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Bill to extend tax relief for manufactured homeowners wins final legislative approval

House Majority Leader champions bill that saves Oregon counties money

SALEM – Today a bill that would permanently cancel property tax assessments on inexpensive manufactured homes won its final legislative approval.

Until 2010, Oregon's largest counties were spending undue time and money to collect a small amount of revenue from property taxes on inexpensive manufactured homes. House Majority Leader Val Hoyle (D – Eugene) championed a bill in the 2010 legislative session to fix that problem by canceling property tax assessments for manufactured homes assessed at less than \$12,500 in Oregon's four largest counties: Multnomah, Clackamas, Washington and Lane.

“There's no way our counties should be losing money by collecting taxes,” Rep. Hoyle said. “We need to make better use of our county's scarce resources and keep pushing for government efficiency wherever we can.”

The legislation that Rep. Hoyle sponsored in 2010 gave manufactured home-owners the same tax exemption that Oregon already gives to businesses and floating home-owners. House Bill 2676, which unanimously passed the Senate today, removes the sunset from this exemption.

In addition to allowing county assessors to use their resources more efficiently, this legislation helps struggling homeowners who are in need of relief. In Lane County, 48.8 percent of manufactured home accounts qualified for the tax cancelation last year.

“Many of the people living in these homes are seniors on fixed incomes,” Representative Hoyle said. “This legislation is good social policy as well as good fiscal policy.”

After unanimously passing both the House and the Senate, House Bill 2676 now heads to the Governor for his signature.

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