

# House Bill 3150

Sponsored by Representative EVANS

## SUMMARY

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Creates income tax credit for investment in community gardens and food banks. Applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2015.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to tax incentives for investment in community food resources; 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 2015 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 315.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) A credit against taxes that are otherwise due under ORS chapter 316**  
7 **shall be allowed to a taxpayer who invests more than \$10,000 in one or more community food**  
8 **resources in a tax year. The credit allowed is calculated by subtracting \$10,000 from the**  
9 **amount invested and multiplying the result by 30 percent.**

10 **(2) As used in this section:**

11 **(a) "Community food resource" means a community garden or a food bank or other**  
12 **charitable organization.**

13 **(b) "Community garden" means a parcel of public or private land located in this state**  
14 **that is available to the general public for the noncommercial production of vegetables, fruits,**  
15 **herbs, flowers, nuts, poultry or honey.**

16 **(c) "Food bank or other charitable organization" has the meaning given that term in ORS**  
17 **315.154.**

18 **(3) For each tax year for which a credit is claimed under this section, the taxpayer shall**  
19 **maintain records sufficient to prove the taxpayer's eligibility for the credit allowed under**  
20 **this section. A taxpayer shall maintain the records required under this subsection for at**  
21 **least three years.**

22 **(4) The amount of the credit available under this section may not exceed the tax liability**  
23 **of the taxpayer under ORS chapter 316 for the tax year.**

24 **(5) A nonresident taxpayer shall be allowed the credit under this section. The credit shall**  
25 **be computed in the same manner and be subject to the same limitations as the credit**  
26 **granted to a resident taxpayer. However, the credit shall be prorated using the proportion**  
27 **provided in ORS 316.117.**

28 **(6) If a change in the taxable year of the taxpayer occurs as described in ORS 314.085,**  
29 **or if the Department of Revenue terminates the taxpayer's taxable year under ORS 314.440,**  
30 **the credit allowed by this section shall be prorated or computed in a manner consistent with**  
31 **ORS 314.085.**

**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.

1           **(7) If a change in the status of a taxpayer from resident to nonresident or from nonres-**  
2 **ident to resident occurs, the credit allowed by this section shall be determined in a manner**  
3 **consistent with ORS 316.117.**

4           **SECTION 3.** **Section 2 of this 2015 Act applies to tax years beginning on or after January**  
5 **1, 2015.**

6           **SECTION 4.** **This 2015 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2015**  
7 **regular session of the Seventy-eighth Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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