

# Senate Bill 793

Sponsored by Senator FERRIOLI

## SUMMARY

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Creates income tax credit for capital improvements to business facilities or homes that are commenced prior to later of September 1, 2015, or effective date of Act. Limits amount each taxpayer may claim. Establishes requirements for certification of capital improvements.

Applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2015.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to capital improvements income tax credit; creating new provisions; amending ORS 314.752  
3 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) As used in sections 2 to 4 of this 2015 Act:**

7 (a) **“ADA-compliant” means that a capital improvement results in a business facility that**  
8 **is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.**

9 (b) **“Business facility” means a physical asset that is used by a business in the operation**  
10 **of a revenue-producing enterprise, including but not limited to manufacturing, assembly,**  
11 **fabrication, processing, shipping, storage, retail sales or services, child care, housing, retail**  
12 **food service, health care, tourism, entertainment, financial services, professional services,**  
13 **energy development, construction or similar activities.**

14 (c) **“Capital improvement” means a project that:**

15 (A) **Raises the value of a business facility owned or operated by the taxpayer;**

16 (B) **Raises the value of a home owned by the taxpayer;**

17 (C) **Is a capital expenditure, as that term is defined in section 263 of the Internal Revenue**  
18 **Code; or**

19 (D) **Involves a purchase of machinery or equipment that becomes a permanent fixture**  
20 **of a business facility owned or operated by the taxpayer.**

21 (d) **“Energy efficient” means that a capital improvement has been certified by the State**  
22 **Department of Energy to produce premium energy efficiency characteristics.**

23 (2) **A credit against taxes imposed by ORS chapter 316 (or, if the taxpayer is a corpo-**  
24 **ration, under ORS chapter 317 or 318) shall be allowed for a taxpayer’s expenses for capital**  
25 **improvements that qualify under this section and section 3 of this 2015 Act. The amount of**  
26 **the credit allowed under this section may not exceed \$50,000 for a capital improvement to a**  
27 **home or \$500,000 for a capital improvement to a business facility, and shall equal:**

28 (a) **The certified cost of a capital improvement that is certified as energy efficient or**  
29 **ADA-compliant under section 3 of this 2015 Act; or**

30 (b) **Fifty percent of the certified cost for all other capital improvements.**

**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.

1 (3) For a credit to be allowed under this section:

2 (a) The certified cost of a capital improvement must be:

3 (A) At least \$5,000 for a capital improvement to a home; or

4 (B) At least \$25,000 for a capital improvement to a business facility.

5 (b) The taxpayer must:

6 (A) Be the owner or lessee of the business facility or owner of the home that is the  
7 subject of the capital improvement;

8 (B) Commence construction or implementation of the capital improvement prior to Sep-  
9 tember 1, 2015, or the effective date of this 2015 Act, whichever is later;

10 (C) Complete construction or implementation of the capital improvement before or dur-  
11 ing the tax year for which the credit is claimed; and

12 (D) Receive all necessary certifications as provided in section 3 of this 2015 Act before  
13 claiming the credit.

14 (4) The credit allowed under this section is not in lieu of any depreciation or amortization  
15 deduction for the investment to which the taxpayer otherwise may be entitled under ORS  
16 chapter 316, 317 or 318 for any tax year.

17 (5)(a) The credit allowed under this section may not exceed the tax liability of the tax-  
18 payer for the tax year and may not be carried over to another tax year.

19 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, if the certified cost exceeds  
20 \$100,000, the credit allowed in each of four succeeding tax years shall be 25 percent of the  
21 certified cost.

22 (6) A nonresident shall be allowed the credit under this section in the proportion provided  
23 in ORS 316.117.

24 (7) If a change in the status of a taxpayer from resident to nonresident or from nonres-  
25 ident to resident occurs, the credit allowed under this section shall be determined in a  
26 manner consistent with ORS 316.117.

27 (8) If a change in the taxable year of a taxpayer occurs as described in ORS 314.085, or  
28 if the Department of Revenue terminates the taxable year of a taxpayer under ORS 314.440,  
29 the credit allowed under this section shall be prorated or computed in a manner consistent  
30 with ORS 314.085.

31 (9) No credit shall be allowed under this section for any portion of a certified cost for  
32 which the taxpayer claims a tax credit or ad valorem tax relief under ORS 307.405, 315.304,  
33 315.354, 315.356, 316.116 and 469B.130 to 469B.169, or any similar state or federal tax incentive  
34 program.

35 **SECTION 3.** (1) Subject to standards and procedures that the Department of Revenue  
36 shall establish by rule, the department shall certify taxpayers' expenses as eligible costs for  
37 purposes of claiming the credit allowed under section 2 of this 2015 Act. The department  
38 may establish standards:

39 (a) For determining whether the value of a business facility or home is likely to be im-  
40 proved by a taxpayer's expenses described in section 2 of this 2015 Act.

41 (b) Requiring a certain ratio between a taxpayer's expenses for the capital improvement  
42 and the likely amount of improvement in value of the business facility or home.

43 (c) Requiring taxpayers to receive preliminary certification before claiming a credit for  
44 certain capital improvements.

45 (2) In addition to the certification procedures required by subsection (1) of this section:

1       **(a) The State Department of Energy shall establish by rule standards for certifying cap-**  
2 **ital improvements as energy efficient.**

3       **(b) The Department of Human Services shall establish by rule standards for certifying**  
4 **capital improvements as ADA-compliant.**

5       **SECTION 4. (1) A person may apply to the Department of Revenue for certification under**  
6 **section 3 of this 2015 Act of the expenses of a capital improvement.**

7       **(2) The application shall be made in writing in a form prescribed by the department and**  
8 **shall contain information on the capital improvement.**

9       **(3) The application shall be accompanied by the fee established under subsection (4) of**  
10 **this section. The fee may be refunded if the application for certification is rejected.**

11       **(4) By rule and after hearing, the department may adopt a schedule of reasonable fees**  
12 **that the department may require of applicants for certification under section 3 of this 2015**  
13 **Act. The fee may vary according to the size and complexity of the capital improvement. The**  
14 **fees shall not be considered by the department as part of the cost of the capital improvement**  
15 **to be certified.**

16       **SECTION 5. ORS 314.752 is amended to read:**

17       314.752. (1) Except as provided in ORS 314.740 (5)(b), the tax credits allowed or allowable to a  
18 C corporation for purposes of ORS chapter 317 or 318 shall not be allowed to an S corporation. The  
19 business tax credits allowed or allowable for purposes of ORS chapter 316 shall be allowed or are  
20 allowable to the shareholders of the S corporation.

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

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

30       (4) If the shareholder is a nonresident and there is a requirement applicable for the business tax  
31 credit that in the case of a nonresident the credit be allowed in the proportion provided in ORS  
32 316.117, then that provision shall apply to the nonresident shareholder.

33       (5) As used in this section, "business tax credit" means a tax credit granted to personal income  
34 taxpayers to encourage certain investment, to create employment, economic opportunity or incentive  
35 or for charitable, educational, scientific, literary or public purposes that is listed under this sub-  
36 section as a business tax credit or is designated as a business tax credit by law or by the Depart-  
37 ment of Revenue by rule and includes but is not limited to the following credits: ORS 285C.309  
38 (tribal taxes on reservation enterprise zones and reservation partnership zones), ORS 315.104 (fore-  
39 station and reforestation), ORS 315.138 (fish screening, by-pass devices, fishways), ORS 315.141  
40 (biomass production for biofuel), ORS 315.156 (crop gleanings), ORS 315.164 and 315.169 (agriculture  
41 workforce housing), ORS 315.204 (dependent care assistance), ORS 315.208 (dependent care facili-  
42 ties), ORS 315.213 (contributions for child care), ORS 315.304 (pollution control facility), ORS 315.326  
43 (renewable energy development contributions), ORS 315.331 (energy conservation projects), ORS  
44 315.336 (transportation projects), ORS 315.341 (renewable energy resource equipment manufacturing  
45 facilities), ORS 315.354 and 469B.151 (energy conservation facilities), ORS 315.507 (electronic com-

1 merce), ORS 315.533 (low income community jobs initiative) and ORS 317.115 (fueling stations nec-  
2 essary to operate an alternative fuel vehicle) **and section 2 of this 2015 Act (capital**  
3 **improvements).**

4 **SECTION 6.** ORS 318.031 is amended to read:

5 318.031. It being the intention of the Legislative Assembly that this chapter and ORS chapter  
6 317 shall be administered as uniformly as possible (allowance being made for the difference in im-  
7 position of the taxes), ORS 305.140 and 305.150, ORS chapter 314 and the following sections are in-  
8 corporated into and made a part of this chapter: ORS 285C.309, 315.104, 315.141, 315.156, 315.204,  
9 315.208, 315.213, 315.304, 315.326, 315.331, 315.336, 315.507 and 315.533 **and section 2 of this 2015**  
10 **Act** (all only to the extent applicable to a corporation) and ORS chapter 317.

11 **SECTION 7.** Sections 2 to 4 of this 2015 Act and the amendments to ORS 314.752 and  
12 318.031 by sections 5 and 6 of this 2015 Act apply to tax years beginning on or after January  
13 1, 2015.

14 **SECTION 8.** This 2015 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2015  
15 regular session of the Seventy-eighth Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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