

House Bill 2155

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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 **as introduced**.

Directs Department of Revenue to report to interim revenue committee of Legislative Assembly on use, by businesses, of tax expenditures with purposes connected to economic development and to make recommendations for allocation of tax expenditures, based on size of business, no later than February 1, 2016.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to use of tax expenditures to increase employment; and prescribing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) No later than February 1, 2016, the Department of Revenue shall submit a report on the use of tax expenditures by businesses in Oregon to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to revenue. The department shall use all data available to the department to prepare the report, which shall:

(a) Assess the use, by businesses, of tax expenditures listed in the tax expenditure report, with an emphasis on tax expenditures that have purposes connected to economic development that are listed in ORS 184.484;

(b) Provide a breakdown, by number of employees and state of incorporation, of the use of tax expenditures by businesses in Oregon;

(c) Provide an estimate of employment positions created directly and indirectly as a result of use of tax expenditures by businesses in Oregon; and

(d) Make recommendations to the Legislative Assembly about allocating the availability of tax expenditures to businesses, based on business size, in order to maximize the number of employment positions created directly or indirectly as a result of taxpayer use of the tax expenditures.

(2) In developing the report, the Department of Revenue, in consultation with the Legislative Revenue Officer, shall:

(a) Consult with external resources as needed; and

(b) Identify through research the most effective allocation of tax expenditures among businesses of various sizes in order to increase employment in this state.

SECTION 2. This 2015 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2015 regular session of the Seventy-eighth Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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.