

House Bill 2086 Informational

The status quo

- Current owner of property or other person obligated to pay taxes imposed on property may petition county assessor for a correction of maximum assessed value of property for current tax year [ORS 311.234(1)]. Corrections to tax roll are permissive, as county assessor “may” do so [ORS 311.205(1), 311.140(3), 311.150(1)].

What HB 2086 does

- Allows petitioner to request correction to tax roll for current tax year and up to five preceding years. Requires Department of Revenue to add language to property tax bills indicating if assessed value has increased more than three percent from prior year, including reason for the increase. Requires county assessor to make corrections to tax roll following petition.
- Applies to tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2024.
- Takes effect 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Amendments

- Requested amendment: Requires property tax bills to provide information on how to call the assessor’s office with questions if the property’s assessed value has increased by more than three percent over the prior tax year.

Other considerations

- Assessed value can increase by more than 3 percent over the prior tax year due to:
 - Improvements made to the property
 - A broad decline in property value, resulting in assessed value equal to real market value, followed by more than 3 percent growth in real market value
- The requested amendment addresses a need to align the dual objectives of providing enough information on a property tax bill for an individual to be informed about how their property tax bill changed and why, and providing this information concisely in the space available on a property tax bill.
- A correction to the tax roll can increase, decrease, or have no effect on tax imposed. An “officer may correct an error in valuation judgment...if the correction results in a reduction of the tax owed on the account” [ORS 311.205(1)(b)(A)]. Additionally, “The officer may correct any other error or omission of any kind” [ORS 311.205(1)(b)(C)].
- This bill had a public hearing in the House Committee on Revenue on 2/15/2023.
- There are no subsequent referrals to other committees.