

Background

The Charitable Checkoff Commission and the program were originally created by the Oregon Legislature more than three decades ago. Through the program, taxpayers can donate all or a portion of their personal income tax refund to any or all 29 charities approved by the Charitable Checkoff Commission. Taxpayers file Form OR-DONATE to designate the amount of their refund to donate to charity.

Problem

The program has evolved since its original inception in 1989. The original program contemplated a list of charities that would fit on the face of the personal income tax return form. Last year, Oregon taxpayers use a specific form (OR-DONATE) to donate almost \$2.7 million to 29 charities. The program has grown, and it would be helpful to update statute to continue to support this service for charities across the state.

Proposed Solution

House Bill 2129 makes the following changes to the program:

- Clarifies the role of the Charitable Checkoff Commission and its members.
- Updates the meeting frequency of the Charitable Checkoff Commission.
- Clarifies language around charities requalifying for inclusion on Form OR-DONATE.
- Removes the minimum requirement for donations a charity must receive to continue to qualify for the program.
- Clarifies governmental entities are not required to receive revenue from sources other than from charitable checkoff donations.
- Removes outdated statutory language references.
- Repeals outdated or unneeded statutes.

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Oregon Charitable Checkoff Organizations as of December 31, 2020

Oregon Coast Aquarium

SOLVE

The Nature Conservancy

St. Vincent DePaul Society of Oregon

Oregon Humane Society

The Salvation Army

Doernbecher Children's Hospital

The Oregon Veterans' Homes

ALS Association

Planned Parenthood of Oregon

Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation

Shriners Hospitals for Children

Special Olympics Oregon

Susan G. Komen

Oregon Military Assistance Program

Oregon Historical Society

Oregon Food Bank

Albertina Kerr Kid's Crisis Care

American Red Cross

Cascade AIDS Project

Veterans Suicide Prevention

Oregon Nongame Wildlife

Prevent Child Abuse

Alzheimer's Disease Research

Stop Domestic and Sexual Violence

Habitat for Humanity

Oregon Head Start Association

American Diabetes Association

SMART