

designed to enhance the Bureau's administration and enforcement of Oregon's fair housing law. BOLI had a similar contract with HUD prior to 1992 when at that time state and federal law were substantially equivalent.

According to BOLI, a HUD contract would provide \$1,800 for each case investigated and an additional \$500 for each case on which specific charges were issued in order to initiate an administrative hearing. Administrative costs would be reimbursed at a flat rate of \$15,000 or 10% of the prior year's annual payments (if 100 complaints or more are processed). There would be an additional \$25,000 paid for training investigators. In addition, grant funds may be available for "special enforcement efforts" which can total up to 20% of the prior year's payments. Of note, HUD would continue to enforce federal law until such time as a contract was signed.

BOLI estimates that the fiscal impact of this measure could be approximately \$600,000 Federal Funds per biennium, but the actual amount of revenue would depend upon the actual number of cases. This figure is based on a per case cost of \$2,142 for 280 cases. BOLI has stated that it may need to hire one additional investigator to handle the increased workload. The Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) notes that the receipt of these funds may be used by BOLI in lieu of its General Fund appropriation related to the enforcement of current Oregon law. The amount of savings, according to BOLI, would be approximately \$30,000 General Fund.

BOLI may assess civil penalties, with such revenue first directed to reimburse associated BOLI costs with any remainder being paid to the Department of State Lands, Common School Lands Fund. BOLI does not anticipate assessing few, if any, civil penalties.

The Oregon Judicial Department expects a minimal, indeterminate workload impact and does not expect the impact to reach the \$50,000 threshold for referral to the Ways and Means Committee.

The Department of Consumer and Business Services, Department of Justice and the Department of State Lands all state that this measure would not have a fiscal impact on their respective agencies.

This measure currently does not have a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means. This is appropriate at this time. BOLI would require legislative approval to apply for the HUD/ Fair Housing Assistance Program grant. If approved by the legislature, and the grant awarded or contract signed, the Bureau would need to return to the Legislative Emergency Board or a subsequent legislative session for Federal Funds expenditure limitation and position authority.