

SB 1560 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

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Meeting Dates: 2/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Provides for additional exemption against Oregon estate tax. Phases out availability of exemption based on size of estate. Applies to estates of decedents dying on or after January 1, 2021. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The estate tax in Oregon currently allows for a \$1,000,000 estate value exemption. In 2012 HB 2541 changed the inheritance tax in Oregon to the current estate tax, and in 2015, the natural resource credit was added. Estates with gross values over \$1 million are subject to the estate tax, with the rate of assessment increasing from 10% to 16% for estates worth more than 9.5 million. Annual estate tax collections are approximately \$200 million.