

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 311 - B

79th Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2017 Regular Session
Legislative Fiscal Office

*Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed
Versions are Considered Official*

Prepared by: Meg Bushman-Reinhold
Reviewed by: John Borden
Date: 6/13/2017

Measure Description:

Authorizes city or county to adopt ordinance or resolution providing property tax exemption to commercial, industrial and multifamily buildings built before January 1, 1993, that will be seismically retrofitted, for period not to exceed 15 years.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Cities, Counties, Department of Revenue(DOR)

Analysis:

The bill as amended would allow cities or counties to grant property tax exemptions or partial exemptions to commercial, industrial or multifamily buildings built before 1993 seismic retrofits that meet specified standards. The bill is permissive, and the cities or counties will need to enact an ordinance or resolution in order to create the program. The program does not become effective unless taxing districts representing 75% of the total combined rate of taxation agree. The incentive can last up to 15 years and the cities or counties may set varied levels of exemption and additional criteria for qualification. The total tax savings may not exceed the net cost of retrofitting after subtracting other federal, state or local financial incentives received for retrofitting.

Applications are processed and approved or denied by the city or county that created the program and the exemptions will be administered by the county assessor. Both the approving city or county and the county assessor are authorized to collect a fee.

Cities and Counties

The bill allows cities or counties to charge up to \$200 for the first year of the exemption and \$100 for each subsequent year to cover administrative costs. These fees may or may not fully cover costs to administer the program. In addition, offering this property tax exemption may have a fiscal impact on the city or county, as well as on other entities funded through ad valorem property taxes in the jurisdiction.

Department of Revenue

No fiscal impact.