

**B-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 4007**

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**SUMMARY**

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Permits individual to create first-time home buyer savings account with financial institution to pay or reimburse account holder's eligible costs for first-time purchase of single family residence.

Allows subtraction from account holder's federal taxable income of amounts contributed to first-time home buyer savings account during each tax year. Exempts from taxation amount of interest and other income earned on account. Establishes amount and time limitations on subtractions and exemptions from taxable income. Provides that withdrawals for purposes other than approved purposes are taxable income to account holder.

Applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, and before January 1, [2025] **2027**.

Increases amount of fees charged and collected by county clerks to record or file certain real property documents and transferred to Housing and Community Services Department accounts for housing-related programs. Exempts county tax collectors from paying certain fees.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

1  
2 Relating to housing; creating new provisions; amending ORS 205.323, 306.815 and 458.655; prescrib-  
3 ing an effective date; and providing for revenue raising that requires approval by a three-fifths  
4 majority.

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

6 **SECTION 1. The Legislative Assembly finds that saving for a down payment and closing**  
7 **costs for the purchase of a first home is challenging in the present economy. The first-time**  
8 **home buyer savings account program will provide opportunities for Oregon residents to save**  
9 **funds for first-time home ownership and will provide Oregonians with meaningful incentives**  
10 **to save for the purchase of a first home.**

11 **SECTION 2. As used in sections 1 to 10 of this 2018 Act:**

12 (1) **"Account holder" means a first-time home buyer who establishes a first-time home**  
13 **buyer savings account.**

14 (2) **"Allowable closing costs" means disbursements listed in a settlement statement for**  
15 **the purchase of a single family residence by an account holder.**

16 (3) **"Eligible costs" means the down payment and allowable closing costs for the purchase**  
17 **of a single family residence by an account holder.**

18 (4) **"Financial institution" means a bank, a trust company, a commercial bank, a national**  
19 **bank, a savings bank, a savings and loan, a thrift institution, a credit union, an insurance**  
20 **company, a mutual fund, an investment firm or a similar entity authorized to do business**  
21 **in this state.**

22 (5) **"First-time home buyer" means an individual who is a resident of this state and has**

**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 not owned or purchased, either individually or jointly, a single family residence during a pe-  
2 riod of three years prior to the date of the purchase of a single family residence.

3 (6) "First-time home buyer savings account" or "account" means an account established  
4 as a first-time home buyer savings account by written agreement between an account holder  
5 and a financial institution and that the account holder designates as a first-time home buyer  
6 savings account on the account holder's Oregon income tax return for the purpose of paying  
7 or reimbursing eligible costs for the purchase of a single family residence in this state by the  
8 account holder.

9 (7) "Resident of this state" has the meaning given that term in ORS 316.027.

10 (8) "Settlement statement" means the statement of receipts and disbursements for a  
11 transaction related to real estate, including a statement prescribed under the Real Estate  
12 Settlement Procedures Act of 1974, 12 U.S.C. 2601 et seq., and regulations thereunder.

13 (9) "Single family residence" means a residence intended for occupation by a single family  
14 unit that is owned and occupied by an account holder as the account holder's principal resi-  
15 dence. "Single family residence" includes a manufactured home, residential trailer, mobile  
16 home or condominium unit.

17 (10) "Taxable income" has the meaning given that term in ORS 316.022.

18 **SECTION 3.** (1) An individual may create a first-time home buyer savings account with  
19 a financial institution to be used to pay or reimburse the account holder's eligible costs re-  
20 lated to the purchase of a single family residence by entering into a first-time home buyer  
21 savings account agreement with the financial institution.

22 (2) An individual may jointly own a first-time home buyer savings account with another  
23 person if the joint account holders are both first-time home buyers and file a joint income  
24 tax return.

25 (3) An individual may not be the account holder of more than one first-time home buyer  
26 savings account.

27 (4) Only cash may be contributed to a first-time home buyer savings account. Subject to  
28 the limitations of section 4 (4) of this 2018 Act, persons other than the account holder may  
29 contribute funds to a first-time home buyer savings account. There is no limitation on the  
30 amount of contributions that may be made to or retained in a first-time home buyer savings  
31 account.

32 (5) The account holder may not use funds held in a first-time home buyer savings ac-  
33 count to pay expenses of administering the account, except that the financial institution that  
34 administers the account may deduct a service fee from the account.

35 (6) An account holder may withdraw all or part of the funds from a first-time home buyer  
36 savings account and deposit the funds in a new first-time home buyer savings account held  
37 by a different financial institution or the same financial institution.

38 (7) No financial institution is required to offer first-time home buyer savings accounts  
39 to customers of the institution.

40 **SECTION 4.** (1) Subject to section 6 of this 2018 Act, and in addition to the other mod-  
41 ifications to federal taxable income contained in ORS chapter 316, there shall be subtracted  
42 from federal taxable income the amount of funds contributed to an account holder's first-  
43 time home buyer savings account established under sections 1 to 10 of this 2018 Act during  
44 the tax year, not to exceed \$5,000 for an account holder who files an individual income tax  
45 return or \$10,000 for joint account holders who file a joint income tax return.

1       (2) Funds contributed to a first-time home buyer savings account and earnings, including  
2 interest and other income, on the principal in the account during the tax year are exempt  
3 from taxation until withdrawn by the taxpayer, subject to subsection (3) of this section.

4       (3) An account holder may claim the subtraction and exemption under subsections (1)  
5 and (2) of this section:

6           (a) For a period not to exceed 10 years;

7           (b) For an aggregate total amount of principal and earnings not to exceed \$50,000 during  
8 the 10-year period; and

9           (c) Only if the principal and earnings of the account remain in the account until a with-  
10 drawal is made for eligible costs related to the purchase of a single family residence by the  
11 account holder except as provided in section 3 (6) of this 2018 Act.

12       (4) A person other than the account holder who deposits funds in a first-time home buyer  
13 savings account is not entitled to the subtraction and exemption provided for in this section.

14       SECTION 5. Sections 6 and 7 of this 2018 Act are added to and made a part of ORS  
15 chapter 316.

16       SECTION 6. (1) The limits applicable to a subtraction from federal taxable income and  
17 an exemption allowed under section 4 of this 2018 Act are:

18           (a) \$10,000 if reported on a joint income tax return, or \$5,000 for all others, if the federal  
19 adjusted gross income of the taxpayer for the tax year is less than \$149,000 or, if reported  
20 on other than a joint return, less than \$104,000.

21           (b) \$8,000 if reported on a joint income tax return, or \$4,000 for all others, if the federal  
22 adjusted gross income of the taxpayer for the tax year is \$149,000 or more and less than  
23 \$158,000 or, if reported on other than a joint return, \$104,000 or more and less than \$111,000.

24           (c) \$6,000 if reported on a joint income tax return, or \$3,000 for all others, if the federal  
25 adjusted gross income of the taxpayer for the tax year is \$158,000 or more and less than  
26 \$167,000 or, if reported on other than a joint return, \$111,000 or more and less than \$117,000.

27           (d) \$4,000 if reported on a joint income tax return, or \$2,000 for all others, if the federal  
28 adjusted gross income of the taxpayer for the tax year is \$167,000 or more and less than  
29 \$176,000 or, if reported on other than a joint return, \$117,000 or more and less than \$123,000.

30           (e) \$2,000 if reported on a joint income tax return, or \$1,000 for all others, if the federal  
31 adjusted gross income of the taxpayer for the tax year is \$176,000 or more and less than  
32 \$187,000 or, if reported on other than a joint return, \$123,000 or more and less than \$131,000.

33       (2) If the federal adjusted gross income of the taxpayer for the tax year is \$187,000 or  
34 more if reported on a joint income tax return, or \$131,000 or more if reported on other than  
35 a joint income tax return, the limit is zero and the taxpayer is not allowed a subtraction  
36 from federal taxable income or an exemption under section 4 of this 2018 Act.

37       (3) The Department of Revenue by rule may adjust the limits applicable in the current  
38 tax year to the subtractions and exemptions specified in subsection (1) of this section so that  
39 the limits reflect the percentage change in the U.S. City Average Consumer Price Index, as  
40 published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor, dur-  
41 ing the tax year.

42       SECTION 7. (1) There shall be added to federal taxable income the amount of funds a  
43 taxpayer withdraws from a first-time home buyer savings account established under section  
44 3 of this 2018 Act, if:

45           (a) Those funds were used for a purpose other than eligible costs as defined in section 2

1 of this 2018 Act;

2 (b) In this tax year or a previous tax year, those funds were subtracted or exempted from  
3 federal taxable income under section 4 of this 2018 Act; and

4 (c) Those funds were not deposited into another first-time home buyer savings account  
5 held by the taxpayer.

6 (2) There shall be added to federal taxable income the amount of funds a taxpayer holds  
7 in a first-time home buyer savings account not expended on eligible costs by December 31  
8 of the last year of the 10-year period described under section 4 (3) of this 2018 Act if in a  
9 previous tax year those funds were subtracted or exempted from federal taxable income un-  
10 der section 4 of this 2018 Act.

11 **SECTION 8.** The Department of Revenue shall create a means for designating the sub-  
12 traction to which an account holder is entitled under sections 4 and 6 of this 2018 Act in the  
13 individual state income tax return form required to be filed under ORS chapter 316.

14 **SECTION 9.** (1) On or before January 31 of each year, a financial institution at which an  
15 account holder has created a first-time home buyer savings account shall provide to the ac-  
16 count holder a certificate containing the following information:

17 (a) The date when the account was created;

18 (b) The name of the account holder;

19 (c) The amount of funds contributed to the account during the tax year;

20 (d) The amount of funds withdrawn from the account during the tax year; and

21 (e) Any other information as required by rules adopted by the Department of Revenue.

22 (2) A financial institution is not required to:

23 (a) Track the use of moneys withdrawn from a first-time home buyer savings account;  
24 or

25 (b) Allocate funds in a first-time home buyer savings account among joint account hold-  
26 ers.

27 (3) A financial institution is not responsible or liable for:

28 (a) Determining or ensuring that an account satisfies the requirements to be a first-time  
29 home buyer savings account;

30 (b) Determining or ensuring that funds in a first-time home buyer savings account are  
31 used for eligible costs; or

32 (c) Reporting or remitting taxes or penalties related to the use of a first-time home buyer  
33 savings account.

34 (4) Upon being furnished proof of the death of the account holder and such other infor-  
35 mation required by the contract governing the first-time home buyer savings account, a fi-  
36 nancial institution shall distribute the principal and accumulated interest or other income  
37 in the first-time home buyer savings account in accordance with the terms of the contract  
38 governing the account.

39 **SECTION 10.** The Department of Revenue may adopt rules to implement and administer  
40 sections 1 to 10 of this 2018 Act.

41 **SECTION 11.** (1) Notwithstanding ORS 315.037, sections 1 to 10 of this 2018 Act apply to  
42 tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, and before January 1, 2027.

43 (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, funds contributed to a first-time home  
44 buyer savings account established under sections 1 to 10 of this 2018 Act before January 1,  
45 2027, shall continue to be exempt from taxation for the period and on the terms for which

1 **the exemption was granted under sections 1 to 10 of this 2018 Act.**

2 **SECTION 12.** ORS 205.323 is amended to read:

3 205.323. (1) In addition to and not in lieu of the fees charged and collected under ORS 205.320  
4 and other fees, the county clerk shall charge and collect the following fees for the recording or fil-  
5 ing of any instrument described in ORS 205.130:

- 6 (a) A fee of \$1, to be credited as provided in subsection (4)(a) of this section;
- 7 (b) A fee of \$10, to be credited as provided in subsection (4)(b) of this section; and
- 8 (c) A fee of [~~\$20~~] **\$60**, to be credited as provided in subsection (4)(c) of this section.

9 (2) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to the recording or filing of the following:

10 (a) Instruments that are otherwise exempt from recording or filing fees under any provision of  
11 law;

12 (b) Any satisfaction of judgment or certificate of satisfaction of judgment; or

13 (c) Internal county government instruments not otherwise charged a recording or filing fee.

14 (3) Subsection (1)(c) of this section does not apply to the recording or filing of:

15 (a) Instruments required under ORS 517.210 to maintain mining claims;

16 (b) Warrants issued by the Employment Department pursuant to ORS 657.396, 657.642 and  
17 657.646; or

18 (c) A certified copy of a judgment, a lien record abstract as described in ORS 18.170 or a sat-  
19 isfaction of a judgment, including a judgment noticed by recordation of a lien record abstract.

20 (4) Of the amounts charged and collected under this section:

21 (a) The recording or filing fee charged and collected under subsection (1)(a) of this section must  
22 be deposited and credited to the Oregon Land Information System Fund established under ORS  
23 306.132.

24 (b) The recording or filing fee charged and collected under subsection (1)(b) of this section shall  
25 be credited as follows:

26 (A) Five percent of the fee must be credited for the benefit of the county;

27 (B) Five percent of the fee must be credited for the benefit of the county clerk for the purposes  
28 described in ORS 205.320 (2); and

29 (C) 90 percent of the fee must be credited to and deposited in the County Assessment and Tax-  
30 ation Fund created under ORS 294.187.

31 (c) The recording or filing fee charged and collected under subsection (1)(c) of this section must  
32 be credited to and deposited in the County Assessment and Taxation Fund created under ORS  
33 294.187.

34 (5) The Department of Revenue [*is*] **and county tax collectors are** exempt from paying the fee  
35 under subsection (1)(c) of this section.

36 **SECTION 13.** ORS 306.815 is amended to read:

37 306.815. (1) A city, county, district or other political subdivision or municipal corporation of this  
38 state shall not impose, by ordinance or other law, a tax or fee upon the transfer of a fee estate in  
39 real property, or measured by the consideration paid or received upon transfer of a fee estate in real  
40 property.

41 (2) A tax or fee upon the transfer of a fee estate in real property does not include any fee or  
42 charge that becomes due or payable at the time of transfer of a fee estate in real property, unless  
43 that fee or charge is imposed upon the right, privilege or act of transferring title to real property.

44 (3) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to any fee established under ORS 203.148.

45 (4) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to any tax if the ordinance or other law im-

1 posing the tax is in effect and operative on March 31, 1997.

2 (5) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to any tax or fee that is imposed upon the  
3 transfer of a fee estate in real property if the fee that is imposed under ORS 205.323, for the re-  
4 cording or filing of the instrument conveying the real property being transferred, is less than [32]  
5 **\$107.**

6 **SECTION 14.** ORS 458.655 is amended to read:

7 458.655. (1) The Home Ownership Assistance Account shall be administered by the Housing and  
8 Community Services Department to expand this state's supply of homeownership housing for [*low*  
9 *and very low income*] families and individuals **who the Oregon Housing Stability Council deter-**  
10 **mines, based on information from the United States Department of Housing and Urban De-**  
11 **velopment, have income that is not more than 100 percent of median family income**, including,  
12 but not limited to, persons over 65 years of age, persons with disabilities, minorities, veterans and  
13 farmworkers. An amount equal to 25 percent of moneys deposited in the account pursuant to ORS  
14 294.187 is dedicated for expenditure to expand this state's supply of homeownership housing for low  
15 and very low income veterans and families of veterans. The [*Oregon Housing Stability*] council shall  
16 have a policy of distributing funds statewide while concentrating funds in those areas of this state  
17 with the greatest need, as determined by the council, for low and very low income homeownership  
18 housing. However, the council's policy of distributing funds may differ from the distribution policy  
19 for the Housing Development and Guarantee Account.

20 (2) Funds in the Home Ownership Assistance Account shall be granted to organizations that  
21 both sponsor and manage low income homeownership programs, including lease-to-own programs, for  
22 the construction of new homeownership housing or for the acquisition or rehabilitation of existing  
23 structures for homeownership housing for persons of low or very low income, or both.

24 (3) The council shall develop a policy for disbursing grants for any or all of the following pur-  
25 poses:

26 (a) To aid low income homeownership programs, including program administration, in purchas-  
27 ing land, providing assistance with down payment costs, or providing homeownership training and  
28 qualification services or any combination thereof. Funds in the Home Ownership Assistance Account  
29 may not be used by an organization to pay for its general operations or to pay for more than 25  
30 percent of construction or rehabilitation costs.

31 (b) To match public and private moneys available from other sources for purposes of the pro-  
32 vision of low or very low income homeownership housing.

33 (c) To administer the Home Ownership Assistance Account as provided for in the legislatively  
34 approved budget, as that term is defined in ORS 291.002, for the **Housing and Community Services**  
35 Department.

36 (4) The council, in developing policy under subsection (3) of this section, shall give preference  
37 in making grants to those entities that propose to:

38 (a) Provide the greatest number of low and very low income homeownership housing units con-  
39 structed, acquired or rehabilitated for the amount of account money expended by matching account  
40 funds with other grant, loan or eligible in-kind contributions;

41 (b) Ensure the longest use for the units as low or very low income homeownership housing units,  
42 such as by including some form of equity recapture, land trust or shared equity provisions, as de-  
43 termined by the council;

44 (c) Include social services for occupants and proposed occupants of the proposed housing[,] in-  
45 cluding, but not limited to, programs that address home health care, mental health care, alcohol and

1 drug treatment and post-treatment care, child care, homeownership training, mortgage qualification  
2 service, credit repair and case management; and

3 (d) Support a comprehensive strategy to reverse the decreasing rates of homeownership among  
4 minorities, giving priority to activities that support adopted comprehensive community plans that  
5 incorporate recognized best practices or demonstrate proven success in increasing homeownership  
6 for minorities.

7 **SECTION 15. The amendments to ORS 458.655 by section 14 of this 2018 Act apply to**  
8 **moneys deposited in the Home Ownership Assistance Account on or after July 1, 2018.**

9 **SECTION 16. This 2018 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2018**  
10 **regular session of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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