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If a citizen of Oregon is not able to find justice when working directly with the Oregon Revenue Service, who usually are reasonable with folks, then suggesting to them that they can use untrained (non attorneys) to interpret complex tax law interpretations, can lead to a huge loss for someone. It creates an uneven playing field because the Dept of Revenue will use their attorneys or experienced staff in the Tax Court. This could pitch your brother against a tax attorney, and that is likely not going to turn out well for you.

The Oregon Law Center does offer clinics to guide folks (for free) in how to understand tax situations, and likely better to do that before you file and not wait until after you file or let someone untrained in this to do your taxes, and then find yourself in court, if it can't be settled with the Revenue office. Better safe than sorry. If, someone ends up in Tax Court, then best to have a tax attorney on your side.