

**HB 2452 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Joint Committee On Tax Expenditures**

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**Meeting Dates:** 6/3

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Extends sunset for Oregon Veterans' Home physician tax credit from January 1, 2022 to January 1, 2028.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Physicians who provide medical care to residents of an Oregon Veterans' Home are allowed a credit against personal income taxes. The credit is \$1,000 for every eight residents to whom the physician provides care, up to \$5,000. To qualify for the credit, a physician cannot miss more than five percent of scheduled visits with residents as verified by a letter from the Oregon Veterans' Home. The letter must be submitted with the corresponding tax return. A qualifying taxpayer may claim both this credit and the rural medical practitioner tax credit.

In recent years, the tax credit has reduced General Fund revenue by between \$10,000 and \$30,000 per year. Since the opening of Oregon's second Veterans' Home in 2014, about 15 taxpayers per year have claimed the credit with an average benefit of about \$1,800 per taxpayer per year.