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Requested by HOUSE COMMITTEE ON REVENUE (at the request of Senator Mark Meek)

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO A-ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 1526

On page 15 of the printed corrected A-engrossed bill, after line 20, insert: "SECTION 26c. (1) As used in this section and section 26d of this 2024 Act:

"(a)(A) 'Credit-eligible taxes' means ad valorem property taxes that
are:

6 "(i) Operating taxes as defined in ORS 310.055; or

7 "(ii) Local option taxes as defined in ORS 310.202.

8 "(B) 'Credit-eligible taxes' does not mean ad valorem property taxes
9 that are levied to repay bonded indebtedness.

10 "(b) 'Eligible homestead' means residential property that:

"(A) Is owned by a resident of this state described in subsection (2)
 of this section; and

"(B) Would be occupied by the resident as a primary residence, but
 for military service described in subsection (2) of this section.

"(2) A property tax credit is allowable for the homestead of any
 resident of this state who is:

"(a) Serving in the Oregon National Guard, military reserve forces
 or organized militia of any other state or territory of the United
 States; and

20 **"(b) Performing service:**

21 "(A) Under Title 10 of the United States Code or pursuant to a de-

ployment made under the authority of the Emergency Management
 Assistance Compact; and

"(B) For more than 178 consecutive days, if at least one of the days falls within the property tax year for which the tax credit is claimed. "(3)(a) Upon compliance with section 26d of this 2024 Act, and regardless of any value assessed on the eligible homestead, a credit against the credit-eligible taxes otherwise due on an eligible homestead shall be allowed for any property tax year in an amount equal to the lesser of:

10 "(A) The credit-eligible taxes due on the property; or

11 **"(B) \$1,750.**

"(b) The maximum amount of the credit allowable under paragraph 12 (a) of this subsection shall be adjusted annually by the percentage, if 13 any, by which the monthly averaged Consumer Price Index for All 14 Urban Consumers, West Region (All Items), as published by the Bu-15 reau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor, for 16 the 12 consecutive months ending August 31 of the property tax year 17 for which the credit is allowable exceeds the monthly averaged index 18 for the 12 consecutive months ending August 31, 2024. 19

"(4)(a) The amount of the tax credit used against the property taxes imposed on an eligible homestead shall be withheld from the taxing districts of the code area in which the eligible homestead is located according to the percentage schedule prepared and filed under ORS 311.390.

"(b) The total amount of the credit shall be allocated proportion ately among the credit-eligible taxes to which it relates.

"(c) For any partial payments of credit-eligible taxes, the amount
of the credit allowed against the payment shall be proportional to the
percentage of the total taxes due that are paid.

30 "(d) If the amount of the credit exceeds the credit-eligible taxes due

on the eligible homestead for the property tax year, the excess may
not be used in any succeeding property tax year.

"(5)(a) A resident currently receiving the partial exemption against a homestead's assessed value granted under ORS 307.286 may, for the succeeding property tax year, file a claim for and receive instead the tax credit allowed under this section against the credit-eligible taxes imposed on the homestead.

"(b) A homestead may not receive both the partial exemption and
the tax credit for any property tax year.

"(6) It is the intent of the Legislative Assembly that a tax credit allowed under this section does not subject the eligible homestead to revaluation under Article XI, section 11 (1)(c)(E) or (2), of the Oregon Constitution.

¹⁴ "<u>SECTION 26d.</u> (1) Each resident seeking the property tax credit ¹⁵ allowable under section 26c of this 2024 Act shall file with the county ¹⁶ assessor, on forms supplied by the assessor, a claim in writing on or ¹⁷ before August 1 following the end of the property tax year for which ¹⁸ the tax credit is claimed.

"(2) A claim for the tax credit under section 26c of this 2024 Act
shall:

"(a) Designate the eligible homestead to which the tax credit will
apply;

"(b) Set forth the basis for eligibility of the claimant and the
homestead for the tax credit; and

"(c) Include a statement by the claimant, subject to the penalties
for false swearing under ORS 162.075, that all information contained
in the claim is true.

"(3) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section and section 26c
(2) of this 2024 Act, the eligible homestead of a resident described in
section 26c (2) of this 2024 Act who files a claim prior to the date on

which the resident's service begins shall be allowed the tax credit if the claimant has written orders that require the performance of service for at least one day during the property tax year for which the tax credit is being claimed and the claimant and the homestead are otherwise eligible for the tax credit.

6 "(4)(a) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section and section 7 26c (2) of this 2024 Act, an individual, other than the eligible resident, 8 who is lawfully occupying an eligible homestead may file a claim for 9 the tax credit under section 26c of this 2024 Act by the time prescribed 10 in subsection (1) of this section if the eligible resident died while per-11 forming the service described in section 26c (2)(b)(A) of this 2024 Act 12 during the current or preceding tax year.

"(b) The claim shall be allowed by the county assessor if the eligible
resident met all of the requirements for a tax credit under section 26c
of this 2024 Act prior to death, other than the number of consecutive
days of service specified in section 26c (2)(b)(B) of this 2024 Act.

"(5) The tax credit shall be allowed for the property tax year in
which the claim is required to be filed.

19 "(6) If the credit-eligible taxes for the property tax year for which 20 the tax credit is allowed have not been paid, the amount of the tax 21 credit and any interest on the amount shall be abated.

"(7)(a) If the credit-eligible taxes for the property tax year for which the tax credit is allowed have been paid without allowance of the tax credit, notwithstanding section 26c (3)(a) of this 2024 Act, the amount of the credit allowed shall be refunded in the manner prescribed in this subsection.

"(b) The tax collector shall notify the governing body of the county of any refund required under this subsection and the governing body shall cause a refund of the credit-eligible taxes and any interest paid on the taxes to be made from the unsegregated tax collections account 1 described in ORS 311.385.

2 "(c) The refund shall be made without interest.

"(d) Refund amounts shall be withheld from the taxing districts of
the code area in which the eligible homestead is located according to
the percentage schedule prepared and filed under ORS 311.390.

6 "(e) The county assessor and tax collector shall make the necessary
7 corrections in the records of their offices.

8 "<u>SECTION 26e.</u> Property tax credits under section 26c of this 2024
9 Act may be allowed against credit-eligible taxes due for property tax
10 years beginning on or after July 1, 2024.

"SECTION 26f. (1) Except as provided in ORS 307.289 (4), an initial
 year of partial exemption under ORS 307.286 may not be granted for
 property tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2025.

"(2) Notwithstanding the sunset date provided in subsection (1) of this section, a homestead that is granted a partial exemption for the property tax year beginning on July 1, 2024, shall continue to receive the partial exemption for as long as the resident and the homestead qualify for it under ORS 307.286.".

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