

HB 2086 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Revenue

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows petitioner to request correction to property tax roll for current tax year and up to five preceding years. Requires Department of Revenue to add language to property tax bills indicating if assessed value has increased more than three percent from prior year, including reason for the increase. Requires county assessor to make corrections to tax roll following petition. Applies to tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2024. Takes effect 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

Testimony of a taxpayer's experience with an assessor mistake and appeals process.

Testimony of an assessor's concern regarding the administrative notification requirements in section 2 of introduced House Bill 2086.

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Assessed value can increase by more than 3 percent over the prior tax year due to:

- Improvements made to the property
- A broad decline in property value, resulting in assessed value equal to real market value, followed by more than 3 percent growth in real market value

A correction to the tax roll can increase, decrease, or have no effect on tax imposed. An “officer may correct an error in valuation judgment...if the correction results in a reduction of the tax owed on the account” [ORS 311.205(1)(b)(A)]. Additionally, “The officer may correct any other error or omission of any kind” [ORS 311.205(1)(b)(C)].