

**REVENUE IMPACT OF  
PROPOSED LEGISLATION**  
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Legislative Revenue Office

Bill Number: HB 4072  
Revenue Area: Income Taxes  
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**Measure Description:**

Reinstates the tax credit for University Venture Development Fund contributions by moving the sunset date from January 1, 2016 to January 1, 2022. Changes the structure of the tax credit from a maximum \$50,000 taken over three years to \$600,000 with a three year carryforward. Maintains the existing program cap of \$8.4M but reorganizes how it is allotted among the universities.

**Revenue Impact (in \$Millions):**

	Fiscal Year		Biennium		
	2015-16	2016-17	2015-17	2017-19	2019-21
General Fund	\$0	-\$0.5	-\$0.5	-\$1.7	-\$1.8

**Impact Explanation:**

By maintaining the prior program cap of \$8.4 million this bill would allow the issuance of up to \$4 million in tax credits by tax year 2021. (Roughly \$4.4 million has been issued to date.) This impact assumes they will be issued in a roughly uniform manner over that time period, with the exception that the existing sunset date may have had on current donations. In tax year 2013, roughly 85 taxpayers claimed \$550,000 in tax credits. Of that total 97% were used to reduce tax liability.

The estimated impact does not include the potential impact from repayments made to the General Fund. As universities reimburse the General Fund, they effectively create room under the program cap for additional tax credits to be issued. Since 2008 roughly \$500,000 has been repaid.

The estimated impact also does not include the secondary impacts of income tax collections from individuals employed by the affected start-up companies. Preliminary survey data suggest that the affected companies employed roughly 270 individuals in 2015. Assuming a higher than average wage rate, roughly one million dollars in personal income tax would have been owed in 2015.

**Creates, Extends, or Expands Tax Expenditure:**      Yes  No

The policy purpose of this measure is provided in Section 5 of the bill and in ORS 350.550(1): To facilitate the commercialization of university research and development.