

House Bill 2391

Sponsored by Representative LEVY B; Representatives ELMER, OSBORNE, SCHARF, SMITH G, WRIGHT, Senators NASH, WEBER (Pre-session 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 **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act makes a new tax credit for sheriff's deputies in rural counties. (Flesch Readability Score: 69.9).

Establishes an income tax credit for sheriff's deputies employed in rural counties.

Applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, and before January 1, 2032.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to an income tax credit for sheriff's deputies in rural counties; and prescribing an effective
3 date.

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

5 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2025 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 315.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, "rural county" means a county in which no mu-**
7 **nicipal police department exists.**

8 **(2) A resident or nonresident individual shall be allowed a credit in the amount of \$5,000**
9 **against taxes that are otherwise due under ORS chapter 316 if during the tax year the indi-**
10 **vidual is a duly sworn member of, and is employed as a sheriff's deputy for an average of**
11 **at least 20 hours per week by, a sheriff's department in a rural county.**

12 **(3) The Department of Revenue may adopt rules relating to the administration and**
13 **enforcement of this section. The department shall prescribe a form that requires the sheriff**
14 **of the county in which the taxpayer is employed to certify that the individual qualifies for**
15 **the credit allowed under this section.**

16 **(4) The credit allowed under this section may not exceed the tax liability of the taxpayer**
17 **and may not be carried forward to another tax year.**

18 **(5) A nonresident shall be allowed the credit under this section in the proportion provided**
19 **in ORS 316.117. If a change in the status of a taxpayer from resident to nonresident or from**
20 **nonresident to resident occurs, the credit allowed by this section shall be determined in a**
21 **manner consistent with ORS 316.117.**

22 **(6) A credit may not be allowed under this section for any tax year for which a credit is**
23 **claimed under ORS 315.622.**

24 **SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2025 Act applies to tax years beginning on or after January**
25 **1, 2026, and before January 1, 2032.**

26 **SECTION 4. This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2025**
27 **regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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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.