

HB 2576 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Revenue

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Meeting Dates: 1/31

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Confers exclusive jurisdiction on Oregon Tax Court for judicial review of questions concerning income taxes imposed by local governments. Applies to petitions filed on or after effective date of act. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Tax Court is part of the Oregon Judicial Department. It is a statewide court and has exclusive jurisdiction to hear tax appeals under state laws, including personal income tax, property tax, corporation excise tax, timber tax, local budget law, and property tax limitations. The court is independent from the executive and legislative branches of state government. The court is not a part of the Oregon Department of Revenue, which is often a statutory defendant in Tax Court cases.

Several Oregon local governments impose a local income tax in Oregon. Examples include Multnomah County, City of Portland and Metro.