

Date: Wednesday-June 15

Time: 1:00 P.M.

Room: HR A

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Work Session

HB 2543 A (To Resolve Conflicts) - Revises homestead property tax deferral program by imposing maximum net worth limit and minimum homestead residence requirement on claimants and maximum real market value limit on homestead.

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Note:

Changes in seniors property tax exemption program and puts net worth limit on program. Changes interest calculations for repayment and adds lien component to ensure repayment.

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Tax Credits

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[HB 3672](#) Requires joint legislative interim committee on revenue to study costs and benefits of Oregon's tax expenditures and make recommendations to Seventy-sixth Legislative Assembly.

HB 3606 A For purposes of allowance of tax credits for energy facilities, provides that first year in which transferee may claim tax credit is tax year in which transferee files completed application for final certification or, in case of certain credits for renewable energy facilities, year in which transferee pays for credit, if later.

SB 817 Creates Oregon Low Income Community Jobs Initiative.

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Note:

Bill Create Oregon Low Income Community Jobs Initiative which creates a tax credit for qualified equity investments in low income community businesses. This bill is sponsored by both democrats and republicans and has Senator Morse and Telfer as co-sponsors. This is bad economic policy, and leads to waste of dollars and incorrect market signals for businesses in all areas where these credits are implemented, including neighboring businesses that DO NOT receive the credits. BAD, BAD, POLICY.

Note:

From bill statement: “the Oregon Low Income Community Jobs Initiative, which provides tax credits for investments in low-income communities” also takes a big chunk of cash from the taxpayer/ investor as “The taxpayer would pay an initial application fee of \$5,000 and an annual evaluation fee of \$1,000.” Additionally the fiscal statement suggests this bill will require about 75k in lottery funds to make it run. This seems like bad policy as it requires investors to invest in certain locations to receive tax credits. Investment should be totally inside the free market, with no government interference, in order to provide correct market signals to businesses.

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HB 5013 Department of Consumer and Business Services

HB 5014 Department of Consumer and Business Services - fee bill

HB 5040 Department of Revenue

HB 5045 Tobacco Settlement Funds Account

HB 5054 Continuing Resolution

SB 5511 Department of Energy

SB 5512 Department of Energy - fee bill

HB 2088 A Relating to the amusement industry

HB 2104 A Relating to the Intoxicated Driver Program Fund

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Note:

Bill Increases fee paid by persons convicted of driving while under the influence of intoxicants and persons entering into driving while under the influence of intoxicants diversion agreement to Director of Oregon Health Authority for deposit in Intoxicated Driver Program Fund.

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HB 2257 A Relating to the voters' pamphlet

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Note:

Bill is not of real importance but shows the absolute inefficiency and absurdity of government. This bill allows voter pamphlet information from candidates to be filed electronically instead of just through paper forms. A real world company would be changing this to have electronic filing as an option to cut costs of operation. But not the government.....We need to pass a new law to allow them to do what ANY private company would have already done.

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HB 2380 B Relating to direct entry midwifery

HB 2578 Relating to Oregon Veterans' Homes

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Note:

Bill Directs Director of Veterans' Affairs to establish third Oregon Veterans' Home in Roseburg.

I'm not sure if this is the best place for a home. How about we let the VA determine where the most economical, best location would be for this facility; instead of the government telling them where to put their new building.

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HB 2653 A Relating to justice courts

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Note:

Allows justice courts to assign certain judgments to the Department of Revenue for subsequent collection. Requires these courts to submit an annual report to the Legislative Fiscal Office regarding the status of the court's liquidated and delinquent accounts; identifies information to be included in the report. Requires the Legislative Fiscal Office to produce an annual report based the reports it receives from justice courts.

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HB 2740 A Relating to Oregon 529 College Savings Network accounts

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Note:

This bill directs the state registrar of Center for Health statistics to send copy of all birth certificates for Oregon born babies to 529 college savings board so they can presumably solicit the parents for college savings plans for the children. This is bad policy and is not a function of government that we should want to be happening.

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HB 2800 A Relating to Oregon Farm-to-School and School Garden Program

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Note:

Democrat sponsored bill. Bill directs Department of Education to award grants to school districts for reimbursement of costs incurred in purchasing Oregon food products that meet certain criteria and for funding food-based, agriculture-based and garden-based educational activities.

Reimbursement rate for purchasing Oregon grown product for these lunches is \$.15 per lunch (fifteen cents per lunch) How much food can be purchased for 15 cents, especially locally grown fresh food. Chicken breast is about \$3.00 per pound and you can get about 7 chicken strips per pound so each child could get a little more than 1/2 a chicken strip. Fortunately for the taxpayer the program is currently only being allocated 2 million dollars. The educational parts of the program might be good however the food purchasing policy and reimbursement program both seem to be bad programs

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HB 2939 B Relating to safety in public education programs

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Note:

Bill prohibits use of mechanical restraint, chemical restraint or prone restraint on student in public education program and will allow physical restraint under certain circumstances.

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HB 2940 A Relating to strangulation

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This bill Increases the penalty for the crime of strangulation to a maximum of 5 years and a fine of 125k, or both. I can't personally believe that the attempted strangulation of a person only has a maximum sentence of 5 years if this passes. This seems like attempted murder and should hae a much tougher sentence than this.

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HB 3110 A Relating to substance abuse programs

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Note:

Removes sunset on Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission and adds members and advisory committee.

Appears to add more bureaucracy and expense to Oregon in a time when budgets are already tight.

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HB 3418 A Relating to higher education

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Note:

From bill summary:

Creates 16-member Task Force on Higher Education Student and Institutional Success (Task Force) and specifies membership. Directs Task Force to analyze best practices and models for student and institutional success, to examine barriers, study methods for acquisition of basic skills and career preparation, and identify alternative funding options. Directs Task Force to submit report to appropriate legislative committee by October 1, 2012.

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HB 3487 Relating to state agency fees

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Note:

This bill specifies that new or increased state agency fees adopted following adjournment sine die of regular legislative session are rescinded unless approved by Legislative Assembly at next regular legislative session.

This appears to be a good bill as it will prevent agencies from raising fees without legislative approval. However, bill does allow them to raise fees, between legislative sessions and this could be for as long as a year before the fees would be reduced by legislative action or inaction.

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HB 3525 Relating to courthouse capital improvements

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Note:

Provides that 10 percent of amount awarded as punitive damages under verdict in civil action is payable to Attorney General for deposit in Courthouse Capital Improvement Trust Fund.

This doesn't seem like good policy. A man get hurt, files a lawsuit and wins, then the government comes along and takes 10%. Why not take money from the tort and environmental lawyers who file frivolous suits.

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HB 3623 A Relating to the Deschutes Basin ground water study area

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Note:

This is an extension of a local issue, something the state probably should not be involved with.

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HB 3684 Relating to the Keep Kids Safe registration plate

SB 18 A Relating to borrowing for capital costs of school districts

SB 170 A Relating to education

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Note:

Requires Department of Education to be responsible for payment of costs of education of students in eligible day treatment program or eligible residential treatment program by contracting with school district in which program is located.

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SB 254 A Relating to college credits

SB 342 A Relating to the use of Parks and Natural Resources Fund moneys

SB 442 A Relating to vehicle registration plates

SB 626 A Relating to the Quality Fresh Waters Program

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Note:

Bill directs State Department of Fish and Wildlife to undertake study of creating Quality Fresh Waters Program.

Voted out of senate with unanimous vote.

Department to conduct study to create quality fresh water fishing program. Looks at raising fees on out of state fishermen and other issues.

From fiscal impact statement: “(ODFW) plans to allocate the anticipated workload of this study to five existing positions totaling 0.42 FTE at a total cost of \$74,879.” And it also says “ODFW states that to undertake this study with existing staff, other activities would be reprioritized and either deferred to a later time or no longer conducted, including some of the annual monitoring of fisheries, conducting angler survey’s, analysis of current fisheries, responding to public inquiries on various fisheries matters, and attending various coordination meetings. Additionally, technical fisheries management assistance and coordination with Fish Districts, policy planning and development, and coordination with other state and federal agencies would need to be deferred or discontinued.” That seems to be a lot of impact for a program that is supposed to only take the time of less than one half time employee.

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Federal grant application requests:

OHA-10 Oregon Health Authority - Home Visiting Programs

OHA-11 Oregon Health Authority - Health Insurance Exchange

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I could not find any information regarding this tonight, however I believe that this is the grant that is designed to give the state of Oregon about 48 million dollars to fund our health insurance exchange.

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