

HB 3146-A

Chair Barnhart and Committee:

In light of the success of the use of many tax exceptions we do not see the need to lower the requirements for companies who wish to take advantage of tax abatements or other financing tools.

“[Oregon Investment Advantage](#)—This program helps businesses start or locate new types of operations in a number of Oregon counties by providing an income tax subtraction, potentially eliminating state income tax liability on the operations for several years after they begin.”

Calbee North America Boardman

ZeaChem/Zat

“[Oregon Business Expansion Program](#)—This is a cash-based forgivable loan equivalent to the estimated increase in personal income tax revenue from new hiring.”

If public information is available on this program we could not find it after searching Business Oregon website and the Oregon Transparency Website.

Property Tax Abatement

“[Enterprise Zones](#)—In exchange for investing and hiring in an enterprise zone, businesses receive exemption from local property taxes on new plant and equipment for at least three years (but up to five years) in the standard program. In addition, many zones can offer special incentives for investments in qualifying rural facilities or in electronic commerce operations.”

Morrow County's Long Term Enterprise Zone (check out for yourself on the transparency website)

Property Value \$353,922,570

Abated Taxes: \$5,986,938

Columbia River Processing, Inc. Upper Columbia Mill, LLC. Conagra Foods/Lamb Weston, Inc.*

Columbia River Technologies, LLC

* Lamb Weston spun off from Conagra November 2016

“[Food Processing Machinery and Equipment \(M&E\)](#)—For five years after it is newly placed in service, qualified M&E is exempt if certified by the Oregon Department of Agriculture. Eligible M&E may be real or personal property that is used in the primary processing for human consumption of raw or fresh fruits, vegetables, nuts, legumes, grains, dairy, eggs, seafood, and with certain limitations, bakery products. In the first of the five years, the food processor also needs to file with the county assessor or Oregon Department of Revenue [using an exemption claim form](#).”

Here is the process but no posted information on which firms receive these exemptions:

Assessment of Property for Taxation (ORS 308)

[Property tax assessment law](#)

Certification of Machinery Equipment for Property Tax Exemption Form

[Equipment certification for property tax exemption form](#)

Department of Revenue: Exemption Claim Form and Instructions

[DOR exemption claim form](#)

Department of Revenue: Leased Personal Property Form

[DOR leased personal property form](#)

Department of Revenue: Leased Real Property Form

[DOR leased real property form](#)

Department of Revenue: Owned Personal Property Form

[DOR owned personal property form](#)

Department of Revenue: Owned Real Property Form

[DOR owned real property form](#)

House Bill 3125: Exemption from property taxation for food processing equipment

[House Bill 3125](#)

Machinery and equipment certification FAQs

Frequently asked questions about machinery and equipment certification for tax exemption. [FAQs about machinery and equipment certification](#)

Oregon Food Processor Property Tax Exemption (OAR 150-307-0490)

Personal property valuation guidelines. [Oregon food processor property tax exemption](#)

Property Subject to Taxation; Exemptions (ORS 307)

[Property subject to taxation exemptions](#)

Property Tax Exemption for Qualified Machinery and Equipment (OAR 603-025-0151)

[Property tax exemption for qualified machinery and equipment](#)

Description of the programs taken from the Business Oregon website.

Farm and Agricultural Machinery information from the Department of Agricultural Website.

Aggregated taxes forgiven in Long Term Enterprise Zone in Morrow County from Oregon Transparency Website.

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