# Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Revenue

Fiscal:Fiscal impact issuedRevenue:No Revenue ImpactAction Date:Action:Meeting Dates:Prepared By:Chris Allanach, Senior Economist

## WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies the Qualified Research Facilities (R&D) tax credit so that it is refundable for corporations with Oregon sales of no more than \$1 million. Increases the maximum tax credit from \$1 million to \$2 million. Applies to tax years 2016 and later.

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

#### **EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

This tax credit was create in 1989 and is a function of research expenses incurred in Oregon. Corporations are allowed a tax credit equal to 5% of the amount of research expenses that exceed a base amount. An alternate calculation allows a tax credit equal to 5% of the amount of research expenses that exceed 10 percent of Oregon sales.