

**A-Engrossed**  
**Senate Bill 596**

Ordered by the Senate May 19  
Including Senate Amendments dated May 19

Sponsored by Senator KNOPP (Presession filed.)

**SUMMARY**

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

*[Increases ceiling amount of total assessed value of taxable personal property for purposes of exemption from property taxation.]* **Provides that machinery and equipment used to compress and bale harvested straw, hay, grass or other plants for purpose of storage or shipment is tangible personal property exempt from ad valorem property taxation.** Applies to property tax years beginning on or after July 1, [2018] 2017.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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2 Relating to the property tax exemption for personal property; creating new provisions; amending  
3 ORS 307.397; and prescribing an effective date.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 307.397 is amended to read:

6 307.397. (1) The following items of real property machinery and equipment or tangible personal  
7 property are exempt from ad valorem property taxation:

8 (a) Frost control systems used in agricultural or horticultural activities carried on by the  
9 farmer;

10 (b) Trellises used for hops, beans or fruit or for other agricultural or horticultural purposes;

11 (c) Hop harvesting equipment, including but not limited to hop pickers;

12 (d) Oyster racks, trays, stakes and other in-water structures used to raise bivalve mollusks; or

13 (e) Equipment used for the fresh shell egg industry that is directly related and reasonably nec-  
14 essary to produce, prepare, package and ship fresh shell eggs from the place of origin to market,  
15 whether bolted to the floor, wired or plumbed to interconnected equipment, including but not limited  
16 to grain bins, conveyors for transporting grain, grain grinding machinery, feed storage hoppers,  
17 cages, egg collection conveyors and equipment for washing, drying, candling, grading, packaging and  
18 shipping fresh shell eggs.

19 (2) A real property building, structure or improvement is exempt from ad valorem property  
20 taxation if it:

21 (a) Is used primarily to grow plants for agricultural or horticultural production;

22 (b) Is covered with polyethylene, fiberglass, corrugated polycarbonate acrylic or any other  
23 transparent or translucent material designed primarily to allow passage of solar heat and light; and

24 (c) Does not have a permanent heat source other than radiant heating provided by direct sun-  
25 light.

26 **(3) Machinery and equipment used to compress and bale harvested straw, hay, grass or**

**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 other plants, including, but not limited to, clover and alfalfa, for the purpose of storage or  
2 shipment is tangible personal property that is exempt from ad valorem property taxation.

3 **SECTION 2.** The amendments to ORS 307.397 by section 1 of this 2017 Act apply to  
4 property tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2017.

5 **SECTION 3.** This 2017 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2017  
6 regular session of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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