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Joint Committee on Ways & Means Subcommittee on General Government

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Overview of Property Tax Administration in Oregon

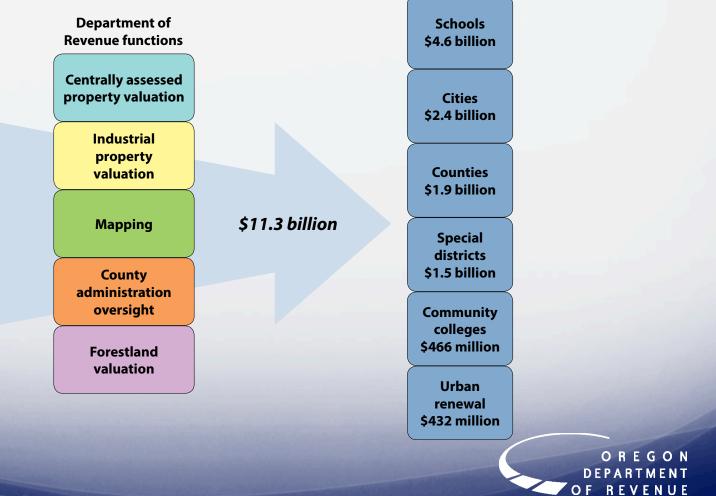
- Role of Oregon's 36 counties.
 - Primary administration of all aspects of the system.
- Role of Department of Revenue.
 - Industrial and centrally assessed appraisal.
 - Direct support to counties, districts and taxpayers.
 - Assistance to counties, districts and taxpayers.
 - Oversight of the system.



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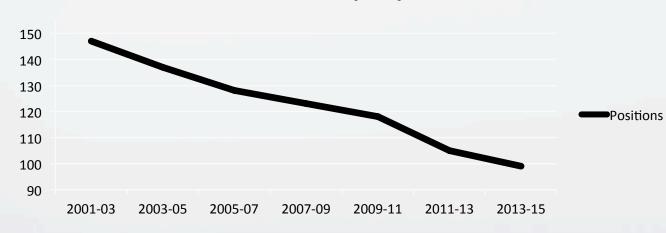
Property tax administration

2013-15 biennium



Property Tax Division's challenges

• Significant decrease in staffing over past 12 years.



Positions in the Property Tax Division

*05-07 eleven positions moved to Information Technology Services

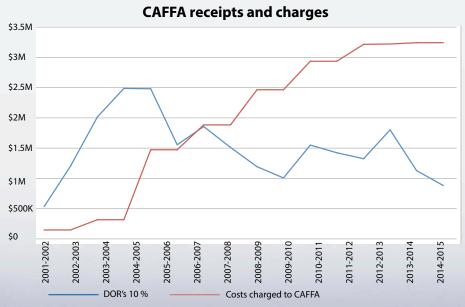
- Increasing workload and expectations.
- Inadequate technology.
- Funding issues in some Oregon counties.



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Valuation of industrial and centrally assessed property

- Increasing workload.
- CAFFA funding issues.



Source: DOR's Property Tax Division

• Need for improved tools-PVS.

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Direct support to taxpayers and counties

- Deferral administration and support.
 - Legislative changes over past four sessions.
 - Adjusting resource levels to manage changes—need to make some changes permanent.
- Mapping services.
 - Changing needs within counties.
 - Improved tools.
 - Increased collaboration between counties.



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Assistance to counties

- Examples of assistance we provide to counties.
- Improved alignment of resources to business needs.
 - Targeting resources to needs.
 - Increased use of metrics.
- County funding issues.
 - Ongoing monitoring.
 - Increased collaboration.



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Oversight of the property tax system

- Necessary to ensure equity and uniformity in the system and to identify areas we can provide assistance.
- Use of better tools to measure performance.
- Continued collaboration between counties and Department of Revenue.



Questions?

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