74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee on Judiciary

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and

MEASURE:

CARRIER:

HB 2320 A

Means

Vote: 9 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Barker, Bonamici, Cameron, Flores, Komp, Krieger, Read, Whisnant, Macpherson

Nays: 0 **Exc.:** 0

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Meeting Dates: 2/1, 3/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes the State Court Administrator to enter into intergovernmental agreements with the United States Financial Management Service and the Internal Revenue Service, for the purpose of offsetting federal tax refunds of debtors against debtors' liquidated and delinquent accounts owing to state courts or any other part of the state judicial branch.

Requires the Oregon Lottery Commission to notify the State Court Administrator when a winner, whose prize exceeds \$600, is delinquent in paying liquidated accounts owed to states courts or any other part of the state judicial branch. Prioritizes delinquent child support obligations over the payment of the delinquent judicial accounts.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Amount of money that could potentially be collected
- Effect on child support garnishment
- Lack of computer technology to support interface with federal agencies
- Costs of implementation

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Prioritizes delinquent child support obligations over the payment of the delinquent judicial accounts.

BACKGROUND: A similar statute, ORS 305.612, already authorizes the Director of the Department of Revenue to enter into such intergovernmental agreements with those federal agencies. This measure would allow the judicial branch to do so as well. However, there is currently no federal companion statute that would allow this type of agreement.

As presently written, ORS 461.715 requires the Oregon Lottery Commission to notify the Department of Justice about prizes awarded that exceed \$600 when winners are delinquent in paying child support obligations. This measure leaves that requirement in place.