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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 4177

In line 2 of the printed bill, after the semicolon insert "creating new provisions; amending ORS 294.178;".

3 Delete lines 4 through 17 and insert:

"SECTION 1. Notwithstanding ORS 294.178 (3) and (4), for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2011, and July 1, 2012, a county's reduction in expenditures compared with expenditures certified by the Department of Revenue does not alter the percentage to be paid to the county under ORS 294.178 (4) or the payments provided from the County Assessment Function Funding Assistance Account under ORS 294.178 (3) if:

"(1) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, the county received federal payments pursuant to the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (P.L. 106-393) in an amount equal to at least 10 percent of the county's property tax revenues, excluding bonds;

"(2) The reduction in county expenditures does not exceed 15 per cent of the expenditures certified by the department; and

18 "(3) The reduction in county expenditures does not result in a fail-19 ure by the county to adequately provide the resources needed to 20 achieve proper compliance with ORS 308.232 and 308.234, ORS chapter 21 309, other laws requiring equality and uniformity in the system of 22 property taxation and applicable rules of the department.

1 **"SECTION 2.** ORS 294.178 is amended to read:

"294.178. (1) Before issuing any certificate under ORS 294.175, the Department of Revenue shall estimate the amount available in the County Assessment Function Funding Assistance Account created under ORS 294.184
for distribution as grants to counties for the ensuing fiscal year.

6 "(2) The estimate shall be used to determine the estimated percent of the 7 moneys available in the County Assessment Function Funding Assistance 8 Account that each county will receive as grants and the total estimated 9 grant that each county will receive for the ensuing fiscal year. The estimates 10 so determined shall serve as the estimates required to be included in any 11 certification issued under ORS 294.175 for that county.

"(3) On or before the 28th day of the month following the close of each
fiscal quarter, the department shall pay a percentage of the moneys in the
County Assessment Function Funding Assistance Account to each county to
which a certificate has been issued under ORS 294.175.

"(4) Except as provided under subsection (5) of this section and para-16 graphs (c) to (e) of this subsection, the percentage to be paid to each 17 county under subsection (3) of this section shall be the percentage that the 18 expenditures of the county certified by the department to the county gov-19 erning body under ORS 294.175 bears to the total of all expenditures of all 20counties certified by the department to counties under ORS 294.175. In de-21termining the expenditures of a county or in determining the total of all 22expenditures for purposes of this subsection: 23

"(a) No expenditures shall be included that have not been certified under
 ORS 294.175.

"(b) No expenditures of any county that did not file an estimate of expenditures under ORS 294.175 shall be included.

"(c) [No] Expenditures of any county for which certification has been
 denied shall be included, but the amount that would have been paid to
 that county under this subsection based upon those expenditures shall

be transferred to the Assessment and Taxation County Account de scribed in ORS 306.125.

"(d) [No] Expenditures of any county that does not make its appropriation under ORS 294.456 based upon 100 percent of the expenditures certified shall be included, but the amount that would have been paid to that county under this subsection based upon those expenditures shall be transferred to the Assessment and Taxation County Account described in ORS 306.125.

9 "(e) [No] Expenditures of any county that does not certify compliance 10 under ORS 294.181 shall be included, but the amount that would have 11 been paid to that county under this subsection based upon those ex-12 penditures shall be transferred to the Assessment and Taxation 13 County Account described in ORS 306.125.

"(5) If the expenditures of a county are not included for a fiscal quarter 14 on account of subsection (4) of this section, a grant may not be made to that 15 county under subsection (3) of this section for that fiscal quarter. If grant 16 funds are denied to any county under this subsection for any fiscal quarter, 17 the percentage determined under subsection (4) of this section shall be 18 redetermined[, excluding from the computation for that fiscal quarter the cer-19 tified expenditures of the county for which grant funds are denied to the end 20that all of the funds available in the County Assessment Function Funding 21Assistance Account at the time of calculating the quarterly distribution may 22be distributed] based upon the method of calculation in subsection (4) 23of this section.". 24

In line 18, delete "2" and insert "3".

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