House Bill 3232

Sponsored by Representative BERGER (at the request of Art Stevenson and Jerry Bird)

SUMMARY

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Prohibits department or agency from charging Commission for the Blind or licensed blind person any commission, payment or fee for certain vending facility expenses.

Prohibits department or agency from refusing commission's offer to operate vending facility based on prohibition of charges.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

- 2 Relating to vending facilities; amending ORS 346.520.
 - Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
 - **SECTION 1.** ORS 346.520 is amended to read:
 - 346.520. (1) For the purposes of providing blind persons with remunerative employment, enlarging the economic opportunities of blind persons and stimulating blind persons to greater efforts to make themselves self-supporting with independent livelihoods, blind persons licensed under the provisions of ORS 346.510 to 346.570 by the Commission for the Blind, as set forth in ORS 346.510 to 346.570, shall operate vending facilities in or on any public buildings or properties where, in the discretion of the head of the department or agency in charge of the maintenance of such buildings or properties, such vending facilities may properly and satisfactorily operate.
 - (2) Notwithstanding ORS 276.385, the department or agency in charge of the maintenance of a public building or property in or on which a vending facility is operated under ORS 346.510 to 346.570 [shall] may not charge or collect from the Commission for the Blind or blind persons licensed under the provisions of ORS 346.510 to 346.570 any commission, payment or fee or any amount for:
 - (a) Rental of the space in or on which the vending facility is operated; or
 - (b) Utility costs incurred in the operation of the vending facility.
 - (3) Subsection (2) of this section does not apply to charges imposed by the Department of Transportation. Subject to the availability of funds, the department may refrain from charging any amount for rental of space or utility costs described in subsection (2) of this section.
 - (4) The department or agency in charge of the maintenance of a public building or property may not refuse an offer from the Commission for the Blind to operate a vending facility based on the prohibition of charges described in subsection (2) of this section.

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