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How the EITC impacts Oregon's House and Senate Districts

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House District 1 Wayne Krieger (R)

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Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in House District 1 **4,716**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 1 **\$8.10 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in House District 1

at 6 percent of federal credit \$437,554

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House District 2 Tim Freeman (R)

EITC in House District 2 by the numbers

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in House District 2

at 6 percent of federal credit \$452,442

at 18 percent of federal credit **\$1,357,325**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 3 **\$9.30 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in House District 3

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at 18 percent of federal credit \$1,503,678

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House District 4 Dennis Richardson (R)

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 4 **\$9.10 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in House District 4

at 6 percent of federal credit **\$488,709**

at 18 percent of federal credit **\$1,466,126**

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House District 5 Peter Buckley (D)

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 5 **\$8.40 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in House District 5

at 6 percent of federal credit **\$454,182**

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House District 6 Sal Esquivel (R)

EITC in House District 6 by the numbers

Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in House District 6 **4,942**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 6 **\$9.20 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in House District 6

at 6 percent of federal credit **\$495,041**

at 18 percent of federal credit **\$1,485,124**

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House District 7 Bruce Hanna (R)

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 7 **\$8.00 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in House District 7

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House District 8 Paul Holvey (D)

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Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in House District 8 **3,340**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 8 **\$4.90 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in House District 8

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 9 **\$7.90 million**

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House District 10 Jean Cowan (D)

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 10 **\$7.20 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in House District 10

at 6 percent of federal credit \$387,049

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House District 11 Phil Barnhart (D)

EITC in House District 11 by the numbers

Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in House District 11 **3,776**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 11 **\$6.30 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in House District 11

at 6 percent of federal credit **\$341,446**

at 18 percent of federal credit \$1,024,338

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House District 12 Terry Beyer (D)

EITC in House District 12 by the numbers

Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in House District 12 **4,998**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 12 **\$9.00 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in House District 12

at 6 percent of federal credit **\$487,182**

at 18 percent of federal credit **\$1,461,547**

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House District 13 Nancy Nathanson (D)

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Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in House District 13 **3.965**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 13 **\$6.10 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in House District 13

at 6 percent of federal credit \$328,756

at 18 percent of federal credit **\$986,268**

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House District 14 Val Hoyle (D)

EITC in House District 14 by the numbers

Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in House District 14 **4,777**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 14 **\$8.00 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in House District 14

at 6 percent of federal credit \$432,520

at 18 percent of federal credit \$1,297,559

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House District 15 Andy Olson (R)

EITC in House District 15 by the numbers

Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in House District 15 **4,161**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 15 **\$7.40 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in House District 15

at 6 percent of federal credit \$397,792

at 18 percent of federal credit \$1,193,375

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House District 16 Sara Gelser (D)

EITC in House District 16 by the numbers

Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in House District 16 **2,694**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 16 **\$3.80 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in House District 16

at 6 percent of federal credit \$203,014

at 18 percent of federal credit **\$609,042**

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House District 17 Sherrie Sprenger (R)

EITC in House District 17 by the numbers

Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in House District 17 **4,119**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 17 **\$7.70 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in House District 17

at 6 percent of federal credit **\$414,639**

at 18 percent of federal credit **\$1,243,916**

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House District 18 Vic Gilliam (R)

EITC in House District 18 by the numbers

Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in House District 18 **3,585**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 18 **\$6.90 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in House District 18

at 6 percent of federal credit \$371,525

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House District 19 Kevin Cameron (R)

EITC in House District 19 by the numbers

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 19 **\$7.20 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in House District 19

at 6 percent of federal credit **\$388,412**

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House District 20 Vicki Berger (R)

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 20 **\$7.10 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in House District 20

at 6 percent of federal credit **\$380,706**

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House District 21 Brian Clem (D)

EITC in House District 21 by the numbers

Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in House District 21 **5,218**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 21 **\$10.30 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in House District 21

at 6 percent of federal credit **\$556,496**

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House District 22 Betty Komp (D)

EITC in House District 22 by the numbers

Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in House District 22 **5,031**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 22 **\$10.50 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in House District 22

at 6 percent of federal credit **\$564,700**

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House District 23 Jim Thompson (R)

EITC in House District 23 by the numbers

Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in House District 23 **3,940**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 23 **\$7.20 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in House District 23

at 6 percent of federal credit \$388,838

at 18 percent of federal credit **\$1,166,514**

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House District 24 Jim Weidner (R)

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Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in House District 24 **4,088**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 24 **\$7.70 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in House District 24

at 6 percent of federal credit **\$416,239**

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House District 25 Kim Thatcher (R)

EITC in House District 25 by the numbers

Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in House District 25 **3,870**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 25 **\$7.40 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in House District 25

at 6 percent of federal credit **\$399,663**

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House District 26 Matt Wingard (R)

EITC in House District 26 by the numbers

Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in House District 26 **2,822**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 26 **\$5.00 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in House District 26

at 6 percent of federal credit \$270,957

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House District 27 Tobias Read (D)

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 27 **\$4.70 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in House District 27

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House District 28 Jeff Barker (D)

EITC in House District 28 by the numbers

Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in House District 28 **3,273**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 28 **\$5.90 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in House District 28

at 6 percent of federal credit **\$316,160**

at 18 percent of federal credit **\$948,481**

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House District 29 Chuck Riley (D)

EITC in House District 29 by the numbers

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 29 **\$6.80 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in House District 29

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House District 30 David Edwards (D)

EITC in House District 30 by the numbers

Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in House District 30 **3.475**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 30 **\$6.30 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in House District 30

at 6 percent of federal credit \$339,265

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House District 31 Brad Witt (D)

EITC in House District 31 by the numbers

Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in House District 31 **3,588**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 31 **\$6.20 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in House District 31

at 6 percent of federal credit \$336,326

at 18 percent of federal credit \$1,008,978

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House District 32 Deborah Boone (D)

EITC in House District 32 by the numbers

Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in House District 32 **3,829**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 32 **\$6.70 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in House District 32

at 6 percent of federal credit **\$361,604**

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House District 33 Mitch Greenlick (D)

EITC in House District 33 by the numbers

Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in House District 33 **2,661**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 33 **\$2.90 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in House District 33

at 6 percent of federal credit **\$154,037**

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House District 34 Chris Harker (D)

EITC in House District 34 by the numbers

Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in House District 34 **3,412**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 34 **\$6.00 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in House District 34

at 6 percent of federal credit **\$321,369**

at 18 percent of federal credit **\$964,107**

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House District 35 Margaret Doherty (D)

EITC in House District 35 by the numbers

Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in House District 35 **2,718**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 35 **\$4.50 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in House District 35

at 6 percent of federal credit \$244,817

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House District 36 Mary Nolan (D)

EITC in House District 36 by the numbers

Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in House District 36 **2,296**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 36 **\$2.20 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in House District 36

at 6 percent of federal credit **\$120,712**

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House District 37 Scott Bruun (R)

EITC in House District 37 by the numbers

Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in House District 37 **2,138**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 37 **\$3.60 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in House District 37

at 6 percent of federal credit **\$193,671**

at 18 percent of federal credit **\$581,014**

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House District 38 Chris Garrett (D)

EITC in House District 38 by the numbers

Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in House District 38 **1,556**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 38 **\$2.10 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in House District 38

at 6 percent of federal credit **\$113,382**

at 18 percent of federal credit **\$340,146**

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House District 39 Bill Kennemer (R)

EITC in House District 39 by the numbers

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 39 **\$5.60 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in House District 39

at 6 percent of federal credit \$299,785

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House District 40 Dave Hunt (D)

EITC in House District 40 by the numbers

Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in House District 40 **3,480**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 40 **\$6.10 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in House District 40

at 6 percent of federal credit \$327,415

at 18 percent of federal credit **\$982,245**

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House District 41 Carolyn Tomei (D)

EITC in House District 41 by the numbers

Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in House District 41 **3.975**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 41 **\$6.00 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in House District 41

at 6 percent of federal credit \$322,957

at 18 percent of federal credit **\$968,870**

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House District 42 Jules Bailey (D)

EITC in House District 42 by the numbers

Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in House District 42 **3,988**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 42 **\$4.10 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in House District 42

at 6 percent of federal credit \$221,573

at 18 percent of federal credit **\$664,720**

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House District 43 Lew Frederick (D)

EITC in House District 43 by the numbers

Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in House District 43 **4,225**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 43 **\$6.00 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in House District 43

at 6 percent of federal credit \$324,444

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House District 44 Tina Kotek (D)

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Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in House District 44 **4,960**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 44 **\$8.50 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in House District 44

at 6 percent of federal credit **\$456,765**

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House District 45 Michael Dembrow (D)

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 45 **\$6.10 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in House District 45

at 6 percent of federal credit \$331,149

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House District 46 Ben Cannon (D)

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Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in House District 46 **3,990**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 46 **\$6.20 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in House District 46

at 6 percent of federal credit \$333,762

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House District 47 Jefferson Smith (D)

EITC in House District 47 by the numbers

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 47 **\$10.50 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in House District 47

at 6 percent of federal credit **\$568,935**

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House District 48 Mike Schaufler (D)

EITC in House District 48 by the numbers

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 48 **\$11.30 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in House District 48

at 6 percent of federal credit **\$608,970**

at 18 percent of federal credit **\$1,826,910**

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House District 49 Nick Kahl (D)

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 49 **\$9.20 million**

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House District 50 Greg Matthews (D)

EITC in House District 50 by the numbers

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 50 **\$7.70 million**

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at 6 percent of federal credit **\$414,398**

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House District 51 Brent Barton (D)

EITC in House District 51 by the numbers

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 51 **\$7.70 million**

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at 6 percent of federal credit **\$413,841**

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House District 52 Suzanne VanOrman (D)

EITC in House District 52 by the numbers

Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in House District 52 **3,667**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 52 **\$6.50 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in House District 52

at 6 percent of federal credit \$349,254

at 18 percent of federal credit **\$1,047,761**

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House District 53 Gene Whisnant (R)

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Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in House District 53 **5,090**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 53 **\$9.10 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in House District 53

at 6 percent of federal credit **\$493,642**

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House District 54 Judy Stiegler (D)

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Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in House District 54 **4,580**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 54 **\$7.50 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in House District 54

at 6 percent of federal credit **\$405,237**

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House District 55 George Gilman (R)

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 55 **\$8.90 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in House District 55

at 6 percent of federal credit \$479,805

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House District 56 Bill Garrard (R)

EITC in House District 56 by the numbers

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 56 **\$9.20 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in House District 56

at 6 percent of federal credit **\$495,816**

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House District 57 Greg Smith (R)

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 57 **\$8.20 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in House District 57

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House District 58 Bob Jenson (R)

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 58 **\$9.00 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in House District 58

at 6 percent of federal credit **\$488,631**

at 18 percent of federal credit **\$1,465,892**

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House District 59 John Huffman (R)

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 59 **\$9.10 million**

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at 6 percent of federal credit **\$490,259**

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House District 60 Cliff Bentz (R)

EITC in House District 60 by the numbers

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in House District 60 **\$8.90 million**

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at 6 percent of federal credit **\$481,601**

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Senate District 1 Jeff Kruse (R)

EITC in Senate District 1 by the numbers

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in Senate District 1 **\$16.50 million**

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at 6 percent of federal credit **\$889,995**

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Senate District 2 Jason Atkinson (R)

EITC in Senate District 2 by the numbers

Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in Senate District 2 **10,256**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in Senate District 2 **\$18.30 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in Senate District 2

at 6 percent of federal credit **\$989,955**

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Senate District 3 Alan Bates (D)

EITC in Senate District 3 by the numbers

Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in Senate District 3 **9,994**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in Senate District 3 **\$17.60 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in Senate District 3

at 6 percent of federal credit **\$949,262**

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Senate District 4 Floyd Prozanski (D)

EITC in Senate District 4 by the numbers

Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in Senate District 4 **7,828**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in Senate District 4 **\$12.90 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in Senate District 4

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Senate District 5 Joanne Verger (D)

EITC in Senate District 5 by the numbers

Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in Senate District 5 **8,817**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in Senate District 5 **\$15.00 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in Senate District 5

at 6 percent of federal credit **\$811,110**

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Senate District 6 Bill Morrisette (D)

EITC in Senate District 6 by the numbers

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in Senate District 6 **\$15.30 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in Senate District 6

at 6 percent of federal credit **\$828,612**

at 18 percent of federal credit **\$2,485,836**

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Senate District 7 Chris Edwards (D)

EITC in Senate District 7 by the numbers

Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in Senate District 7 **8,741**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in Senate District 7 **\$14.10 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in Senate District 7

at 6 percent of federal credit **\$761,231**

at 18 percent of federal credit \$2,283,692

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Senate District 8 Frank Morse (R)

EITC in Senate District 8 by the numbers

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in Senate District 8 **\$11.10 million**

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Senate District 9 Fred Girod (R)

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in Senate District 9 **\$14.60 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in Senate District 9

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Senate District 10 Jackie Winters (R)

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Senate District 11 Peter Courtney (D)

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in Senate District 11 **\$20.80 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in Senate District 11

at 6 percent of federal credit **\$1,121,129**

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Senate District 12 Brian Boquist (R)

EITC in Senate District 12 by the numbers

Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in Senate District 12 **8,028**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in Senate District 12 **\$14.90 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in Senate District 12

at 6 percent of federal credit **\$805,07**7

at 18 percent of federal credit \$2,415,232

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Senate District 13 Larry George (R)

EITC in Senate District 13 by the numbers

Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in Senate District 13 **6,692**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in Senate District 13 **\$12.40 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in Senate District 13

at 6 percent of federal credit **\$670,619**

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Senate District 14 Mark Hass (D)

EITC in Senate District 14 by the numbers

Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in Senate District 14 **6,05**7

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in Senate District 14 **\$10.60 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in Senate District 14

at 6 percent of federal credit \$570,896

at 18 percent of federal credit \$1,712,687

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Senate District 15 Bruce Starr (R)

EITC in Senate District 15 by the numbers

Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in Senate District 15 **6,994**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in Senate District 15 **\$13.10 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in Senate District 15

at 6 percent of federal credit \$708,052

at 18 percent of federal credit \$2,124,157

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Senate District 16 Betsy Johnson (D)

EITC in Senate District 16 by the numbers

Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in Senate District 16 **7,417**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in Senate District 16 **\$12.90 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in Senate District 16

at 6 percent of federal credit **\$697,935**

at 18 percent of federal credit \$2,093,804

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Senate District 17 Suzanne Bonamici (D)

EITC in Senate District 17 by the numbers

Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in Senate District 17 **6,073**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in Senate District 17 **\$8.80 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in Senate District 17

at 6 percent of federal credit **\$475,402**

at 18 percent of federal credit **\$1,426,206**

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Senate District 18 Ginny Burdick (D)

EITC in Senate District 18 by the numbers

Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in Senate District 18 **5,014**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in Senate District 18 **\$6.80 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in Senate District 18

at 6 percent of federal credit \$365,548

at 18 percent of federal credit \$1,096,644

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Senate District 19 Richard Devlin (D)

EITC in Senate District 19 by the numbers

Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in Senate District 19 **3,694**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in Senate District 19 **\$5.70 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in Senate District 19

at 6 percent of federal credit \$307,053

at 18 percent of federal credit **\$921,159**

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Senate District 20 Martha Schrader (D)

EITC in Senate District 20 by the numbers

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in Senate District 20 **\$11.60 million**

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Senate District 21 Diane Rosenbaum (D)

EITC in Senate District 21 by the numbers

Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in Senate District 21 **7,962**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in Senate District 21 **\$10.10 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC*
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at 6 percent of federal credit \$544,476

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Senate District 22 Chip Shields (D)

EITC in Senate District 22 by the numbers

Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in Senate District 22 **9,184**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in Senate District 22 **\$14.50 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in Senate District 22

at 6 percent of federal credit \$781,158

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Senate District 23 Jackie Dingfelder (D)

EITC in Senate District 23 by the numbers

Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in Senate District 23 7,794

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in Senate District 23 **\$12.30 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in Senate District 23

at 6 percent of federal credit **\$665,015**

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Senate District 24 Rod Monroe (D)

EITC in Senate District 24 by the numbers

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in Senate District 24 **\$21.80 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in Senate District 24

at 6 percent of federal credit **\$1,177,905**

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Senate District 25 Laurie Monnes Anderson (D)

EITC in Senate District 25 by the numbers

Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in Senate District 25 **8,593**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in Senate District 25 **\$16.80 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in Senate District 25

at 6 percent of federal credit **\$908,958**

at 18 percent of federal credit **\$2,726,875**

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Senate District 26 Rick Metsger (D)

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Number of families who claimed the federal EITC in 2007 in Senate District 26 **7,815**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in Senate District 26 **\$14.10 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in Senate District 26

at 6 percent of federal credit \$763,095

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Senate District 27 Chris Telfer (R)

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in Senate District 27 **\$16.60 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in Senate District 27

at 6 percent of federal credit **\$898,879**

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Senate District 28 Doug Whitsett (R)

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in Senate District 28 **\$18.10 million**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in Senate District 29 **\$17.20 million**

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Total federal EITC claimed in 2007 in Senate District 30 **\$18.00 million**

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Estimated Oregon EITC* claimed in Senate District 30

at 6 percent of federal credit **\$971,860**

at 18 percent of federal credit **\$2,915,580**

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