

**REVENUE IMPACT OF
PROPOSED LEGISLATION**
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Bill Number: SB 1513 - A
Revenue Area: Property Tax
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*Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed
Versions are Considered Official*

Measure Description:

Allows county, by ordinance or resolution, to exempt first \$250,000 of assessed value of homesteads of surviving spouses of a fire service professional, police officer or reserve officer killed in the line of duty. Requires surviving spouse to remain unmarried in order to qualify for exemption. Applies exemption to all ad valorem property taxes imposed by all taxing jurisdictions on the homestead. Defines homestead as real or personal property that is an owner-occupied primary residence and tax lot upon which the dwelling is located. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Revenue Impact (in \$Millions):

The measure as amended allows but does not require counties to provide an exemption. As the measure is permissive, no direct revenue impact exists.

Impact Explanation:

According to the Oregon fallen police and firefighter memorials, since 1970 about 70 police officers and 55 fire service professionals have died in the line of duty. Since 1995, the respective numbers are about 25 police officers and 30 fire service professionals.

Depending upon location of homestead, the average loss in tax revenue that would result from exempting \$250,000 in assessed value ranges from \$2,700 to \$3,900.

Creates, Extends, or Expands Tax Expenditure: Yes No

The policy purpose of this measure is to allow counties to extend tax exemption for police, firefighters, and their families and to extend similar support to first responders.