78th Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2016 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY House Committee On Revenue

MEASURE: SB 1507 A CARRIER: Rep. Barnhart

Fiscal:	Has minimal fiscal impact
Revenue:	Revenue impact issued
Action Date:	02/29/16
Action:	Do Pass.
Meeting Dates:	02/29
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Makes the following three technical corrections: (1) removes references to "highway miles" from the Rural Medical Providers tax credit; (2) clarifies the policy of applying personal kicker amounts to outstanding taxpayer debt or liability; and (3) clarifies that the annual Residential Energy tax credit may not exceed \$1,500 for any one device. Creates an annual taxpayer cap of \$500,000 for the Individual Development Account contributions tax credit. Increases the annual cap on the film & video tax credit to \$12M in 2016 and then to \$14M in 2017. Changes the allocation of funds raised from the tax credit auction. Extends the biomass manure tax credit to 1/1/2022 and lowers the tax credit rate from \$5 per wet ton to \$3.50 per wet tonbeginning in 2016. Adds clawback provisions to the biomass tax credit.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- The language correction for the Rural Medical Providers tax credit
- The economic impact of the film industry and the connection to the tax credit
- The environmental impact of the biomass manure tax credit
- Policy alternatives for the biomass manure tax credit
- The tax credit review process

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Three of the four tax credits in the introduced version of 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.

The Film & Video tax credit was extended to January 1, 2024 during the 2015 legislative session. The annual cap was last increased to \$10 million in 2013. The Biomass tax credit is currently scheduled to sunset on January 1, 2018. The tax credit rate varies depending on the qualifying material. The extension included here is only for one type of material.