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# PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2480

On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after "ORS" delete the rest of the line and delete lines 3 and 4 and insert "92.095, 294.368, 305.286, 307.244, 311.250, 311.392, 311.415, 311.465, 311.505, 311.507, 311.508, 496.340 and 757.883; and prescribing an effective date.".

5 Delete lines 6 through 30 and delete pages 2 through 6 and insert:

6 "SECTION 1. ORS 311.505 is amended to read:

"311.505. (1) Except as provided in subsection [(6)] (8) of this section, the first one-third of all taxes and other charges due from the taxpayer or property, levied or imposed and charged on the latest tax roll, shall be paid on or before November 15, the second one-third on or before February 15, and the remaining one-third on or before May 15 next following.

"(2) Interest shall be charged and collected on any taxes on property, other charges, and on any additional taxes or penalty imposed for disqualification of property for special assessment or exemption, or installment thereof not paid when due, at the rate of one and one-third percent per month, or fraction of a month until paid.

"(3) Discounts shall be allowed on partial or full payments of such taxes,
made on or before November 15 as follows:

19 "(a) Two percent on two-thirds of such taxes so paid.

20 "(b) Three percent where all of such taxes are so paid.

"(4) Notwithstanding subsection (3) of this section, upon compliance
with subsection (5) of this section, the governing body of a county may

allow discounts on partial or full payments of taxes due with respect
to property located in the county, made on or before November 15 as
follows:

"(a) Not more than two percent on two-thirds of such taxes so paid.
"(b) Not more than three percent where all of such taxes are so
paid.

"(5)(a) The governing body of a county wishing to allow discounts under subsection (4) of this section must refer the question of the proposed amount of the discounts to the electors of the county for their approval or rejection at the next primary election or general election.

"(b) If a majority of the voters approve the proposed amount of the
 discounts, the discounts apply to property tax years beginning on or
 after the July 1 next following the election.

"(c) If a majority of the voters reject the proposed amount of the
 discounts, the discounts shall be allowed as prescribed under sub section (3) of this section.

"[(4)] (6) For purposes of this section, 'taxes' includes all taxes on property as defined in ORS 310.140 and certified to the assessor under ORS 310.060 except taxes assessed on any other property which have by any means become a lien against the property for which the payment was made.

"[(5)] (7) All interest collected and all discounts allowed shall be prorated
to the several municipal corporations, taxing districts and governmental
agencies sharing in the taxes or assessments.

<sup>25</sup> "[(6)] (8) If the total property tax is less than \$40, no installment payment <sup>26</sup> of taxes shall be allowed.

### <sup>27</sup> "SECTION 2. ORS 92.095 is amended to read:

"92.095. (1) A subdivision or partition plat may not be recorded unless all
 ad valorem taxes have been paid, including additional taxes, interest and
 penalties imposed on land disqualified for any special assessment and all

special assessments, fees or other charges required by law to be placed upon
the tax roll that have become a lien upon the land or that will become a lien
during the tax year.

"(2) After July 1, and before the certification under ORS 311.105 of any
year, the subdivider or partitioner shall:

6 "(a) If the exact amount of taxes, penalties, special assessments, fees and 7 charges can be computed by the assessor, pay the amount to the tax collec-8 tor. The assessor is authorized to levy and the tax collector is authorized to 9 collect the amount.

"(b) If the assessor is unable to compute the amount at the time, either:
 "(A) Pay the amount estimated by the assessor to be needed to pay the
 taxes, penalties, special assessments, fees and other charges to become due;
 or

"(B) Deposit with the tax collector a bond or irrevocable letter of credit 14 with a good and sufficient undertaking in an amount the assessor considers 15adequate to ensure payment of the taxes to become due. The bond or irrev-16 ocable letter of credit amount may not exceed twice the amount of the pre-17 vious year's taxes, special assessments, fees and other charges upon the land. 18 "(3) Taxes paid or for which security is given under subsection (2)(a) or 19 (b) of this section are entitled to [the discount provided by] any discount 20allowed under ORS 311.505. 21

"(4) ORS 311.370 applies to all taxes levied and collected under subsection
(2) of this section, except that any deficiency constitutes a personal debt
against the person subdividing or partitioning the land and not a lien against
the land and must be collected as provided by law for the collection of personal property taxes.

"(5) If a subdivision or partition plat is recorded, any additional taxes,
interest or penalties imposed upon land disqualified for any special assessment become a lien upon the land on the day before the plat was recorded.
"SECTION 3. ORS 294.368 is amended to read:

"294.368. (1) Each municipal corporation that has the power to levy an ad valorem property tax shall estimate, in the manner provided in this section, the amount of revenues that will be received in the ensuing year or ensuing budget period through the imposition of taxes upon the taxable property within the municipal corporation.

6 "(2) Subject to the additional adjustments required under subsection (4) 7 of this section, the estimated ad valorem taxes that will be received in the 8 ensuing year or ensuing budget period shall not exceed the following:

9 "(a) The amount derived by multiplying the estimated assessed value for 10 the ensuing year or each fiscal year of the ensuing budget period of the 11 taxable property within the municipal corporation, after boundary changes 12 have been filed in final approved form with the county assessor and the De-13 partment of Revenue as provided in ORS 308.225, by whichever of the fol-14 lowing is applicable to the municipal corporation:

"(A) The municipal corporation's permanent rate limit on operating taxes,
as defined in ORS 310.202 (7); or

"(B) The municipal corporation's statutory rate limit on operating taxes,
as defined in ORS 310.202 (10).

"(b) If the municipal corporation is authorized to levy a local option tax that was authorized by the electors as a dollar amount, the dollar amount of such local option tax that is authorized to be levied in the ensuing year or ensuing budget period.

"(c) If the municipal corporation is authorized to levy a local option tax that was authorized by the electors as a tax rate, the amount derived by multiplying the authorized rate of such local option tax for the ensuing year or ensuing budget period by the estimated assessed value for the ensuing year or each fiscal year of the ensuing budget period of the taxable property within the municipal corporation.

"(d) Subject to subsection (3) of this section, the municipal corporation's estimate of the amount required to pay the principal and interest on bonded indebtedness that is not subject to limitation under section 11 (11) or section
 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

"(e) The municipal corporation's estimate of the amount required to repay
taxing district bond obligations or pension and disability plan obligations
described in section 11 (5), Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

6 "(3)(a) The estimate described in subsection (2)(d) of this section may in-7 clude:

8 "(A) An amount equal to the total of the payments on the principal and 9 interest on bonded indebtedness that are due and payable in the fiscal period 10 following the fiscal period for which the budget is being prepared and before 11 a sufficient amount of property taxes to pay the bonded indebtedness are 12 collected in that fiscal period, pursuant to ORS 294.398.

(B) Amounts to reimburse the municipal corporation for the payment of principal and interest on exempt bonded indebtedness that the municipal corporation made from other moneys because collections of taxes levied for exempt bonded indebtedness were not sufficient to pay the exempt bonded indebtedness.

"(b) If the bonded indebtedness is a tax credit bond or other bond that bears interest that is includable in gross income under the Internal Revenue Code, as amended and in effect on June 25, 2009, the payments described in paragraph (a) of this subsection may include deposits that the municipal corporation has agreed to make in a sinking fund that is dedicated to pay the bonded indebtedness.

"(4) The amounts determined under subsection (2)(a), (b) and (c) of this
section shall be reduced by an amount equal to the estimated amount of such
taxes that will not be collected as a result of:

"(a) [*The*] Discounts allowed under ORS 311.505;

<sup>28</sup> "(b) The limits imposed under ORS 310.150 (3); and

"(c) The failure of taxpayers to pay such taxes in the year for which they
are levied.

"(5)(a) The estimated ad valorem taxes determined in accordance with subsection (2)(a), (b) and (c) of this section, prior to adjustment by subsection (4) of this section, shall be used by the municipal corporation for purposes of complying with the requirements of ORS 310.060 (1).

5 "(b) The amounts determined under subsection (2)(d) and (e) of this sec-6 tion shall, for purposes of complying with the requirements of ORS 310.060 7 (1), be increased by an amount equal to the estimated amount of taxes that 8 will not be collected as a result of:

9 "(A) [*The*] Discounts allowed under ORS 311.505;

10 "(B) The limits imposed under ORS 310.150 (3); or

11 "(C) The failure of taxpayers to pay taxes in the year for which they are 12 levied.

13 "SECTION 4. ORS 305.286 is amended to read:

"305.286. (1)(a) Whenever any property value or claim for exemption or cancellation of a property tax assessment is appealed, if the dollar amount in dispute exceeds \$1 million, the assessor of the county in which the property is located may order the officer in charge of the assessment and tax roll to include a deferred billing credit in the property tax statement of the property or in a separate notice of deferred billing.

"(b) If the appeal relates to property assessed under ORS 308.505 to 308.665, the assessor of each county to which a portion of the value is apportioned may order inclusion of a deferred billing credit under paragraph (a) of this subsection:

"(A) Even if the dollar amount in dispute with respect to the county is
\$1 million or less; and

26 "(B) Independently of the assessor of any other county.

"(2) For purposes of this section, the dollar amount in dispute means the
dollar amount of real market value or specially assessed value in dispute:

"(a) For all tax years to which the appeal relates and any tax year during
the pendency of the appeal; and

"(b)(A) For all property of a taxpayer that is the subject of an appeal,
regardless of whether the property is the subject of separate appeals; or

"(B) For property that is assessed under ORS 308.505 to 308.665, for all
current appeals relating to the property or to a unit of which the property
is a part.

6 "(3) For purposes of this section, the county assessor shall determine a 7 deferred billing credit as the dollar amount necessary to address the risk 8 presented to the county by an appeal with respect to the tax year that is the 9 subject of the property tax statement of the property, or of the separate no-10 tice of deferred billing, in which the deferred billing credit is included.

"(4) The county assessor may order issuance of a separate notice of deferred billing pursuant to this section at any time during a tax year to which an appeal relates and any tax year during the pendency of the appeal.

"(5)(a) The portion of a deferred billing credit representing tax amounts
that have been paid shall be refunded without interest under ORS 311.806
as soon as practicable.

"(b) Any amount paid after notice of a deferred billing credit in a property tax statement or a separate notice of deferred billing is mailed that exceeds the amount due after applying the deferred billing credit shall be returned to the taxpayer without interest.

"(6) Inclusion of a deferred billing credit in a property tax statement or a separate notice of deferred billing does not give rise to a cause of action other than an action to ensure proper application of the provisions of this section.

<sup>25</sup> "(7)(a) If a deferred billing credit is included in a property tax statement <sup>26</sup> or a separate notice of deferred billing, tax amounts credited may not be <sup>27</sup> considered delinquent during the period beginning with the inclusion of the <sup>28</sup> credit and ending with the final resolution of the appeal to which the credit <sup>29</sup> relates.

30 "(b) During the period described in paragraph (a) of this subsection, in-

terest may not be charged or collected on tax amounts described in paragraph (a) of this subsection.

"(8) If a refund is ordered upon final resolution of the appeal to which a
deferred billing credit relates, interest shall be paid as provided in ORS
311.812 for the period beginning on the later of the payment date or due date
and ending on the date of refund, on:

"(a) The amount refunded pursuant to subsection (5)(a) of this section
8 that is affirmed by order upon final resolution of the appeal; and

9 "(b) The amount by which the refund exceeds the deferred billing credit.

"(9) If the final resolution of the appeal results in additional taxes due, the county assessor shall mail to the taxpayer as soon as practicable a notice containing the amount of the taxes due and the information specified in subsection (10) of this section.

"(10)(a) Additional taxes due upon final resolution of the appeal are payable without interest and after application of [*the discount of three percent under ORS 311.505*] **any discount allowed under ORS 311.505 (3)(b) or** (4)(b) if paid within 45 days following the date on which the county assessor mails the notice required under subsection (9) of this section.

"(b)(A) If the additional taxes are not paid within the period specified in paragraph (a) of this subsection, except as provided in subsection (7) of this section, the additional taxes shall be considered for all purposes of collection and enforcement of payment as having been delinquent on the date the taxes would normally have become delinquent if the additional taxes had been timely extended on the roll.

"(B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, interest on the additional taxes shall be computed beginning on the 46th day after the date on which the county assessor mails the notice required under subsection (9) of this section.

29 "(11) The county assessor shall provide a quarterly report to the govern-30 ing body of the county showing the status of all current deferred billing 1 credits and the status of the appeals to which the credits relate.

2 "(12) As used in this section:

"(a) 'Property tax statement' means the document described in ORS
311.250.

5 "(b) 'Separate notice of deferred billing' means a notice to the taxpayer, 6 other than the property tax statement, that the provisions of this section 7 apply and stating the amount of the deferred billing credit and the amount 8 of refund, if any.

9 **"SECTION 5.** ORS 307.244 is amended to read:

"307.244. (1) The assessor shall compute and list the value and compute and list the amount of tax which would have been charged on each property receiving an exemption under ORS 307.242 had the property not received an exemption. On or before October 15, the county assessor shall certify the total amounts so computed for each county to the Department of Revenue and to the county treasurer.

"(2) Not later than November 15, the Department of Revenue shall pay to each county treasurer the amount certified under subsection (1) of this section, less any discount [*provided in*] **allowed under** ORS 311.505. The payments made by the department under this section shall be made from the suspense account referred to in ORS 310.692. If necessary, the payments may be prorated as provided in ORS 310.692.

"(3) Payments made by the department to the various county treasurers under this section shall be distributed to the taxing units of the county in accordance with the schedule of percentages computed under ORS 311.390.

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**"SECTION 6.** ORS 311.250 is amended to read:

"311.250. (1) Except as to real property assessed to 'unknown owners' pursuant to ORS 308.240 (2), on or before October 25 in each year, the tax collector shall deliver or mail to each person (as defined in ORS 311.605) shown on the tax roll as an owner of real or personal property, or to an agent or representative authorized in writing pursuant to ORS 308.215 by

such person, a written statement of property taxes payable on the following
 November 15.

"(2) The failure of a taxpayer to receive the statement described in this
section shall not invalidate any assessment, levy, tax, or proceeding to collect tax.

6 "(3) The tax collector shall not be liable for failure to deliver or mail the 7 tax statements by October 25 as provided in subsection (1) of this section if 8 such failure was caused by not receiving the tax roll from the assessor by 9 the time provided by law or by reason of any other circumstance beyond the 10 control of the tax collector. In such case the tax collector shall deliver or 11 mail the statements as soon as possible.

"(4) Where, for any reason the taxes due on any property on the assess-12ment roll in any year cannot be ascertained from the tax roll by November 13 5 of that year, within 15 days thereafter the owner or other person liable for 14 or desiring to pay the taxes on such property may tender to the tax collector, 15and the tax collector may collect, a payment of all or part of the taxes es-16 timated by the tax collector to be due on such property. Immediately after 17 the taxes are actually extended on the tax roll, the tax collector shall credit 18 the amount paid as provided by law, [allowing the] after any discount al-19 lowed under ORS 311.505 and not charging interest for the amount of taxes 20satisfied by such payment. Where there has been an underpayment, addi-21tional taxes shall be collected, and where there has been an overpayment, 22refund shall be made as otherwise provided by law. 23

"(5) The tax statement described in this section shall be designed by the
Department of Revenue and shall contain such information as the department shall prescribe by rule including:

"(a) The real market value of the property for which the tax statement
is being prepared (or the property's specially assessed value if the property
is subject to special assessment) for the current and prior tax year;

30 "(b) The property's assessed value for the current and prior tax year; and

1 "(c) The total amount of taxes due on the property.

<sup>2</sup> "<u>SECTION 7.</u> ORS 311.392 is amended to read:

"311.392. (1) If, in the discretion of the county court, it is more economical 3 to advance to those municipalities from the general fund of the county the 4 total amount of taxes, assessments or other charges levied against property  $\mathbf{5}$ in the county, the county court may advance from the general fund of the 6 county the full amount of the taxes, assessments and charges levied by those 7 subdivisions and the county court may order the county tax collector to re-8 vise the tax distribution schedule provided by ORS 311.390 so that all taxes, 9 assessments and charges advanced by the county will be allocated to the 10 county. If the county makes the payments provided in this section, it shall 11 have no recourse against the political subdivision for recovery of the 12shrinkage in collections from that anticipated at the time the payment was 13 made. 14

"(2) If the county advances taxes under this subsection, before December 16 1 of each year, it may deduct from the levy [*the three percent discount* 17 *which*] **any discount that** would have been [*given*] **allowed** by the district 18 **under ORS 311.505 (3)(b) or (4)(b)** had all of the taxes been paid by No-19 vember 15 and turned over to the district on or before December 1 of each 20 year. If the payment is made after December 1, no discount shall be taken 21 by the county.

# <sup>22</sup> "SECTION 8. ORS 311.415 is amended to read:

"311.415. (1) Before any judgment or final order shall be entered or become operative in any court in this state in any of the causes listed in subsection (3) of this section, it shall first be shown to the satisfaction of the court that all taxes due or owing from the defendant, judgment debtor, heir, devisee, executor, administrator, trustee, agent, conservator or guardian, or which may be collected by virtue of the assessment and taxation laws of this state, have been paid.

30 "(2) If the judgment or final order is to be taken and entered after Janu-

ary 1, while the assessment roll is in the possession of the assessor, and pertains to an assessment to be made as of January 1, the receipt for the taxes shall be given by the assessor upon an assessment made as follows:

"(a) If the exact amount of taxes, special assessments, fees and charges
are able to be computed by the assessor, such amount shall be paid to the
tax collector. The assessor is authorized to levy and the tax collector is authorized to collect such amount.

"(b) If the assessor is unable to compute the exact amount at the time, 8 9 *[either (A)]* there shall be paid the amount estimated by the assessor to be needed to pay the taxes, special assessments, fees and other charges to be-10 come due[,] or [(B)] there shall be deposited with the tax collector a bond 11 with good and sufficient undertaking in the amount that the assessor con-12siders adequate to insure payment of the taxes to become due. In no event 13 shall the bond amount exceed twice the amount of the previous year's taxes, 14 special assessments, fees and other charges computed under this subsection. 15Taxes paid or bonded for under this section shall be entitled to any discount 16 [provided by] allowed under ORS 311.505. ORS 311.370 shall apply to 17 amounts assessed and collected under this subsection. 18

19 "(3) This section applies to the following causes:

20 "(a) An assignment for the benefit of creditors.

"(b) The estate of a deceased person or any other proceeding in probateinvolving the distribution of personal property.

"(c) Any proceeding to enforce the payment of a debt where the property
involved is assessable personal property.

## <sup>25</sup> "<u>SECTION 9.</u> ORS 311.465 is amended to read:

<sup>26</sup> "311.465. (1) Subsection (2) of this section applies if:

"(a) The county assessor discovers personal property subject to assessment for taxation in any year and taxes imposed on the property in a prior
year are delinquent; or

30 "(b) In the opinion of the assessor it seems probable that personal prop-

erty may be removed from the county, sold, dissipated or destroyed before the 1 taxes on the property otherwise become due and payable and it further ap- $\mathbf{2}$ pears that the owner or person liable for the taxes had no property subject 3 to taxation in the county during either of the two preceding tax years, or 4 was delinquent in the payment of any tax imposed during the two preceding  $\mathbf{5}$ tax years in respect to property in any jurisdiction, whether within or 6 without the state, or is not financially responsible or intends to depart from 7 the state before the taxes become due. 8

9 "(2) The assessor may, immediately after listing and valuing the personal 10 property for assessment and taxation, levy, demand and collect for remit-11 tance to the tax collector, or the tax collector may collect, the taxes on the 12 property as follows:

"(a) If the assessor is able to compute the exact amount of taxes, special
 assessments, fees and charges, such amount shall be paid to the assessor for
 remittance to the tax collector or directly to the tax collector; or

"(b) If the assessor is unable to compute the exact amount at the time,either:

"(A) There shall be paid the amount that the assessor estimates is needed
to pay the taxes, special assessments, fees and other charges to become due;
or

"(B) There shall be deposited with the tax collector a bond with a good and sufficient undertaking in the amount that the assessor considers adequate to ensure payment of the taxes to become due. In no event shall the bond amount exceed twice the amount of the taxes, special assessments, fees and other charges computed by the assessor under this paragraph.

"(3) Taxes paid or bonded for under subsection (2) of this section shall be entitled to [*the discount provided by*] **any discount allowed under** ORS 311.505. ORS 311.370 shall apply to the amounts assessed and collected under subsection (2) of this section. Any taxes collected under subsection (2) of this section, and subject to refund on order of the tax court under ORS 311.467,

shall be held in the special account mentioned in ORS 311.370 by the county treasurer until the period for petitioning for review of the assessor's action has expired, or, when a review is had, until the review is determined. If the tax court, upon review, orders a refund, the county treasurer shall make the refund from the special account within three days after entry of the department's order.

"(4) If the owner or person liable for the taxes on the personal property fails to pay the tax on demand by the assessor, the assessor shall certify the assessment and tax levies made under this section to the tax collector of the county. The taxes thereupon shall be collected by the tax collector in the manner of collecting delinquent taxes on personal property. The taxes when so certified by the assessor are delinquent and subject to the provisions of law for the collection of delinquent taxes on personal property.

14 "SECTION 10. ORS 311.507 is amended to read:

"311.507. (1) Notwithstanding the requirement in ORS 311.505 [(3)] that
to receive a discount upon payment of taxes, the taxes must be paid on or
before November 15, [the discount provided by ORS 311.505 (3)] a discount
under ORS 311.505 shall be allowed:

"(a) If the taxes are paid within 15 business days after the date the tax
statement is mailed by the tax collector, or by November 15, whichever is
the later;

"(b) If under ORS 311.252 (2) or 311.253, the mortgagee or other person has received from the county a defective or inaccurate computer record, and the taxes are paid within 15 business days after the corrected computer record is delivered to the mortgagee or person, or by November 15, whichever is later;

"(c) If the reason for nonpayment by November 15 is on account of the county not providing a computer record pursuant to a mutual agreement as provided under ORS 311.253 and tax statements are substituted by the county for the computer record. To receive a discount pursuant to this paragraph, the taxes must be paid within 20 business days after the tax collector mails the tax statements, or the taxpayer has been notified in writing by the tax collector that the computer record will not be provided, whichever date is later; or

"(d) Except under conditions described in ORS 311.229 (2), if property or value is added to the tax roll under ORS 311.208 and the taxes becoming due as a result of the addition are paid in the period prior to the 16th day of the month next following the month of their extension.

9 "(2) Nothing in this section shall affect the due dates of the installment 10 payments or the computation of interest upon failure to pay the installment 11 on the date due. As used in this section, business days mean days other than 12 Saturdays and legal holidays.

### <sup>13</sup> "SECTION 11. ORS 311.508 is amended to read:

"311.508. (1) Except as provided under subsection (2) of this section and
notwithstanding ORS 311.505 [(5)] (7):

"(a) Twenty-five percent of the interest charged and collected under ORS
311.505 shall be deposited and credited to the County Assessment and Taxation Fund created under ORS 294.187; and

"(b) An additional 25 percent of the interest charged and collected under ORS 311.505 shall be deposited and credited to the County Assessment and Taxation Fund created under ORS 294.187 to the extent the interest would otherwise be distributed to cities or other taxing districts that are not counties or districts within the public school system.

<sup>24</sup> "(2) On or before June 15 of each year, the Department of Revenue shall <sup>25</sup> estimate the amount of interest that will be deposited and credited to the <sup>26</sup> County Assessment Function Funding Assistance Account created under <sup>27</sup> ORS 294.184 for the ensuing fiscal year. If the estimate is less than \$13 <sup>28</sup> million, the department shall certify to each county treasurer an increase in <sup>29</sup> the percentage specified under subsection (1)(a) of this section to the end <sup>30</sup> that the estimate reaches \$13 million. However, no increase in percentage

shall be certified that will raise and make available for deposit and credit to the County Assessment Function Funding Assistance Account for the ensuing fiscal year an amount that is in excess of \$3 million over the amount estimated under this subsection to be received under subsection (1)(a) of this section for the ensuing fiscal year.

6 "(3) Upon receipt of certification from the department under subsection 7 (2) of this section, the county treasurer shall deposit and credit to the 8 County Assessment and Taxation Fund for the fiscal year to which the cer-9 tification applies the percentage of the interest charged and collected under 10 ORS 311.505 so certified.

"(4) The percentage of the interest on unpaid taxes and penalties required to be deposited and credited to the County Assessment and Taxation Fund under this section shall be deposited and credited in the same manner that the remaining interest is deposited and credited under ORS 311.385.

<sup>15</sup> "SECTION 12. ORS 496.340 is amended to read:

"496.340. (1) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, whenever 16 real property owned by the State Fish and Wildlife Commission is exempt 17 from taxation on January 1 of any year by reason of its ownership by the 18 state, the commission shall pay to the county in which the property is situ-19 ated an amount equal to the ad valorem taxes that would have been charged 20against the property if it had been assessed to a taxable owner as of January 211 of such year as provided in subsection (2) of this section. The county 22assessor shall determine the value of such property and shall notify the 23commission of the determination of the county assessor. Upon request of the 24commission, the Department of Revenue shall review the determination of 2526 value and shall redetermine the value if it concludes the value initially determined was substantially incorrect. 27

"(2)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) or (c) of this subsection, the
value of the property shall be computed at its assessed value under ORS
308A.107 or for forestland use, whichever is applicable.

"(b) Paragraph (a) of this subsection shall not apply to any property upon 1 which open field burning takes place. If open field burning takes place on  $\mathbf{2}$ any property described in this section, the property shall be valued at its 3 highest and best use rather than the values authorized in paragraph (a) of 4 this subsection on the January 1 following the date of the open field burning.  $\mathbf{5}$ If in the next year, the open field burning is discontinued, paragraph (a) of 6 this subsection shall apply the next January 1 and each year thereafter as 7 long as no open field burning occurs. 8

9 "(c) Paragraph (a) of this subsection shall not apply to any property ac-10 quired by the commission after September 9, 1971, if such property was val-11 ued under farm use or forestland use special assessment provisions, at the 12 time the property was acquired by the commission. However, no payments 13 in lieu of taxes made to a county pursuant to this section prior to January 14 1, 1974, shall be refunded to the commission.

"(3) This section does not apply to real property used for bird farms, fish
hatcheries, office quarters, fishing access sites or impoundments, capital improvements or real property acquired pursuant to the Act of May 19, 1948
(62 Stat. 240), Public Law 80-537.

"(4) The amount prescribed in subsection (1) of this section shall be de-19 termined annually by the assessor of the county in which the property is 20situated and certified by the assessor to the county court or the board of 21county commissioners. A notice of the determination, signed by the county 22judge or the chairperson of the board of county commissioners, shall be 23mailed to the principal office of the commission not later than October 15. 24The notice shall contain a statement of the value of the property and a 25complete explanation of the method used in computing the amount claimed 26pursuant to subsection (1) of this section. Not later than November 15, the 27commission shall pay each amount, less a discount equivalent to [that which 28is provided in] any discount allowed the property under ORS 311.505. 29 Payment shall be made to the county treasurer, who shall distribute the 30

payment to the taxing districts of the county in accordance with the schedule
of percentages computed under ORS 311.390.

"(5) Notwithstanding any other provision of the wildlife laws, the commission shall make the payments to counties required by this section annually from the moneys in the State Wildlife Fund established by ORS 496.300.

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"SECTION 13. ORS 757.883 is amended to read:

"757.883. (1) Oregon Community Power shall make payments in lieu of 7 property taxes on all property that would otherwise be subject to assessment 8 under ORS 308.505 to 308.665 if owned by a taxable owner. Oregon Commu-9 nity Power shall pay to each county in which property of Oregon Community 10 Power is located an amount equal to the ad valorem property taxes that 11 would have been charged by the county if Oregon Community Power prop-12 erty had been assessed to a taxable owner as of January 1 of the assessment 13 year for which payment is being made. 14

"(2) The Department of Revenue shall determine the assessed value of Oregon Community Power property as if the property were subject to assessment under ORS 308.505 to 308.665, and shall transmit the value information as provided in ORS 308.505 to 308.665 to the appropriate county assessor. Oregon Community Power shall comply with property reporting requirements under ORS 308.505 to 308.665 as if the property were subject to assessment under ORS 308.505 to 308.665.

"(3) The amount of the in lieu payment to be made to each county under 22this section shall be determined and certified annually by the county 23assessor of the county. A notice of the determination and certification shall 24be mailed to Oregon Community Power not later than October 15. The notice 25shall contain a statement of the value of the property and a complete ex-26planation of the method used in computing the amount of the in lieu payment 27due under this section. Not later than November 15, Oregon Community 28Power shall pay the amount due to each county under this section, less a 29 discount equivalent to [that which is provided in] any discount allowed the 30

**property under** ORS 311.505. Payment shall be made to the county treasurer. The county treasurer shall distribute the payment to the taxing districts of the county in accordance with the schedule of percentages computed under ORS 311.390.

5 "<u>SECTION 14.</u> The amendments to ORS 92.095, 294.368, 305.286,
6 307.244, 311.250, 311.392, 311.415, 311.465, 311.505, 311.507, 311.508, 496.340
7 and 757.883 by sections 1 to 13 of this 2013 Act apply to property tax
8 years beginning on or after July 1, 2014.

9 "SECTION 15. This 2013 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the
10 date on which the 2013 regular session of the Seventy-seventh Legis11 lative Assembly adjourns sine die.".

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