

**SB 132 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Natural Resources**

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**Action Date:** 03/01/23

**Action:** Do pass and refer to Tax Expenditures by prior reference.

**Vote:** 5-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 5 - Girod, Golden, Prozanski, Smith DB, Taylor

**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact

**Revenue:** Revenue impact issued

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/13, 3/1

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Extends the agriculture workforce housing tax credit from January 1, 2026 to January 1, 2030.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Distance between farmworker housing and employment
- Tax credit use for both on-farm and community-based housing
- Desirability of community-based housing in urban areas for farmworkers

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Agriculture workforce housing refers to on-farm or community-based housing for agricultural workers and their immediate families.

In Oregon, an owner or operator of agriculture workforce housing may be allowed a tax credit for acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of that housing. The credit is equal to 50 percent of the eligible costs actually paid or incurred by the taxpayer to complete an agriculture workforce housing project. Upon receipt of an application for the tax credit by the owner or operator and verification that eligibility requirements are met, the Oregon Housing and Community Services Department will issue a letter of credit approval, provided that the total biennial cap of \$16.75 million is not exceeded. The credit may be taken in the year the project is completed, or in any of the nine tax years succeeding the tax year in which the project is completed. First instituted in statute in 1989, the tax credit has been legislatively extended in 2009, 2018, and 2019, and has a current sunset date of January 1, 2026.

Senate Bill 132 would extend the agriculture workforce housing tax credit from January 1, 2026 to January 1, 2030.