Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Revenue

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact

Revenue: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

Meeting Dates: 02/09

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Extends deadlines and eliminates extension for filing certain property tax returns with Department of Revenue. Applies to property tax years beginning on of after July 1, 2016.

MEASURE: HB 2484

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Appeal deadline for real property
- Administrative turnaround time on personal property tax return
- Type of property contained on personal property tax return.

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Businesses are currently required to file property tax returns detailing property information used in the valuation process. Examples of information provided on the returns includes business personal property, real and personal industrial property, when the property was brought etc. The current deadline for filing property tax returns is March 1 of each year, with the possibility of extension to April 15 if certain conditions are met including good or sufficient cause, or if the granting of an extension will enhance the accuracy of the return and increase long-term voluntary compliance. Department of Revenue statistics suggest taxpayers requesting extensions tend to have more filing issues than returns filed without extension.

House Bill 2484 would change the tax return filing deadline from March 1 to March 15 while also eliminating the availability of the April 15 filing extension.