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House unanimously passes bill to extend tax relief for manufactured home-owners

*House Majority Leader sponsors HB 2676 to repeal sunset on
legislation that saves Lane County money*

SALEM – House Majority Leader Val Hoyle carried a bill today that would permanently cancel property tax assessments on inexpensive manufactured homes.

For manufactured homes assessed at less than \$15,500, it was costing large counties more to collect property taxes than they bringing in through additional revenue. So in 2010, Representative Hoyle (D – Eugene) championed a bill that canceled property tax assessments for inexpensive manufactured structures 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 House today, removes the sunset from this exemption.

In addition to allowing county assessors 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 public policy.”

House Bill 2676 passed the House 60 – 0 and now heads to the Senate.

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