

# House Bill 2546

Sponsored by Representative HACK (Pre-session filed.)

## SUMMARY

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For purposes of estate tax, conforms threshold for imposition of tax and for requirement to file return to basic exclusion amount applicable to federal estate.

Applies to estates of decedents dying on or after January 1, 2018.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to conforming Oregon estate tax to federal threshold; creating new provisions; amending  
3 ORS 118.010 and 118.160; and prescribing an effective date.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 118.010 is amended to read:

6 118.010. (1) As used in this section:

7 (a) "Nonresident decedent" means an individual who is domiciled outside of Oregon on the date  
8 the individual dies.

9 (b) "Resident decedent" means an individual who is domiciled in Oregon on the date the indi-  
10 vidual dies.

11 (2) A tax is imposed upon a transfer of the property of each:

12 (a) Resident decedent; and

13 (b) Nonresident decedent whose estate includes any interest in:

14 (A) Real property located in Oregon; or

15 (B) Tangible personal property located in Oregon.

16 (3) The Oregon taxable estate to be used for purposes of computing the tax imposed under this  
17 section shall be the federal taxable estate:

18 (a) Increased by:

19 (A) The deduction for state estate, inheritance, legacy or succession taxes allowable under sec-  
20 tion 2058 of the Internal Revenue Code; and

21 (B) If the decedent is a surviving spouse owning the property at death, the value of the following  
22 property unless included in the federal taxable estate:

23 (i) Property for which a deduction for Oregon special marital property under ORS 118.016 was  
24 previously allowed; or

25 (ii) Property for which a separate Oregon election under section 2056 or 2056A of the Internal  
26 Revenue Code was previously allowed; and

27 (b) Reduced by:

28 (A) The value on the date of the decedent's death of all Oregon special marital property under  
29 ORS 118.013; *[and]*

30 **(B) The basic exclusion amount under section 2010(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code,**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted.  
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **as amended and in effect on December 31, 2016, minus \$1 million; and**

2 [(B)] (C) Any other applicable exclusions or deductions.

3 (4) The tax imposed under this section shall be calculated by applying the rates in the following  
 4 table. If the Oregon taxable estate is at least the amount in column 1, but less than the amount in  
 5 column 2, the tax is the amount in column 3, increased by the excess above the amount in column  
 6 1 multiplied by the percentage in column 4:

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9 \$1,000,000	\$1,500,000	\$0	10.0%
10 1,500,000	2,500,000	50,000	10.25%
11 2,500,000	3,500,000	152,500	10.5%
12 3,500,000	4,500,000	257,500	11.0%
13 4,500,000	5,500,000	367,500	11.5%
14 5,500,000	6,500,000	482,500	12.0%
15 6,500,000	7,500,000	602,500	13.0%
16 7,500,000	8,500,000	732,500	14.0%
17 8,500,000	9,500,000	872,500	15.0%
18 9,500,000		1,022,500	16.0%

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 22 (5) In the case of a resident decedent owning, on the date of the decedent’s death, real property  
 23 located outside Oregon or tangible personal property located outside Oregon, the tax imposed under  
 24 this section shall be the amount determined under subsection (4) of this section multiplied by a ratio.  
 25 The numerator of the ratio shall be the sum of the value of the decedent’s real property located in  
 26 Oregon, tangible personal property located in Oregon and intangible personal property. The numer-  
 27 ator may not include any intangible personal property subject to a tax imposed, as a result of the  
 28 death of the decedent, by another state or country. The denominator of the ratio shall be the total  
 29 value of the decedent’s gross estate.

30 (6) In the case of a nonresident decedent owning, on the date of the decedent’s death, real  
 31 property located in Oregon or tangible personal property located in Oregon, the tax imposed under  
 32 this section shall be the amount determined under subsection (4) of this section multiplied by a ratio.  
 33 The numerator of the ratio shall be the sum of the value of the decedent’s real property located in  
 34 Oregon and tangible personal property located in Oregon. The denominator shall be the total value  
 35 of the decedent’s gross estate.

36 (7) Payment, in whole or in part, of estate taxes from funds of an estate or trust on any benefit  
 37 subject to tax under ORS 118.005 to 118.540 is not to be considered a further taxable benefit, when  
 38 such payment is directed by the decedent’s will or by a trust agreement.

39 (8)(a) If the federal taxable estate is determined by making an election under section 2031(c),  
 40 2032, 2032A, 2056 or 2056A of the Internal Revenue Code or another provision of the Internal Re-  
 41 venue Code, or if a federal estate tax return is not required under the Internal Revenue Code, an  
 42 executor may make separate elections for state estate tax purposes under that same provision.

43 (b) An executor may make elections under ORS 118.013 and 118.140 and section 2056 of the  
 44 Internal Revenue Code for state estate tax purposes.

45 (c) Elections described in this subsection are irrevocable.

1        **SECTION 2.** ORS 118.160 is amended to read:

2        118.160. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section:

3        (a) An inheritance tax return is not required with respect to the estates of decedents who die  
4 on or after January 1, 1987, and before January 1, 2003, unless a federal estate tax return is re-  
5 quired to be filed;

6        (b) An inheritance tax return is not required with respect to the estates of decedents who die  
7 on or after:

8        (A) January 1, 2003, and before January 1, 2004, unless the value of the gross estate is \$700,000  
9 or more;

10        (B) January 1, 2004, and before January 1, 2005, unless the value of the gross estate is \$850,000  
11 or more;

12        (C) January 1, 2005, and before January 1, 2006, unless the value of the gross estate is \$950,000  
13 or more; or

14        (D) January 1, 2006, and before January 1, 2012, unless the value of the gross estate is \$1 million  
15 or more; and

16        (c) An estate tax return is not required with respect to the estates of decedents who die on or  
17 after:

18        (A) January 1, 2012, **and before January 1, 2018**, unless the value of the gross estate is \$1  
19 million or more[.]; **or**

20        (B) **January 1, 2018, unless the value of the gross estate exceeds the basic exclusion**  
21 **amount under section 2010(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended and in effect on**  
22 **December 31, 2016.**

23        (2) In every estate, whether or not subject to administration and whether or not a federal estate  
24 tax return is required to be filed, the executor shall at such times and in such manner as required  
25 by rules of the Department of Revenue, file with the department a return in a form provided by the  
26 department setting forth a list and description of all transfers of property, in trust or otherwise,  
27 made by the decedent in the lifetime of the decedent as a division or distribution of the estate of  
28 the decedent and any further data that the department requires to determine estate tax under this  
29 chapter.

30        **SECTION 3. The amendments to ORS 118.010 and 118.160 by sections 1 and 2 of this 2017**  
31 **Act apply to estates of decedents dying on or after January 1, 2018.**

32        **SECTION 4. This 2017 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2017**  
33 **regular session of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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