

**74TH OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY 2007 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
SENATE FINANCE & REVENUE COMMITTEE**

**MEASURE: SB 954A
CARRIER: Sen. Deckert**

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do pass with amendments; be printed engrossed and rescind subsequent referral to Committee on Ways and Means

Vote: 4-0-1

Yeas: G. George, Monroe, Starr, Deckert

Nays:

Exc.: Burdick

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Meeting Dates: 4/2, 4/25, 5/3, 5/8, 5/9

WHAT THE BILL DOES: Establishes shared services fund. Requires firms receiving property tax relief under the Strategic Investment Program (ORS 307.123), to report average employment and wages to the Department of Economic & Community Development on an annual basis. Estimated employment and wages are those attributed directly to the facility upon which the property tax exemption was received. Further requires Department of Administrative Services to estimate personal income tax collections directly attributed to the wage and salary associated with the employment gains reported to the Department of Economic & Community Development. Department of Administrative Services is then required to deposit 50% of identified personal income tax dollars into the Shared Services Fund. Moneys in the fund are then allocated on an annual basis to local taxing districts based on the allocation of community services fees under the Strategic Investment Program. Applies to projects that first become eligible for the exemption after 1-1-08. Makes first transfer of identified revenue to Shared Services Fund following the 2009 tax year.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of Strategic Investment Program.
- Impact of property tax exemption on local governments in Washington County.
- Potential impact of Shared Services Fund on future negotiations.
- Appropriate shares for distribution.
- Need for reporting requirements to Legislature.

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS: Replaces the bill.

BACKGROUND: The Strategic Investment Program was first established by the 1993 Legislature. Currently there are 4 ongoing SIP projects—two in Multnomah County and two in Washington County. In addition three projects have been approved in rural areas in 2006. Under the original program, property value is capped at \$100 million with the taxpayer paying an agreed upon community service fee. In rural areas, property value is capped at \$25 million. In 2005-06, \$4.7 billion in assessed property was exempted under the program.

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