

# Senate Bill 573

Sponsored by Senator DEMBROW (at the request of Common Ground OR-WA)

## SUMMARY

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Establishes Task Force on Land Value Taxation to compare methods of property taxation. Requires task force to submit report to interim committee of Legislative Assembly related to taxation no later than September 15, 2016.

Sunsets task force on date of convening of 2017 regular session of Legislative Assembly.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to land value taxation; and prescribing an effective date.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Land Value Taxation is established, consisting of eight**  
5 **members appointed as follows:**

6 (a) **The President of the Senate shall appoint:**

7 (A) **Two members from among the members of the Senate, one from the Democratic**  
8 **Party and one from the Republican Party.**

9 (B) **Two members with expertise in property taxation.**

10 (b) **The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint:**

11 (A) **Two members from among the members of the House of Representatives, one from**  
12 **the Democratic Party and one from the Republican Party.**

13 (B) **Two members with expertise in property taxation.**

14 (2) **The task force shall conduct a study of land value taxation, to include:**

15 (a) **An examination of the tax shift and equity effects of a change from property taxation**  
16 **under Measures 5 and 50 to land value taxation.**

17 (b) **Simulation of a phase-in period and measurement of land rent capture rates for each**  
18 **stage of the phase-in period.**

19 (c) **Assessment of the revenue-generating effects of land value taxation within urban re-**  
20 **newal areas that currently employ tax increment financing.**

21 (d) **Assessment of the revenue-generating effects of land value taxation on overlapping**  
22 **taxing districts.**

23 (e) **Examination of the use of revenue-positive land value taxation to offset reduction of**  
24 **tax revenues from other sources.**

25 (f) **A simulation model to illustrate an alternative method to split-rate land value taxa-**  
26 **tion that would reduce assessments on improvements.**

27 (g) **Consideration of alternative methods of placing limits on the growth of property**  
28 **taxes.**

29 (h) **Examination of tax burden relief measures that could accompany land value taxation.**

30 (3) **The task force may study any aspect of land value taxation it considers important to**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 the success of the task force.

2 (4) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction  
3 of business.

4 (5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members  
5 of the task force.

6 (6) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.

7 (7) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-  
8 ment to become immediately effective.

9 (8) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson  
10 or of a majority of the members of the task force.

11 (9) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.

12 (10) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and  
13 may include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the Legislative  
14 Assembly related to taxation no later than September 15, 2016.

15 (11) The Department of Revenue shall provide staff support to the task force.

16 (12) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not  
17 entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other  
18 expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and  
19 amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing functions  
20 of the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Department of Revenue for  
21 purposes of the task force.

22 (13) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist  
23 the task force in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating  
24 to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the task force  
25 consider necessary to perform their duties.

26 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2015 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the 2017  
27 regular session of the Legislative Assembly as specified in ORS 171.010.

28 **SECTION 3.** This 2015 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2015  
29 regular session of the Seventy-eighth Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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