

**SB 1531 -2, -3, -5 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue**

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/6

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires averaging of household incomes of property occupants in determination of household income for low-income rental and nonprofit low-income rental property tax exemptions. Applies to housing for which application is filed on or after effective date of Act. Modifies period in which tax refund interest begins accruing, effective for refunds owing as of January 1, 2018. Allows tax credit for contributions to Oregon Production Investment Fund for preceding tax year, applicable to tax years 2020 through 2023. Clarifies short line railroad tax credit definition of infrastructure and corrects statute references. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-2 Specifies that special use fuel license fee is not subject to ORS 315.037.

-3 Requires Oregon Department of Transportation and Oregon Transportation Commission to biennially review special use fuel license fees and recommend to interim legislative transportation committees any adjustment to fees that are deemed appropriate.

-5 Replaces content of measure.

For purposes of low-income rental property tax exemption, modifies definition of low income to at or below 80 percent of area median income for persons occupying property for every subsequent consecutive year of occupancy. Requires averaging of incomes of property occupants in determination of income for low-income rental and nonprofit low-income rental property tax exemptions if property is awarded tax credits through the federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program. Applies to housing for which application is filed on or after effective date of Act. Expands environmentally sensitive logging equipment property tax exemption to include logging equipment held for specified uses, applicable to property tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2019. For single-unit housing property tax exemption, allows city to extend up to 24 months, deadline for completion of construction. Modifies period in which tax refund interest begins accruing, effective for refunds owing as of January 1, 2018. Allows individual development account donation credit for preceding tax year if donation is made before the taxpayer files a return or before the 15th day of the fourth month following the closing of the taxpayer's tax year, whichever is earlier. Applies to tax years 2020 through 2021. Allows Oregon Film and Video Office and/or Higher Education Coordinating Commission to issue tax credit certification for current or immediately preceding tax year if taxpayer has not filed associated tax return. Applies to tax years 2020 through 2023. Clarifies short line railroad tax credit definition of infrastructure and corrects statute references. Updates corporate excise tax statutory reference to Internal Revenue Code. Measure takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**BACKGROUND:**