SB 150-1 (LC 1681) 4/25/23 (ASD/ps)

Requested by SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND REVENUE

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 150

In line 2 of the printed bill, before the period insert "creating new provisions; amending ORS 307.286 and 307.289; and prescribing an effective date".

4 Delete lines 4 through 9 and insert:

5 **"SECTION 1.** ORS 307.286 is amended to read:

6 "307.286. (1) Upon compliance with ORS 307.289, [there shall be exempt 7 from taxation up to \$60,000 of the assessed value of] the homestead of any 8 resident of this state who is[:]

"[(a)] serving or has served in the Oregon National Guard, military reserve forces or organized militia of any other state or territory of the United
States[; and] shall be exempt from ad valorem property taxation as
provided in this section.

"[(b)] (2) [Performing service:] The amount of the exemption shall be:
 "(a) Up to \$60,000 of the assessed value of the homestead for any
 property tax year in which the resident performs service:

"(A) Under Title 10 of the United States Code or pursuant to a deploy ment made under the authority of the Emergency Management Assistance
 Compact; and

"(B) For more than 178 consecutive days, if at least one of the days falls
within the tax year for which the exemption is claimed.

21 "(b) For a resident whose homestead was exempt under paragraph

(a) of this subsection for the property tax year immediately preceding
the first tax year for which a claim is made under this paragraph,
\$1,000 of the assessed value of the homestead for any property tax
years in which the resident:

5 "(A) Does not perform service as described in paragraph (a) of this
6 subsection; or

"(B) Is no longer serving in the Oregon National Guard, military
reserve forces or organized militia of any other state or territory of
the United States.

"[(2)] (3) For each **property** tax year beginning on or after July 1, 2006, the amount of the exemption allowed under subsection [(1)] (2)(a) of this section, and, for each property tax year beginning on or after July 1, 2024, the amount of the exemption allowed under subsection (2)(b) of this section, shall equal 103 percent of the respective amount of the exemption available for the prior **property** tax year.

"(4) A homestead shall be disqualified for exemption under this
 section:

18 "(a) Upon transfer of the homestead to new ownership; or

"(b) Upon request of the resident owner of the homestead for any
 reason.

"(5) It is the intent of the Legislative Assembly that a change in the
basis of the claim for exemption under subsection (2) of this section
is not a disqualification of the homestead within the meaning of Article XI, section 11 (1)(c)(E), of the Oregon Constitution.

<sup>25</sup> "[(3)] (6) As used in this section, 'homestead' means residential property that is owned by a person described in subsection (1) of this section and that, [but for] other than during periods of military service, [would be] is occupied as a residence by the person.

- <sup>29</sup> "<u>SECTION 2.</u> ORS 307.289 is amended to read:
- <sup>30</sup> "307.289. (1) Each person qualifying for the exemption under ORS 307.286

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in writing on or before August 1 following the end of the **property** tax year
for which the exemption is claimed.

"(2)(a) The claim shall set out the basis of the claim and designate the
property to which the exemption may apply.

"(b) Claims for exemptions under ORS 307.286 shall include a statement
by the claimant under oath or affirmation setting forth the basis for eligibility for the exemption.

9 "(c) The claim shall also include an affidavit or affirmation of the 10 claimant that the statements contained therein are true.

"(3) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section and ORS 307.286 [(1)], an individual described in ORS 307.286 (1) who claims exemption under ORS 307.286 (2)(a) and applies prior to the date on which the military service begins shall be allowed the exemption if the claimant has written orders that require the performance of service for at least one day during the tax year for which the exemption is being claimed and the claimant is otherwise eligible for the exemption.

"(4)(a) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section and ORS 307.286 [(1)], an individual who is lawfully occupying the homestead of the qualifying person may file a claim for the exemption under ORS 307.286 by the time prescribed in subsection (1) of this section if the qualifying person died while performing the service described in ORS 307.286 [(1)(b)(A)] (2)(a) during the current or prior **property** tax year.

"(b) The claim shall be allowed by the county assessor if the qualifying
person met all of the qualifications for an exemption under ORS 307.286
(2)(a) prior to death, other than the number of consecutive days of service.

27 "(5)(a) If taxes on the exempt value have been paid, the taxes shall be 28 refunded in the manner prescribed in subsection (6) of this section.

(b) If taxes on the exempt value have not been paid, the taxes and any interest thereon shall be abated.

"(6)(a) The tax collector shall notify the governing body of the county of any refund required under this section and the governing body shall cause a refund of the taxes and any interest paid to be made from the unsegregated tax collections account described in ORS 311.385.

<sup>5</sup> "(b) The refund under this subsection shall be made without interest.

6 "(c) The county assessor and tax collector shall make the necessary cor-7 rections in the records of their offices.

8 "<u>SECTION 3.</u> The amendments to ORS 307.286 and 307.289 by 9 sections 1 and 2 of this 2023 Act apply to property tax years beginning 10 on or after July 1, 2023.

"SECTION 4. This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the
 date on which the 2023 regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative
 Assembly adjourns sine die.".

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