## 2007 Regular Legislative Session FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office

MEASURE NUMBER: SB 219 STATUS: Original

**SUBJECT:** Confidential employment records for use by Department of Transportation in collection of

delinquent accounts

**GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED:** Department of Transportation and Employment Department

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**EXPENDITURES:** See Comments

**REVENUES:** See Comments

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 2008

**GOVERNOR'S BUDGET:** This bill is anticipated by the Governor's recommended budget.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATE:** This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

**COMMENTS:** This measure permits the Employment Department to provide confidential employment records to the Department of Transportation for purposes of collection of delinquent accounts.

The Department of Transportation fiscal impact anticipates the collection of \$450,000 during the 18-months of the 2007-09 biennium and \$600,000 during the 2009-11 biennium. Collections would come from Oregon-based debtors and from three types of delinquent accounts: Motor Carrier taxes and fees (55%), fuels tax (30%), and Department of Motor Vehicle fees (DMW) (15%). Any funds collected would be deposited into the State Highway Fund after reimbursement of collection expenses. The remaining balance would then be distributed to the Department's Highway Program (60.05%) and the cities and counties (39.95%).

The Legislative Fiscal Office understands how useful employment data would be in making collection on individual DMV accounts, but this represents only 15% of the collection revenue the Department anticipates. Over 85% of the revenue is attributable to Motor Carrier taxes and fees and fuels tax, which appears to be related more to independent trucking firms and corporations than individuals. If this is the case, then the Department's revenue estimate may be overstated.

The Employment Department states that there are minimal costs associated with adding another state agency to the current statutory list of agencies who now receive employment records.