, chapter 293, Oregon Laws 1987, shall be allowed. If the corporation is a  
32 corporation to which ORS 314.280 or 314.605 to 314.675 (requiring or permitting apportionment of  
33 income from transactions or activities carried on both within and without the state) applies, to  
34 derive taxable income or loss, the following shall occur:

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

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

40 (c) To the amount determined as Oregon apportioned income or loss under paragraph (b) of this  
41 subsection, add nonbusiness income allocable entirely to Oregon under ORS 314.280 or 314.625 to  
42 314.645, or subtract nonbusiness loss allocable entirely to Oregon under ORS 314.280 or 314.625 to  
43 314.645. The resulting figure is "taxable income or loss" for those corporations carrying on taxable  
44 transactions or activities both within and without Oregon.

45 (11) As used in ORS 317.122 and 317.650 to 317.665, "insurer" means any domestic, foreign or

1 alien insurer as defined in ORS 731.082 and any interinsurance and reciprocal exchange and its at-  
2 torney in fact with respect to its attorney in fact net income as a corporate attorney in fact acting  
3 as attorney in compliance with ORS 731.458, 731.462, 731.466 and 731.470 for the reciprocal or  
4 interinsurance exchange. However, “insurer” does not include title insurers or health care service  
5 contractors operating pursuant to ORS 750.005 to 750.095.

6 **SECTION 24.** ORS 317.097, as amended by section 24, chapter 31, Oregon Laws 2012, is  
7 amended to read:

8 317.097. (1) As used in this section:

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

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

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

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

17 (e) “Nonprofit corporation” means a corporation that is exempt from income taxes under section  
18 501(c)(3) or (4) of the Internal Revenue Code as amended and in effect on [December 31, 2011] **Jan-**  
19 **uary 3, 2013.**

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

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

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

30 (i) “Qualified loan” means:

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

33 (B) The purchase by a lending institution of bonds, as defined in ORS 286A.001, issued on behalf  
34 of the Housing and Community Services Department, the proceeds of which are used to finance or  
35 refinance a loan that meets the criteria described in subsection (5) of this section.

36 (j) “Sponsoring entity” means a nonprofit corporation, nonprofit cooperative, state governmental  
37 entity, local unit of government as defined in ORS 466.706, housing authority or any other person,  
38 provided that the person has agreed to restrictive covenants imposed by a nonprofit corporation,  
39 nonprofit cooperative, state governmental entity, local unit of government or housing authority.

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

44 (a) The amount of finance charge charged by the lending institution during the taxable year at  
45 an annual rate less than the market rate for a qualified loan that is made before January 1, 2020,

1 that complies with the requirements of this section; and

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

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

10 (4) Any tax credit allowed under this section that is not used by the taxpayer in a particular  
11 year may be carried forward and offset against the taxpayer's tax liability for the next succeeding  
12 tax year. Any credit remaining unused in the next succeeding tax year may be carried forward and  
13 used in the second succeeding tax year, and likewise, any credit not used in that second succeeding  
14 tax year may be carried forward and used in the third succeeding tax year, and any credit not used  
15 in that third succeeding tax year may be carried forward and used in the fourth succeeding tax year,  
16 and any credit not used in that fourth succeeding tax year may be carried forward and used in the  
17 fifth succeeding tax year, but may not be carried forward for any tax year thereafter.

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

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

25 (b) A qualified borrower who:

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

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

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

32 (ii) Full amount of savings from the reduced interest rate provided by the lending institution is  
33 or will be passed on to the tenants in the form of reduced housing payments, regardless of other  
34 subsidies provided to the housing project;

35 (c) Subject to subsection (14) of this section, a qualified borrower who:

36 (A) Uses the loan proceeds to finance construction, development, acquisition or rehabilitation  
37 of housing consisting of a manufactured dwelling park; and

38 (B) Provides a written certification executed by the Housing and Community Services Depart-  
39 ment that the housing will continue to be operated as a manufactured dwelling park during the pe-  
40 riod for which the tax credit is allowed; or

41 (d) A qualified borrower who:

42 (A) Uses the loan proceeds to finance acquisition or rehabilitation of housing consisting of a  
43 preservation project; and

44 (B) Provides a written certification executed by the Housing and Community Services Depart-  
45 ment that the housing preserved by the loan:

1 (i) Is or will be occupied by households earning less than 80 percent of the area median income;  
2 and

3 (ii) Is the subject of a rent assistance contract with the United States Department of Housing  
4 and Urban Development or the United States Department of Agriculture that will be maintained by  
5 the qualified borrower.

6 (6) A loan made to refinance a loan that meets the criteria stated in subsection (5) of this sec-  
7 tion must be treated the same as a loan that meets the criteria stated in subsection (5) of this sec-  
8 tion.

9 (7) For a qualified loan to be eligible for the tax credit allowable under this section, the Housing  
10 and Community Services Department must execute a written certification for the qualified loan that:

11 (a) Specifies the period, not to exceed 20 years, as determined by the Housing and Community  
12 Services Department, during which the tax credit is allowed for the qualified loan; and

13 (b) States that the qualified loan is within the limitation imposed by subsection (8) of this sec-  
14 tion.

15 (8) The Housing and Community Services Department may certify qualified loans that are eligi-  
16 ble under subsection (5) of this section if the total credits attributable to all qualified loans eligible  
17 for credits under this section and then outstanding do not exceed \$17 million for any fiscal year. In  
18 making loan certifications under subsection (7) of this section, the Housing and Community Services  
19 Department shall attempt to distribute the tax credits statewide, but shall concentrate the tax  
20 credits in those areas of the state that are determined by the State Housing Council to have the  
21 greatest need for affordable housing.

22 (9) The tax credit provided for in this section may be taken whether or not:

23 (a) The financial institution is eligible to take a federal income tax credit under section 42 of  
24 the Internal Revenue Code with respect to the project financed by the qualified loan; or

25 (b) The project receives financing from bonds, the interest on which is exempt from federal  
26 taxation under section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code.

27 (10) For a qualified loan defined in subsection (1)(i)(B) of this section financed through the pur-  
28 chase of bonds, the interest of which is exempt from federal taxation under section 103 of the  
29 Internal Revenue Code, the amount of finance charge that would have been charged under sub-  
30 section (2)(b) of this section is determined by reference to the finance charge that would have been  
31 charged if the federally tax exempt bonds had been issued and the tax credit under this section did  
32 not apply.

33 (11) A lending institution may sell a qualified loan for which a certification has been executed  
34 to a qualified assignee whether or not the lending institution retains servicing of the qualified loan  
35 so long as a designated lending institution maintains records, annually verified by a loan servicer,  
36 that establish the amount of tax credit earned by the taxpayer throughout each year of eligibility.

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

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



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

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

8 **SECTION 25.** ORS 348.841, as amended by section 25, chapter 31, Oregon Laws 2012, is  
9 amended to read:

10 348.841. As used in ORS 348.841 to 348.873:

11 (1) "Account" means an individual account established in accordance with ORS 348.841 to  
12 348.873.

13 (2) "Account owner" means the person who has the right to withdraw funds from the account.  
14 The account owner may also be the designated beneficiary of the account.

15 (3) "Board" means the Oregon 529 College Savings Board established under ORS 348.849.

16 (4) "Designated beneficiary" means, except as provided in ORS 348.867, the individual designated  
17 at the time the account is opened as having the right to receive a qualified withdrawal for the  
18 payment of qualified higher education expenses, or if the designated beneficiary is replaced in ac-  
19 cordance with ORS 348.867, the replacement.

20 (5) "Financial institution" means a bank, a commercial bank, a national bank, a savings bank,  
21 a savings and loan, a thrift institution, a credit union, an insurance company, a trust company, a  
22 mutual fund, an investment firm or other similar entity authorized to do business in this state.

23 (6) "Higher education institution" means an eligible education institution as defined in section  
24 529(e)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code.

25 (7) "Internal Revenue Code" means the federal Internal Revenue Code as amended and in effect  
26 on [December 31, 2011] **January 3, 2013**.

27 (8) "Member of the family" shall have the same meaning as contained in section 529(e) of the  
28 Internal Revenue Code.

29 (9) "Network" means the Oregon 529 College Savings Network established under ORS 348.841  
30 to 348.873.

31 (10) "Nonqualified withdrawal" means a withdrawal from an account that is not a qualified  
32 withdrawal.

33 (11) "Qualified higher education expenses" means tuition and other permitted expenses as set  
34 forth in section 529(e) of the Internal Revenue Code for the enrollment or attendance of a designated  
35 beneficiary at a higher education institution.

36 (12) "Qualified withdrawal" means a withdrawal made as prescribed under ORS 348.870 and  
37 made:

38 (a) From an account to pay the qualified higher education expenses of the designated benefi-  
39 ciary;

40 (b) As the result of the death or disability of the designated beneficiary;

41 (c) As the result of a scholarship, allowance or payment described in section 135(d)(1)(A), (B)  
42 or (C) of the Internal Revenue Code that is received by the designated beneficiary, but only to the  
43 extent of the amount of the scholarship, allowance or payment; or

44 (d) As a rollover or change in the designated beneficiary described in ORS 348.867.

45 **SECTION 26.** ORS 458.670, as amended by section 26, chapter 31, Oregon Laws 2012, is

1 amended to read:

2 458.670. As used in this section and ORS 458.675 to 458.700, unless the context requires other-  
3 wise:

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

5 (a) Is 12 years of age or older;

6 (b) Is a member of a lower income household; and

7 (c) Has established an individual development account with a fiduciary organization.

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

10 (a) A nonprofit, fund raising organization that is exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3)  
11 of the Internal Revenue Code as amended and in effect on [December 31, 2011] **January 3, 2013**; or

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

14 (3) "Financial institution" means:

15 (a) An organization regulated under ORS chapters 706 to 716 or 723; or

16 (b) In the case of individual development accounts established for the purpose described in ORS  
17 458.685 (1)(c), a financial institution as defined in ORS 348.841.

18 (4) "Individual development account" means a contract between an account holder and a  
19 fiduciary organization, for the deposit of funds into a financial institution by the account holder, and  
20 the deposit of matching funds into the financial institution by the fiduciary organization, to allow  
21 the account holder to accumulate assets for use toward achieving a specific purpose approved by  
22 the fiduciary organization.

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

25 (a) 80 percent of the median household income for the area as determined by the Housing and  
26 Community Services Department. In making the determination, the department shall give consider-  
27 ation to any data on area household income published by the United States Department of Housing  
28 and Urban Development.

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

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

34 **SECTION 27.** ORS 657.010, as amended by section 27, chapter 31, Oregon Laws 2012, is  
35 amended to read:

36 657.010. As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise:

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

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

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

1 (4) "Calendar quarter" means the period of three consecutive calendar months ending on March  
2 31, June 30, September 30 or December 31, or the approximate equivalent thereof, as the Director  
3 of the Employment Department may, by regulation, prescribe.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 (c) Provides an educational program for which it awards a bachelor's or higher degree, or pro-  
28 vides a program that is acceptable for full credit toward such a degree, a program of post-graduate  
29 or post-doctoral studies, or a program of training to prepare students for gainful employment in a  
30 recognized occupation; and

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

32 (10) "Internal Revenue Code" means the federal Internal Revenue Code, as amended and in ef-  
33 fect on [December 31, 2011] **January 3, 2013**.

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

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

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

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

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

4 **SECTION 28.** Notwithstanding ORS 315.004, as used in ORS 315.266, "Internal Revenue  
5 Code" means the federal Internal Revenue Code as amended and in effect on December 31,  
6 2011.

7 **SECTION 29.** (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and (3) of this section, section 28  
8 of this 2013 Act and the amendments to statutes by sections 1 to 27 of this 2013 Act apply  
9 to transactions or activities occurring on or after January 1, 2013, in tax years beginning on  
10 or after January 1, 2013.

11 (2) The effective and applicable dates, and the exceptions, special rules and coordination  
12 with the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, relative to those dates, contained in the Middle  
13 Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (P.L. 112-96), the American Taxpayer Relief  
14 Act of 2012 (P.L. 112-240) and other federal law amending the Internal Revenue Code and  
15 enacted before January 3, 2013, apply for Oregon personal income and corporate excise and  
16 income tax purposes, to the extent they can be made applicable, in the same manner as they  
17 are applied under the Internal Revenue Code and related federal law.

18 (3)(a) If a deficiency is assessed against any taxpayer for a tax year beginning before  
19 January 1, 2013, and the deficiency or any portion thereof is attributable to any retroactive  
20 treatment under the amendments to ORS 305.230, 305.494, 305.690, 307.130, 307.147, 308A.450,  
21 310.140, 310.630, 310.800, 314.011, 315.004, 316.012, 317.010, 317.097 and 348.841 by sections 11 to  
22 25 of this 2013 Act, then any interest or penalty assessed under ORS chapter 305, 314, 315,  
23 316, 317 or 318 with respect to the deficiency or portion thereof shall be canceled.

24 (b) If a refund is due any taxpayer for a tax year beginning before January 1, 2013, and  
25 the refund or any portion thereof is due the taxpayer on account of any retroactive treat-  
26 ment under the amendments to ORS 305.230, 305.494, 305.690, 307.130, 307.147, 308A.450,  
27 310.140, 310.630, 310.800, 314.011, 315.004, 316.012, 317.010, 317.097 and 348.841 by sections 11 to  
28 25 of this 2013 Act, then notwithstanding ORS 305.270 or 314.415 or other law, the refund or  
29 portion thereof shall be paid without interest.

30 (c) Any changes required because of the amendments to ORS 305.230, 305.494, 305.690,  
31 307.130, 307.147, 308A.450, 310.140, 310.630, 310.800, 314.011, 315.004, 316.012, 317.010, 317.097 and  
32 348.841 by sections 11 to 25 of this 2013 Act for a tax year beginning before January 1, 2013,  
33 shall be made by filing an amended return within the time prescribed by law.

34 (d) If a taxpayer fails to file an amended return under paragraph (c) of this subsection,  
35 the Department of Revenue shall make any changes under paragraph (c) of this subsection  
36 on the return to which the changes relate within the period specified for issuing a notice of  
37 deficiency or claiming a refund as otherwise provided by law with respect to that return, or  
38 within one year after a return for a tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2013, and be-  
39 fore January 1, 2014, is filed, whichever period expires later.

40 **SECTION 30.** This 2013 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2013  
41 regular session of the Seventy-seventh Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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