

# House Bill 3271

Sponsored by Representative WILSON

## SUMMARY

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Creates income tax credit for employers that pay employees wages greater than minimum wage.  
Applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2016, and before January 1, 2022.  
Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to a tax credit for employers that pay wages greater than minimum wage; creating new  
3 provisions; amending ORS 314.752 and 318.031; and prescribing an effective date.

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

5 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2015 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 315.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) A credit against taxes that are otherwise due under ORS chapter 316 or,**  
7 **if the taxpayer is a corporation, under ORS chapter 317 or 318, is allowed to a taxpayer that**  
8 **pays employees of the taxpayer at wage rates that are greater than the minimum wage rate**  
9 **established pursuant to ORS 653.025.**

10 **(2) The credit allowed under this section shall be equal to \_\_\_\_ percent of the taxpayer's**  
11 **net payroll above minimum wage. As used in this subsection, "net payroll above minimum**  
12 **wage" means the difference between the total wages paid by the taxpayer to all of the**  
13 **taxpayer's employees during the tax year and the total wages the taxpayer would have paid**  
14 **to all of the taxpayer's employees had the employees been paid during the tax year at the**  
15 **minimum wage rate established pursuant to ORS 653.025.**

16 **(3) Prior to claiming the credit allowed under this section, a taxpayer is required to re-**  
17 **ceive written certification of eligibility from the Department of Revenue.**

18 **(4) The credit allowed under this section may not exceed the tax liability of the taxpayer**  
19 **for the tax year.**

20 **(5) Any tax credit otherwise allowable under this section that is not used by the taxpayer**  
21 **in a particular tax year may be carried forward and offset against the taxpayer's tax liability**  
22 **for the next succeeding tax year. Any credit remaining unused in the next succeeding tax**  
23 **year may be carried forward and used in the second succeeding tax year, and likewise any**  
24 **credit not used in that second succeeding tax year may be carried forward and used in the**  
25 **third succeeding tax year but may not be carried forward for any tax year thereafter.**

26 **(6) A nonresident taxpayer shall be allowed the credit under this section. The credit shall**  
27 **be computed in the same manner and be subject to the same limitations as the credit**  
28 **granted to a resident taxpayer. However, the credit shall be prorated using the proportion**  
29 **provided in ORS 316.117.**

30 **(7) If a change in the taxable year of the taxpayer occurs as described in ORS 314.085,**  
31 **or if the department terminates the taxpayer's taxable year under ORS 314.440, the credit**

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New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 allowed by this section shall be prorated or computed in a manner consistent with ORS  
2 314.085.

3 (8) If a change in the status of a taxpayer from resident to nonresident or from nonres-  
4 ident to resident occurs, the credit allowed by this section shall be determined in a manner  
5 consistent with ORS 316.117.

6 (9) The department shall adopt rules for the purposes of this section, including policies  
7 and procedures for certifying taxpayer eligibility under subsection (3) of this section.

8 **SECTION 3.** ORS 314.752 is amended to read:

9 314.752. (1) Except as provided in ORS 314.740 (5)(b), the tax credits allowed or allowable to a  
10 C corporation for purposes of ORS chapter 317 or 318 shall not be allowed to an S corporation. The  
11 business tax credits allowed or allowable for purposes of ORS chapter 316 shall be allowed or are  
12 allowable to the shareholders of the S corporation.

13 (2) In determining the tax imposed under ORS chapter 316, as provided under ORS 314.734, on  
14 income of the shareholder of an S corporation, there shall be taken into account the shareholder's  
15 pro rata share of business tax credit (or item thereof) that would be allowed to the corporation (but  
16 for subsection (1) of this section) or recapture or recovery thereof. The credit (or item thereof), re-  
17 capture or recovery shall be passed through to shareholders in pro rata shares as determined in the  
18 manner prescribed under section 1377(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

19 (3) The character of any item included in a shareholder's pro rata share under subsection (2)  
20 of this section shall be determined as if such item were realized directly from the source from which  
21 realized by the corporation, or incurred in the same manner as incurred by the corporation.

22 (4) If the shareholder is a nonresident and there is a requirement applicable for the business tax  
23 credit that in the case of a nonresident the credit be allowed in the proportion provided in ORS  
24 316.117, then that provision shall apply to the nonresident shareholder.

25 (5) As used in this section, "business tax credit" means a tax credit granted to personal income  
26 taxpayers to encourage certain investment, to create employment, economic opportunity or incentive  
27 or for charitable, educational, scientific, literary or public purposes that is listed under this sub-  
28 section as a business tax credit or is designated as a business tax credit by law or by the Depart-  
29 ment of Revenue by rule and includes but is not limited to the following credits: ORS 285C.309  
30 (tribal taxes on reservation enterprise zones and reservation partnership zones), ORS 315.104 (fore-  
31 station and reforestation), ORS 315.138 (fish screening, by-pass devices, fishways), ORS 315.141  
32 (biomass production for biofuel), ORS 315.156 (crop gleanings), ORS 315.164 and 315.169 (agriculture  
33 workforce housing), ORS 315.204 (dependent care assistance), ORS 315.208 (dependent care facili-  
34 ties), ORS 315.213 (contributions for child care), ORS 315.304 (pollution control facility), ORS 315.326  
35 (renewable energy development contributions), ORS 315.331 (energy conservation projects), ORS  
36 315.336 (transportation projects), ORS 315.341 (renewable energy resource equipment manufacturing  
37 facilities), ORS 315.354 and 469B.151 (energy conservation facilities), ORS 315.507 (electronic com-  
38 merce), ORS 315.533 (low income community jobs initiative) and ORS 317.115 (fueling stations nec-  
39 essary to operate an alternative fuel vehicle) **and section 2 of this 2015 Act (employee wages  
40 above minimum wage).**

41 **SECTION 4.** ORS 318.031 is amended to read:

42 318.031. It being the intention of the Legislative Assembly that this chapter and ORS chapter  
43 317 shall be administered as uniformly as possible (allowance being made for the difference in im-  
44 position of the taxes), ORS 305.140 and 305.150, ORS chapter 314 and the following sections are in-  
45 corporated into and made a part of this chapter: ORS 285C.309, 315.104, 315.141, 315.156, 315.204,

1 315.208, 315.213, 315.304, 315.326, 315.331, 315.336, 315.507 and 315.533 **and section 2 of this 2015**  
2 **Act** (all only to the extent applicable to a corporation) and ORS chapter 317.

3 **SECTION 5. Section 2 of this 2015 Act and the amendments to ORS 314.752 and 318.031**  
4 **by sections 3 and 4 of this 2015 Act apply to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2016,**  
5 **and before January 1, 2022.**

6 **SECTION 6. This 2015 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2015**  
7 **regular session of the Seventy-eighth Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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