

House Bill 3246

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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**.

Grants exemption to certain improvements that increase energy efficiency of property or reduce greenhouse gas emissions from property. Specifies calculation for amount of exemption. Requires Department of Revenue to adopt rules for administration of exemption.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to energy-related improvements to property; and prescribing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "energy efficient improvements" means new property or new improvements to property as defined in ORS 308.149 that increase the energy efficiency of property or reduce greenhouse gas emissions from property and that qualify:

(a) For any form of tax relief or rate-payer incentives in Oregon;

(b) As improvements that improve the home energy performance score of property under the system adopted pursuant to ORS 469.703; or

(c) As energy conservation measures for commercial buildings, as both terms are defined in ORS 469.860.

(2) Notwithstanding ORS 308.153, energy efficient improvements are exempt from ad valorem property taxation for the first property tax year for which an application submitted to the county assessor under this section is approved and for the following nine consecutive property tax years, or until the energy efficient improvements are removed.

(3) The amount of the exemption shall equal the positive amount, if any, obtained by subtracting from the real market value of the property with the energy efficient improvements an amount equal to the real market value of the property if the energy efficient improvements had not been added to the property.

(4) The Department of Revenue shall adopt by rule:

(a) Application forms and deadlines for filing the applications;

(b) Descriptions of energy efficient improvements that qualify for the exemption; and

(c) Any other provisions deemed necessary by the department for the exemption granted under this section.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2015 Act applies to property tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2016.

SECTION 3. 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.