MEASURE NUMBER:SB 994STATUS: A-EngrossedSUBJECT:State Financial AdministrationGOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED:VariousPREPARED BY:Theresa McHughREVIEWED BY:Ken Rocco, Robin LaMonte, John Britton, Michelle Deister, Susie Jordan, Doug WilsonDATE:June 22, 2007

**EXPENDITURES:** See Comments.

**REVENUES:** See Comments.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** On passage.

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET: This bill is not 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:**

#### Department of Human Services

ORS 461.549 and 409.435 provide that one percent of lottery funds be allocated to the Department of Human Services (DHS) to be spent on gambling addiction prevention and treatment programs. The 2007-09 budget for DHS includes limitation in the amount of \$13.2 million in lottery funds for this purpose, which represents one percent of lottery funds. There is \$2 million in lottery funds revenue in the Problem Gambling Treatment Fund which is in excess of the one percent amount. It is this \$2 million that is transferred to the Administrative Services Economic Development Fund where it is available for other purposes.

#### Public Purpose for OMSI

The bill directs a one-time transfer of \$4.6 million of public purpose funds from a utility that has the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) in its service territory to the Department of Energy. The funds will be used to pay down the Small Scale Energy Loan owed by OMSI to the Department of Energy. The bill specifies that the allocation is to be made after allocations to education service districts and to the Department of Housing and Community Services. In effect, the allocation comes from the portion allocated to the Energy Trust of Oregon, which is estimated to receive \$103.7 million after the transfer.

# Legislative Administration Committee

The bill exempts the Legislature from surplus property laws for the sale of furnishings and other items that will be replaced during the Capitol Renovation project. The proceeds from any sales will be deposited into the Oregon State Capital Foundation Fund. Receipts from sales of surplus property normally are returned to the agency less an administrative fee that is paid to the Department of Administrative Services, the agency which operates the surplus property program.

## 9-1-1 Transfer

The bill authorizes the transfer of \$9 million from the 9-1-1 account to the General Fund. The \$9 million is the estimated amount remaining after 2005-07 funds are distributed.

### Small Business Development Center Transfer

The bill authorizes the transfer of \$282,473 in unspent funds allocated for the Small Business Development Centers for the 2005-07 biennium to the Administrative Services Economic Development Fund.

### Department of Forestry

The fund balance in the State Forestry Department Account consists of the state share of income generated from the state's management of forest lands. All forest management costs are paid from revenue generated from the lands. The revenue flow varies by season and with market conditions. The Department has an internal policy to maintain a minimum balance in the fund of \$15 million to account for market fluctuations or about six months operating expenses. The current fund balance is approaching \$40 million. The bill reduces the fund balance by \$3.65 million and increases the Forest Patrol Fund for fire protection administrative costs. The transfer of funds will not have an appreciable impact on management of state forests.

The bill also provides that funds in the State Forestry Department Account may only be used for specific statutory purposes unless the counties from which the state has acquired lands consent in writing.

### Federal Grant Approval by Interim Ways and Means

The bill clarifies how the federal grant application approval process will work given the changes to the interim legislative process and has no fiscal impact.

### Judicial Salaries

The bill adjusts the statutory salary amounts for the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the judges of the Supreme Court, the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, the judges of the Court of Appeals, circuit court judges, and the Oregon Tax Court judge. The total cost of the adjustments is approximately \$1 million General Fund.

#### County Road Package

The bill authorizes a one-time distribution from the Department of Transportation from the State Highway Trust Fund to all 36 counties in amounts specified in the bill totaling \$56.2 million. The measure also reduces, by 25%, the requirement for minimum expenditures from the State Highway Trust Fund for modernization projects and revises the definition of minimum county road base funding.