

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 924

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Measure Description:

Directs Department of Revenue to study issue of allowing certain homesteads of senior citizens that have appreciated by more than 50 percent to enter homestead property tax deferral program.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Revenue (DOR)

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

See Analysis below

Local Government Mandate:

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

Analysis:

This measure is anticipated to have a minimal fiscal impact. The bill directs the Department of Revenue (DOR) to study the issue of allowing the homesteads of senior citizens who have owned the homestead for more than 10 years to enter the homestead tax deferral program if the property has appreciated by more than 50 percent. The bill does not further define study requirements. Therefore, DOR has made assumptions that the study parameters would be designed so as to be able to rely on existing data. Under this assumption, DOR estimates that the study will require the equivalent of one month of staff time of two positions (an Economist 4 and an Operations and Policy Analyst 2) to complete the high level study of issues related to the expanded eligibility. The study, as described, could be completed within existing resources; however, if it is determined that a more robust study is anticipated, DOR may have a need for additional resources.