# 78th Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2016 Regular Session PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

#### Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Fiscal:May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issuedRevenue:May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issuedAction Date:Action:Meeting Dates:Prepared By:Chris Allanach, Senior Economist

#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Makes four technical changes to tax credits:

- 1. Removes references to "highway miles" from the Rural Medical Providers tax credit
- 2. Creates a taxpayer cap \$500,000 for the Individual Development Account contributions tax credit
- 3. Clarifies the policy of applying personal kicker amounts to outstanding taxpayer debt or liability
- 4. Clarifies that the annual Residential Energy tax credit may not exceed \$1,500 for any one device.

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

## EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

-2 makes the following changes to the Wolf Depredation tax credit:

- 1. Expands the tax credit base
- 2. Requires certification
- 3. Increases the annual program cap from \$37,500 to \$200,000
- 4. Moves the sunset date from 1-1-2019 to 1-1-2026

## **BACKGROUND:**

Three of the four affected tax credits in the bill were subject to Legislative review in 2015. The changes included here are clarifications or corrections to the policies that were adopted at that time. The changes to the kicker credit follow the issuance of the personal kicker as a tax credit for the first time since the 1990s. The Department of Revenue notified the Legislature of the technical issue during Legislative Days in 2015; the change included here codifies the department's solution.