Senate Bill 67

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

Transfers responsibility for administering Uniform Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act from Department of State Lands to State Treasurer.

Requires State Treasurer to report annually to State Land Board on collection and return of unclaimed property.

Abolishes Unclaimed Property Revolving Fund. Establishes Unclaimed Property Account in Common School Fund. Continuously appropriates moneys in account to State Treasurer for specified purposes.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2007.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

- 2 Relating to unclaimed property; creating new provisions; amending ORS 60.674, 62.720, 98.050, 98.302, 98.329, 98.348, 98.352, 98.353, 98.354, 98.356, 98.362, 98.366, 98.372, 98.376, 98.382, 98.384, 98.386, 98.388, 98.392, 98.396, 98.402, 98.412, 98.416, 98.422, 98.424, 98.991, 98.992, 183.635, 273.105, 287.454, 293.450, 293.455, 293.460, 314.840, 327.405, 657.665, 711.225, 711.230, 711.235, 711.590, 716.905 and 716.910; appropriating money; and declaring an emergency.
 - Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
 - <u>SECTION 1.</u> The duties, functions and powers of the Department of State Lands relating to the administration of the Uniform Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act, ORS 98.302 to 98.436, are imposed upon, transferred to and vested in the State Treasurer.
 - SECTION 2. (1) The Director of the Department of State Lands shall:
 - (a) Deliver to the State Treasurer all records and property within the jurisdiction of the director that relate to the duties, functions and powers transferred by section 1 of this 2007 Act; and
 - (b) Transfer to the State Treasurer those employees engaged primarily in the exercise of the duties, functions and powers transferred by section 1 of this 2007 Act.
 - (2) The State Treasurer shall take possession of the records and property, and shall take charge of the employees and employ them in the exercise of the duties, functions and powers transferred by section 1 of this 2007 Act, without reduction of compensation but subject to change or termination of employment or compensation as provided by law.
 - (3) The Governor shall resolve any dispute between the Department of State Lands and the State Treasurer relating to transfers of records, property and employees under this section, and the Governor's decision is final.
 - SECTION 3. (1) The unexpended balances of amounts authorized to be expended by the Department of State Lands for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, from revenues dedicated, continuously appropriated, appropriated or otherwise made available for the purpose of administering and enforcing the duties, functions and powers transferred by section 1 of this

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2007 Act are appropriated and transferred to and are available for expenditure by the State Treasurer for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, for the purpose of administering and enforcing the duties, functions and powers transferred by section 1 of this 2007 Act.

(2) The expenditure classifications, if any, established by Acts authorizing or limiting expenditures by the Department of State Lands remain applicable to expenditures by the State Treasurer under this section.

SECTION 4. The transfer of duties, functions and powers to the State Treasurer by section 1 of this 2007 Act does not affect any action, proceeding or prosecution involving or with respect to such duties, functions and powers begun before and pending at the time of the transfer, except that the State Treasurer is substituted for the Department of State Lands in the action, proceeding or prosecution.

SECTION 5. (1) Nothing in sections 1 to 7 of this 2007 Act relieves a person of a liability, duty or obligation accruing under or with respect to the duties, functions and powers transferred by section 1 of this 2007 Act. The State Treasurer may undertake the collection or enforcement of any such liability, duty or obligation.

(2) The rights and obligations of the Department of State Lands legally incurred under contracts, leases and business transactions executed, entered into or begun before the operative date of this 2007 Act accruing under or with respect to the duties, functions and powers transferred by section 1 of this 2007 Act are transferred to the State Treasurer. For the purpose of succession to these rights and obligations, the State Treasurer is a continuation of the Department of State Lands and not a new authority.

SECTION 6. Notwithstanding the transfer of duties, functions and powers by section 1 of this 2007 Act, the rules of the Department of State Lands with respect to such duties, functions or powers that are in effect on the operative date of this 2007 Act continue in effect until superseded or repealed by rules of the State Treasurer. References in such rules of the Department of State Lands to the Department of State Lands or an officer or employee of the Department of State Lands are considered to be references to the State Treasurer or an officer or employee of the State Treasurer.

SECTION 7. Whenever, in any uncodified law or resolution of the Legislative Assembly or in any rule, document, record or proceeding authorized by the Legislative Assembly, in the context of the duties, functions and powers transferred by section 1 of this 2007 Act, reference is made to the Department of State Lands, or an officer or employee of the Department of State Lands, whose duties, functions or powers are transferred by section 1 of this 2007 Act, the reference is considered to be a reference to the State Treasurer or an officer or employee of the State Treasurer who is charged with carrying out such duties, functions and powers.

SECTION 8. Section 9 of this 2007 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 98.302 to 98.436.

SECTION 9. The State Treasurer shall report to the State Land Board, no later than June 30 of each year, on the activities of the State Treasurer relating to the collection and return of unclaimed property pursuant to ORS 98.302 to 98.436. The report shall include, but need not be limited to, the following information:

- (1) The amount, in dollars, of the unclaimed property received by the State Treasurer in the previous year.
- (2) The amount, in dollars, of the unclaimed property returned to the rightful owner in the previous year.

(3) The expenses of the State Treasurer in administering the collection and return of unclaimed property pursuant to ORS 98.302 to 98.436.

SECTION 10. ORS 98.302 is amended to read:

- 4 98.302. As used in ORS 98.302 to 98.436 and 98.992, unless the context otherwise requires:
 - [(1) "Administrator" means the Director of the Department of State Lands.]
 - [(2)] (1) "Apparent owner" means the person whose name appears on the records of the holder as the person entitled to property held, issued or owing by the holder.
 - [(3)] (2) "Business association" means a nonpublic corporation, joint stock company, business trust, partnership, investment company or an association for business purposes of two or more individuals, whether or not for profit, including a financial institution, insurance company or utility.
 - [(4)] (3) "Domicile" means the state of incorporation of a corporation and the state of the principal place of business of an unincorporated person.
 - [(5)] (4) "Financial institution" means a financial institution or a trust company, as those terms are defined in ORS 706.008, a safe deposit company, a private banker, a savings and loan association, a building and loan association or an investment company.
 - [(6)] (5) "Holder" means a person, wherever organized or domiciled, who is in possession of property belonging to another, a trustee or indebted to another on an obligation.
 - [(7)] (6) "Insurance company" means an association, corporation, fraternal or mutual benefit organization, whether or not for profit, [which] that is engaged in providing insurance coverage, including accident, burial, casualty, workers' compensation, credit life, contract performance, dental, fidelity, fire, health, hospitalization, illness, life (including endowments and annuities), malpractice, marine, mortgage, surety and wage protection insurance.
 - [(8)] (7) "Intangible property" includes:
 - (a) Credit balances, customer overpayments, security deposits, refunds, credit memos, unpaid wages, unused airline tickets and unidentified remittances;
 - (b) Stocks and other intangible ownership interests in business associations;
 - (c) Moneys deposited to redeem stocks, bonds, coupons, and other securities, or to make distributions;
 - (d) Amounts due and payable under the terms of insurance policies;
 - (e) Amounts distributed from a trust or custodial fund established under a plan to provide health, welfare, pension, vacation, severance, retirement, death, stock purchase, profit sharing, employee savings, supplemental unemployment insurance or similar benefits; and
 - (f) Moneys, checks, drafts, deposits, interest, dividends and income.
 - [(9)] (8) "Last-known address" means a description of the location of the apparent owner sufficient for the purpose of delivery of mail.
 - [(10)] (9) "Lawful deduction" means a deduction related to the purpose of an account or deposit, for example, to satisfy unpaid utility bills.
 - [(11)] (10) "Owner" means a depositor in case of a deposit, a beneficiary in case of a trust other than a deposit in trust, a creditor, claimant, or payee in case of other intangible property, or a person, or the person's legal representative, having a legal or equitable interest in property.
 - [(12)] (11) "Person" means an individual, business association, state or other government or political subdivision or agency, public corporation, public authority, estate, trust, two or more persons having a joint or common interest, or any other legal or commercial entity.
 - [(13)] (12) "Service charge" means fees or charges that are limited to a specific situation and that meet basic contractual and notice requirements.

- [(14)] (13) "State" means any state, district, commonwealth, territory, insular possession or any other area subject to the legislative authority of the United States.
- [(15)] (14) "Utility" means a person who owns or operates for public use, any plant, equipment, property, franchise or license for the transmission of communications or the production, storage, transmission, sale, delivery or furnishing of electricity, water, steam or gas.

SECTION 11. ORS 98.329 is amended to read:

98.329. A holder, with the written consent of the [Department of State Lands] State Treasurer, and in compliance with rules prescribed by the [department] State Treasurer, may report and deliver property before the property is presumed abandoned.

SECTION 12. ORS 98.348 is amended to read:

- 98.348. (1) At any time after property has been paid or delivered to the [Department of State Lands] State Treasurer under ORS 98.352, another state may recover the property if one or more of the following is true:
- (a) The property was subjected to custody by this state because the records of the holder did not reflect the last-known address of the apparent owner when the property was presumed abandoned under ORS 98.302 to 98.436 and 98.992; and the other state establishes that the last-known address of the apparent owner or other person entitled to the property was in that state and under the laws of that state the property escheated to or was subject to a claim of abandonment by that state
- (b) The last-known address of the apparent owner or other person entitled to the property, as reflected by the records of the holder, is in the other state and under the laws of that state the property has escheated to or become subject to a claim of abandonment by that state.
- (c) The records of the holder were erroneous in that they did not accurately reflect the owner of the property and the last-known address of the owner is in the other state and under the laws of that state the property escheated to or was subject to a claim of abandonment by that state.
- (d) The property was subjected to custody by this state and under the laws of the state of domicile of the holder the property has escheated to or become subject to a claim of abandonment by that state.
- (e) The property is the sum payable on a traveler's check, money order or other similar instrument that was subjected to custody by this state under ORS 98.309, and the instrument was purchased in the other state and under the laws of that state the property escheated to or became subject to a claim of abandonment by that state.
- (2) The claim of another state to recover [escheated or unclaimed] property that escheated to or became subject to a claim of abandonment by that state must be presented in a form prescribed by the [Department of State Lands] State Treasurer. The [department] State Treasurer shall decide the claim within 90 days after it is presented.
- (3) The [department] **State Treasurer** shall require a state, before recovering property under this section, to agree to indemnify this state and its officers and employees against any liability on a claim for the property.

SECTION 13. ORS 98.352 is amended to read:

- 98.352. (1) Every person holding funds or other property, tangible or intangible, presumed abandoned under ORS 98.302 to 98.436 and 98.992 shall report and pay or deliver to the [Department of State Lands] State Treasurer all property presumed abandoned as provided in this section, except that:
 - (a) Funds transferred to the General Fund under ORS 293.455 (1)(a) [shall] need only be reported

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to the [department] State Treasurer.

- (b) Funds in the possession of the Child Support Program described in ORS 180.345 [shall] **need** only be reported to the [department] **State Treasurer**.
- (2) The report shall be verified as to the accuracy of the information contained and shall include:
- (a) Except with respect to traveler's checks and money orders, the name, if known, and address, if known, of each person appearing from the records of the holder to be the owner of any property of value of \$50 or more presumed abandoned under ORS 98.302 to 98.436 and 98.992;
- (b) In case of unclaimed funds of life insurance corporations, the full name of the insured or annuitant and last-known address according to the life insurance corporation's records;
- (c) The nature and identifying number, if any, or description of the property and the amount appearing from the records to be due, except that items of value under \$50 each may be reported in aggregate;
- (d) The date when the property became payable, demandable, or returnable, and the date of the last transaction with the owner with respect to the property; and
- (e) Other information that the [department] **State Treasurer** prescribes by rule as necessary for the administration of ORS 98.302 to 98.436 and 98.992.
- (3) If the person holding property presumed abandoned is a successor to other persons who previously held the property for the owner, or if the holder has had a name change while holding the property, the holder shall file with the report all prior known names and addresses and effective dates of changes if known of each holder of the property.
- (4) The report shall be filed after October 1, but no later than November 1 of each year for accounts dormant as of June 30. The [department] State Treasurer may postpone the reporting date upon written request by any person required to file a report. All records are exempt from public review for 12 months from the time the property is reportable and for 24 months after the property has been remitted to the [department] State Treasurer. All lists of records or property held by a government or public authority under ORS 98.336 shall be exempt from public review until 24 months after the property is remitted to the [department] State Treasurer.
- (5) If the holder of property presumed abandoned under ORS 98.302 to 98.436 and 98.992 knows the whereabouts of the owner and if the owner's claim has not been barred by the statute of limitations, the holder shall, before filing the annual report, communicate with the owner and take necessary steps to prevent abandonment from being presumed. The holder shall exercise due diligence to ascertain the whereabouts of the owner.
- (6) Verification, if made by a partnership, shall be executed by a partner; if made by an unincorporated association or private corporation, by an officer; and if made by a public corporation, by its chief fiscal officer.

SECTION 14. ORS 98.353 is amended to read:

- 98.353. (1) The [Department of State Lands] **State Treasurer** shall, on a regular basis, provide educational or informational materials to persons required to file a report under ORS 98.352. The educational or informational materials shall contain, but [shall] **need** not be limited to, information describing:
 - (a) The types of property, tangible and intangible, that are subject to reporting;
 - (b) Persons who typically hold, knowingly or unknowingly, unclaimed property;
- (c) Record keeping requirements for persons holding unclaimed property; and
- (d) Any penalties for failing to comply with the provisions of ORS 98.302 to 98.436.

- [(2) Upon request by the Department of State Lands, the Department of Revenue and the Office of the Secretary of State shall:]
- 3 [(a) Assist the Department of State Lands in determining which persons are required to file a re-4 port under ORS 98.352; and]
 - [(b) Allow the Department of State Lands to include information about unclaimed property reporting requirements in the regular mailings of the Department of Revenue.]
 - (2) Upon request by the State Treasurer:

- (a) The Department of Consumer and Business Services, the Department of Revenue and the Office of the Secretary of State shall assist the State Treasurer in determining which persons are required to file a report under ORS 98.352 or who may make a claim under ORS 98.392; and
- (b) The Department of Consumer and Business Services, the Department of Revenue, the Employment Department and the Office of the Secretary of State shall allow the State Treasurer to include information about unclaimed property reporting requirements and claims in the regular mailings of the departments and office and in electronic form on their World Wide Web pages.

SECTION 15. ORS 98.354 is amended to read:

- 98.354. (1) Every holder required to file a report under ORS 98.352 as to any property for which the holder has obtained an address of the owner, shall maintain a record of the name and last-known address of the owner and such signature cards and other evidence which would assist in the identification of the owner for three years after the property has been remitted to the [Department of State Lands] State Treasurer.
- (2) Any business association that sells in this state traveler's checks, money orders or other similar written instruments, other than third party bank checks on which the business association is directly liable, or that provides such instruments to others for sale in this state, shall maintain a record of those instruments while they remain outstanding, indicating the state and date of issue, for five years after the date the property has been remitted to the [department] State Treasurer.

SECTION 16. ORS 98.356 is amended to read:

- 98.356. (1) The [Department of State Lands] State Treasurer shall publish notice of owners' unclaimed accounts reported under ORS 98.352. [The notice shall be published at least twice in a newspaper or other generally circulated periodical published in this state.] The [department] State Treasurer may publish such notices at intervals to locate owners of accounts received under ORS 98.352 (4) in an expedient manner, but shall complete publication of all such accounts within one year of remittance.
- (2) The [department] **State Treasurer** is not required to publish in such notice any item of less than \$100 unless the [department] **State Treasurer** deems such publication to be in the public interest.
- (3) This section is not applicable to sums payable on traveler's checks or money orders presumed abandoned under ORS 98.309.
- (4) The [department] **State Treasurer** shall undertake reasonable efforts to locate owners of unclaimed property reported to the [department] **State Treasurer** under ORS 98.352. The costs of such efforts may be deducted from the proceeds that are paid to the owners when and if an owner is located. The [department] **State Treasurer** shall specify, by rule, a maximum percentage of costs that may be deducted from a verified claim for unclaimed property.
 - (5) The [Department of State Lands] State Treasurer may not disclose to the general public any

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confidential information provided by the Department of Revenue from taxpayer returns.

SECTION 17. ORS 98.362 is amended to read:

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98.362. (1) The holder of an intangible equity ownership interest presumed abandoned under ORS 98.322 shall deliver a certificate of ownership or other evidence of ownership to the [Department of State Lands] State Treasurer as follows:

- (a) The original certificate shall be delivered to the [department] **State Treasurer** when it is held by the business association, transfer agent, registrar or other person acting on behalf of the business association.
- (b) A duplicate certificate shall be issued to the [department] **State Treasurer** when the business association, transfer agent, registrar or other person acting on behalf of the holder does not hold the original.
- (2) After issuance of a duplicate certificate under subsection (1) of this section, the rights of a protected purchaser of the original certificate shall be governed by ORS 78.4050. In such event, recovery by the protected purchaser shall be against the [department] **State Treasurer** to the extent allowed under the Oregon Constitution.

SECTION 18. ORS 98.366 is amended to read:

- 98.366. (1) Upon the payment or delivery of unclaimed property to the [Department of State Lands] State Treasurer, the state shall assume custody and shall be responsible for the safekeeping thereof. Any person who pays or delivers unclaimed property to the [department] State Treasurer under ORS 98.352 is relieved of all liability to the extent of the value of the property so paid or delivered for any claim which then exists or which thereafter may arise or be made in respect to the property.
- (2) A holder who has paid money to the [department] State Treasurer under ORS 98.352 may make payment to any person appearing to the holder to be entitled to payment. The [department] State Treasurer shall reimburse the holder within 60 days of receiving proof that payment was made to a person who appeared to the holder to be entitled to payment. The [department] State Treasurer shall reimburse the holder for the payment without imposing any fee or other charge.

SECTION 19. ORS 98.372 is amended to read:

98.372. The owner is not entitled to receive income or other increments which have accrued on the property after the property is paid or delivered to the [Department of State Lands] State Treasurer under ORS 98.352.

SECTION 20. ORS 98.376 is amended to read:

98.376. The expiration of any period of time specified by statute or court order, during which an action, suit or proceeding may be commenced or enforced to obtain payment of a claim for money or recovery of property, shall not prevent the money or property from being presumed abandoned, nor affect any duty to file a report required by ORS 98.352 or to pay or deliver unclaimed property to the [Department of State Lands] State Treasurer, provided that this section shall not affect any property interests which became vested prior to August 20, 1957.

SECTION 21. ORS 98.382 is amended to read:

98.382. (1)(a) All unclaimed property other than money and securities delivered to the [Department of State Lands] State Treasurer under ORS 98.362 shall be sold by the [department] State Treasurer to the highest bidder at public sale by the method and at the location that the [department] State Treasurer determines are the most favorable for receiving the highest price for the property involved. The [department] State Treasurer may decline the highest bid and reoffer the property for sale if the [department] State Treasurer considers the price bid insufficient. The [de-

- partment] State Treasurer need not offer any property for sale if, in the [department's] State Treasurer's opinion, the probable cost of sale exceeds the value of the property.
- 3 (b) In choosing the most favorable method for the sale of property under this subsection, the 4 [department] State Treasurer may consider:
 - (A) A public oral auction;

- (B) An electronic commerce forum; and
- 7 (C) Any other method for sale that ensures the highest returns and provides for open, public 8 participation.
 - (c) In choosing the most favorable location for the sale of property under this subsection, the [department] State Treasurer may consider:
 - (A) The population of the location;
 - (B) The cost of conducting the sale in the location;
 - (C) The type of property being sold;
 - (D) The public access to the proposed sale location, including parking; and
 - (E) Any other indicator of market potential of the location.
 - (2) For a sale by public oral auction held under subsection (1) of this section, the [department] State Treasurer shall publish at least a single notice of the sale at least 10 days in advance of the sale in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the property is to be sold. For a sale by a method other than public oral auction, the [department] State Treasurer shall publish at least a single notice in a newspaper of general circulation in Marion County.
 - (3) Securities listed on an established stock exchange shall be sold on the exchange at prices prevailing on the exchange at the time of sale. Other securities may be sold over the counter at prices prevailing at the time of sale or by any other method the [administrator] State Treasurer considers advisable.
 - (4) All securities and other intangible properties presumed abandoned under ORS 98.362 and delivered to the [department] **State Treasurer** shall be sold by the [department] **State Treasurer** at such time and place and in such manner as in the [department's] **State Treasurer**'s judgment will bring the highest return.
 - (5) The [department] State Treasurer shall indemnify the holder of securities presumed abandoned under ORS 98.322 to the extent allowed by the Oregon Constitution. The [department] State Treasurer shall establish procedures by administrative rule to pay the rightful owner proceeds received from securities that were sold before the owner filed a claim to recover such securities.
 - (6) The purchaser at a sale conducted by the [department] **State Treasurer** pursuant to this section shall receive title to the property purchased, free from all claims of the owner or prior holder of the property and of all persons claiming through or under them. The [department] **State Treasurer** shall execute all documents necessary to complete the transfer of title.

SECTION 22. ORS 98.384 is amended to read:

98.384. If the [Department of State Lands] State Treasurer determines after investigation that any property delivered under ORS 98.352 has insubstantial commercial value, the [department] State Treasurer may destroy or otherwise dispose of the property at any time. No action or proceeding may be maintained against the state or any officer or against the holder for or on account of any action taken by the [department] State Treasurer pursuant to this section.

SECTION 23. ORS 98.386 is amended to read:

98.386. (1) All funds received under ORS 98.302 to 98.436 and 98.992, including the proceeds from the sale of unclaimed property under ORS 98.382, shall be deposited [by the Department of State

- 1 Lands in the Common School Fund Account with] in the Unclaimed Property Account by the State
- 2 Treasurer. Before making the deposit the [department] State Treasurer shall record the name and
- 3 last-known address of each person appearing from the holders' reports to be entitled to the un-
- 4 claimed property and the name and last-known address of each insured person or annuitant, and
- with respect to each policy or contract listed in the report of a life insurance corporation, its number, the name of the corporation, and the amount due.
 - [(2) Before making a deposit to the credit of the Common School Fund Account, the department may deduct:]
 - [(a) Any costs in connection with sale of unclaimed property;]
- [(b) Any costs of mailing and publication in connection with efforts to locate owners of unclaimed property as prescribed by rule; and]
 - [(c) Reasonable service charges.]

(2) Before making a deposit to the credit of the Unclaimed Property Account, the State Treasurer may deduct any costs in connection with the sale of unclaimed property.

SECTION 24. ORS 98.388 is amended to read:

98.388. [There is created from unclaimed property funds an Unclaimed Property Revolving Fund. The moneys in the fund are appropriated continuously to the Department of State Lands for the purpose of repaying claims as provided under ORS 98.396.] There is created in the Common School Fund from unclaimed property funds the Unclaimed Property Account. Interest and other income accruing to the account shall be retained in the account. The moneys in the account are continuously appropriated to the State Treasurer for the purposes of repaying claims as provided under ORS 98.396 and for paying the expenses of the State Treasurer associated with administering ORS 98.302 to 98.436.

SECTION 25. ORS 98.392 is amended to read:

98.392. A person claiming an interest in unclaimed property reported to the [Department of State Lands] State Treasurer may file a claim to the property or to the proceeds from the sale of the property at any time after the person learns that the property has been reported to the [department] State Treasurer. Claims shall be filed on the form prescribed by the [department] State Treasurer may require the person to provide a lost instrument bond if the claim is for securities and the person does not surrender the original certificate to the [department] State Treasurer.

SECTION 26. ORS 98.396 is amended to read:

98.396. (1) The [Department of State Lands] State Treasurer shall consider any claim filed under ORS 98.392 and may hold a hearing and receive evidence concerning the claim. If a hearing is held, the [department] State Treasurer shall prepare findings and a decision in writing on each claim filed, stating the substance of any evidence heard by the [department] State Treasurer and the reasons for the decision. The decision shall be a public record.

- (2) If the claim allowed is for property **or for funds** deposited in the [Common School Fund] **Unclaimed Property** Account, the [department] **State Treasurer** shall return the property or make payment of the proceeds of the sale of the property to the claimant.
- (3) If the claim allowed is for funds deposited in the General Fund, the [department] State Treasurer shall pay the claim out of the General Fund [and file a request for reimbursement with the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall reimburse the department within five working days from the fund against which the check or order represented in the claim was issued].
 - SECTION 27. ORS 98.402 is amended to read:

98.402. (1) A person aggrieved by a decision of the [administrator] State Treasurer made under ORS 98.396 may request a hearing regarding the decision. [The Department of State Lands shall conduct the hearing as a contested case proceeding in accordance with ORS 183.413 to 183.470.] The hearing shall be conducted as a contested case proceeding in accordance with ORS chapter 183.

(2) If the [administrator] **State Treasurer** fails to act on a claim within 120 days after a person files the claim under ORS 98.392, the person may file a petition under ORS 183.484 to request a court to compel the [department] **State Treasurer** to act pursuant to ORS 183.490.

SECTION 28. ORS 98.412 is amended to read:

- 98.412. (1) The [Department of State Lands] State Treasurer may require a person who has not filed a report to file a verified report stating whether or not the person is holding any unclaimed property reportable or deliverable under ORS 98.352.
- (2) The [department] **State Treasurer** may at reasonable times and upon reasonable notice examine the records of any person to determine whether the person has complied with the provisions of ORS 98.352. The [department] **State Treasurer** may conduct the examination even if the person believes it is not in possession of any property reportable or deliverable under this section.
- (3) To the extent possible, the [department] State Treasurer shall enter into agreements with state and federal agencies that regularly examine the records of financial institutions, trust companies, financial holding companies and bank holding companies, as defined in ORS 706.008, and of subsidiaries of such financial institutions, trust companies, financial holding companies and bank holding companies. Under the agreements, the state and federal agencies shall examine the records of the financial institution, trust company, financial holding company, bank holding company or subsidiary to determine compliance with ORS 98.352. If a state or federal agency does not enter into an agreement with the [department] State Treasurer under this subsection, the [department] State Treasurer shall conduct the examination of the records of financial institutions, trust companies, financial holding companies and bank holding companies to determine compliance with ORS 98.352.
- (4) If a holder fails to maintain the records required by ORS 98.354 and the records of the holder available for the periods subject to ORS 98.302 to 98.436 and 98.992 are insufficient to permit the preparation of a report, the [department] State Treasurer may issue a finding that requires the holder to report and pay the amounts that the [department] State Treasurer reasonably estimates from the report and available records. The [department] State Treasurer shall include in its finding a notice substantially similar to that specified under ORS 183.415. Additionally, the notice shall include information about opportunities to resolve disputes through a collaborative dispute resolution process.
- (5) Any holder subject to examination under this section may request a hearing regarding the findings issued by the [department] **State Treasurer**. The [department] **State Treasurer** shall conduct a hearing under this subsection as a contested case proceeding in accordance with ORS 183.413 to 183.470.

SECTION 29. ORS 98.416 is amended to read:

- 98.416. (1) If any person refuses to deliver property to the [Department of State Lands] State Treasurer as required under ORS 98.352, the [department] State Treasurer may bring a suit or action in a court of appropriate jurisdiction to enforce delivery of the property.
- (2) The [department] **State Treasurer** may require a person who fails to pay or deliver property within the time prescribed by ORS 98.302 to 98.436 and 98.992 to pay interest from the date the [department] **State Treasurer** determines interest should have been paid. Interest shall be paid at

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1 the rate set by the Director of the Department of Revenue pursuant to ORS 305.220 (1) and (3).

SECTION 30. ORS 98.422 is amended to read:

98.422. The [administrator] **State Treasurer** is authorized to adopt necessary rules to carry out the provisions of ORS 98.302 to 98.436 [and 98.992].

SECTION 31. ORS 98.424 is amended to read:

- 98.424. (1) The [Department of State Lands] State Treasurer may enter into agreements with other states to exchange information needed to enable this or another state to audit or otherwise determine unclaimed property that this state or another state may be entitled to subject to a claim of custody under ORS 98.348. The [department] State Treasurer may adopt rules requiring the other states to report information needed to enable compliance with agreements made pursuant to this section and prescribing the form for making a claim of custody under ORS 98.348.
- (2) To avoid conflicts between the [department's] State Treasurer's procedures and the procedures of administrators in other jurisdictions that enact an unclaimed property act, the [department] State Treasurer, so far as is consistent with the purposes, policies and provisions of ORS 98.302 to 98.436 and 98.992, before adopting, amending or repealing rules, shall advise and consult with administrators in other jurisdictions that enact a substantially similar unclaimed property act and take into consideration the rules of administrators in other jurisdictions that enact an unclaimed property act.
- (3) The [department] **State Treasurer** may join with other states to seek enforcement of ORS 98.302 to 98.436 and 98.992 against any person who is or may be holding property reportable under ORS 98.352.
- (4) At the request of another state, the Attorney General of this state may bring an action in the name of another state to enforce the unclaimed property laws of the other state against a holder in this state of property subject to escheat or a claim of abandonment by the other state, if the other state has agreed to pay expenses incurred by the attorney general in bringing the action, including attorney fees.
- (5) The [department] **State Treasurer**, through the Attorney General of this state, may request the attorney general of another state or any other person to bring an action in the other state in the name of the [department] **State Treasurer** against the holder of property in the other state that is subject to escheat or a claim of abandonment by this state. This state shall pay all expenses including attorney fees in any action under this subsection **from the Unclaimed Property Account**. Any expenses paid pursuant to this subsection may not be deducted from the amount that is subject to the claim by the owner under ORS 98.302 to 98.436 and 98.992.
- (6) The [Department of State Lands shall] **State Treasurer may** not disclose to any other state any confidential information provided by the Department of Revenue from taxpayer returns.

SECTION 32. ORS 60.674 is amended to read:

60.674. Assets of a dissolved corporation that should be distributed to a creditor, claimant or shareholder of the corporation who cannot be found shall be reduced to cash and, within one year after the final distribution in such liquidation or winding up is payable, deposited with the [Department of State Lands] State Treasurer. The receiver or other liquidating agent shall prepare in duplicate and under oath a statement containing the names and last-known addresses of the persons entitled to such funds. One of the statements shall be filed with the [Department of State Lands] State Treasurer with the cash and another shall be delivered to the office for filing. The owner, heirs or personal representatives of the owner, may file a claim with the [Department of State Lands] State Treasurer in the manner provided by ORS 98.392 and 98.396.

SECTION 33. ORS 62.720 is amended to read:

62.720. (1) All intangible personal property distributable in the course of a voluntary or involuntary dissolution of a cooperative that is unclaimed by the owner within two years after the date for final distribution is presumed abandoned. Such property shall be subject to the provisions of ORS 98.302 to 98.436 and 98.992, except that with respect to agricultural cooperatives, the report of unclaimed property shall be filed with the [Department of State Lands] State Treasurer as set forth in ORS 98.352. A copy of the report shall also be filed with the State Board of Higher Education.

- (2) All unclaimed property specified in the report required by ORS 98.352 shall be delivered [within the time specified in ORS 98.362 to the Department of State Lands which] to the State Treasurer, who shall assume custody and shall be responsible for the safekeeping [thereof] of the property. The [department] State Treasurer shall reconcile the report to the delivered funds, deduct the costs as provided for in subsection (3) of this section, and forward the funds to the State Board of Higher Education within 14 working days of receipt of the funds. Any person who pays or delivers unclaimed property to the [Department of State Lands] State Treasurer under this section is relieved of all liability to the extent of the value of the property so paid or delivered for any claim which then exists or which thereafter may arise or be made in respect to the property.
- (3) All funds received under this section shall be used for the benefit of Oregon State University in such programs related to agricultural research as the university may determine except for:
 - (a) The payment of claims which may be made pursuant to this section; and
- (b) The payment of expenses of mailing and publication in connection with any unclaimed property, reasonable service charges and expenses of the [Department of State Lands] State Treasurer in connection with claims made pursuant to ORS 98.392 to 98.402.
- (4) The provisions of ORS 98.392 to 98.402 are applicable to claims against unclaimed property delivered to the State Board of Higher Education pursuant to this section. The State Board of Higher Education shall pay such claims from funds delivered to it pursuant to this section within 30 days of receipt of a verified copy of a finding and decision of the [Department of State Lands] State Treasurer made pursuant to ORS 98.396 or a certified copy of a judgment made pursuant to ORS 98.402.
- (5) As used in this section, an agricultural cooperative is any cooperative in which farmers act together in producing, processing, preparing for market, handling or marketing the agricultural products of such farmers, and any cooperative in which farmers act together in purchasing, testing, grading, processing, distributing and furnishing farm supplies or farm business services.
- (6) The provisions of this section are applicable with respect to the voluntary or involuntary dissolution of any cooperative, which dissolution commenced on or after January 1, 1970.

SECTION 34. ORS 98.050 is amended to read:

- 98.050. (1) The [administrator] **State Treasurer** may compile information or data in the possession of the [Department of State Lands] **State Treasurer** into finder's reports at the request of any person to assist in finding the owners of abandoned or unclaimed property.
- (2) The [administrator] **State Treasurer** shall adopt by rule a fee for copies of finder's reports. The fee charged shall be commensurate with preparation costs including production, duplication and staff time involved.
 - (3) Any person requesting a copy of a finder's report shall be charged the fee.
 - (4) As used in [subsections (1) to (3) of] this section:
- (a) "Finder's report" means any report prepared by the State Treasurer for the benefit of any person to assist in finding the owners of abandoned or unclaimed property.

- 1 [(a) "Administrator" has the same meaning as given by ORS 98.302.]
 - (b) "Person" includes any natural person, corporation, partnership, firm or association.
- [(c) "Finder's report" means any report prepared by the administrator for the benefit of any person to assist in finding the owners of abandoned or unclaimed property.]

SECTION 35. ORS 98.991 is amended to read:

- 98.991. (1) Any person who willfully fails to render any report or perform other duties required under this Act is guilty of a misdemeanor.
- 8 (2) Any person who willfully refuses to pay or deliver unclaimed property to the [Department of State Lands] State Treasurer as required under this Act is guilty of a misdemeanor.

SECTION 36. ORS 98.992 is amended to read:

98.992. A person who willfully fails to render any report, to pay or deliver property or to perform other duties required by ORS 98.302 to 98.436 and 98.992 may be required to forfeit and pay to the State Treasurer to be deposited in the Common School Fund Account, an amount determined by the [Department of State Lands] State Treasurer pursuant to ORS 183.745 of not more than \$1,000 for individuals and \$50,000 for corporations. This penalty shall be assessed only after at least one reporting cycle, and only after the [department] State Treasurer has provided the person with written instructions, including copies of applicable laws and policies. The [department] State Treasurer may waive any penalty due under this section with appropriate justification.

SECTION 37. ORS 183.635 is amended to read:

183.635. (1) Except as provided in this section, all agencies must use administrative law judges assigned from the Office of Administrative Hearings established under ORS 183.605 to conduct contested case hearings, without regard to whether those hearings are subject to the procedural requirements for contested case hearings.

- (2) The following agencies need not use administrative law judges assigned from the office:
- (a) Attorney General.

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- (b) Boards of stewards appointed by the Oregon Racing Commission.
- 27 (c) Bureau of Labor and Industries and the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries.
- 28 (d) Department of Corrections.
 - (e) Department of Education, State Board of Education and Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- 30 (f) Department of Higher Education and institutions of higher education listed in ORS 352.002.
- 31 (g) Department of Human Services for vocational rehabilitation services cases under 29 U.S.C. 32 722(c) and disability determination cases under 42 U.S.C. 405.
 - (h) Department of Revenue.
- 34 (i) Department of State Police.
 - (j) Employment Appeals Board.
- 36 (k) Employment Relations Board
- 37 (L) Energy Facility Siting Council.
- 38 (m) Fair Dismissal Appeals Board.
- 39 (n) Governor.
- 40 (o) Land Conservation and Development Commission.
- 41 (p) Land Use Board of Appeals.
- 42 (q) Local government boundary commissions created pursuant to ORS 199.425 or 199.430.
- 43 (r) Oregon Youth Authority.
- 44 (s) Psychiatric Security Review Board.
- 45 (t) Public Utility Commission.

- 1 (u) Secretary of State.
- 2 (v) State Accident Insurance Fund Corporation.
- 3 (w) State Apprenticeship and Training Council.
- 4 (x) State Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision.
- 5 (y) State Land Board.
- (z) State Treasurer, except for hearings held pursuant to ORS 98.402.
- 7 (aa) Wage and Hour Commission.
 - (3) The Workers' Compensation Board is exempt from using administrative law judges assigned from the office for any hearing conducted by the board under ORS chapters 147, 654 and 656. Except as specifically provided in this subsection, the Department of Consumer and Business Services must use administrative law judges assigned from the office only for contested cases arising out of the department's powers and duties under:
- 13 (a) ORS chapter 59;

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- 14 (b) ORS 200.005 to 200.075;
- 15 (c) ORS chapter 455;
- 16 (d) ORS chapter 674;
- 17 (e) ORS chapters 706 to 716;
- 18 (f) ORS chapter 717;
- 19 (g) ORS chapters 722, 723, 725 and 726; and
- 20 (h) ORS chapters 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 737, 742, 743, 744, 746, 748 and 750.
 - (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in any proceeding in which an agency is required to use an administrative law judge assigned from the office, an officer or employee of the agency may not conduct the hearing on behalf of the agency.
 - (5) Notwithstanding any other provision of ORS 183.600 to 183.690, an agency is not required to use an administrative law judge assigned from the office if:
 - (a) Federal law requires that a different administrative law judge or hearing officer be used; or
 - (b) Use of an administrative law judge from the office could result in a loss of federal funds.
 - (6) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the Department of Environmental Quality must use administrative law judges assigned from the office only for contested case hearings conducted under the provisions of ORS 183.413 to 183.470.

SECTION 38. ORS 273.105 is amended to read:

- 273.105. (1) The Distributable Income Account is established within the Common School Fund. The Department of State Lands shall administer this account in accordance with section 4, Article VIII, Oregon Constitution, and applicable laws.
- (2) The following moneys in the Common School Fund shall be credited to the Distributable Income Account:
- (a) Moneys received under ORS 390.715 and 390.725 after deducting the administrative costs of the State Parks and Recreation Department.
- (b) So much of the income derived from the investment of the Common School Fund as the State Land Board deems appropriate after payment of the expenses of the State Land Board authorized to be paid under subsection (2), section 2, Article VIII of the Oregon Constitution.
- (c) The income, less expenses, derived from unclaimed property held by the [Director of the Department of State Lands] State Treasurer or deposited in the [Common School Fund] Unclaimed Property Account.
 - (d) Other moneys received by the Department of State Lands that are required by law to be

1 credited to the Distributable Income Account.

- (3) All other moneys received by the Department of State Lands shall be credited to the Common School Fund.
- (4) The moneys in the Distributable Income Account are appropriated continuously for apportionment according to ORS 327.410.

SECTION 39. ORS 287.454 is amended to read:

- 287.454. (1) The county fiscal officer shall prepare a report of all warrants and checks issued more than two years prior to July 1 of that year which have not been paid, pursuant to ORS 98.352.
- (2) The lawful owner of any warrant or check included in any list referred to in subsection (1) of this section, not presented to the county treasurer for payment and not paid, thereafter may file a claim with the [Department of State Lands] State Treasurer in the manner provided by ORS 98.392 and 98.396.

SECTION 40. ORS 293.450 is amended to read:

- 293.450. (1) Before October 1 of each year, [the] an agency that maintains an account pursuant to ORS 293.445 shall prepare a report pursuant to ORS 98.352 of all checks or orders drawn by it that have been outstanding for a period of more than two years prior to July 1, and that have not been paid by the State Treasurer.
- (2) The report shall not include checks or orders that have already been paid pursuant to indemnity bonds.
- (3) The agency shall forward the report to the [Department of State Lands] State Treasurer before November 1.
- (4) The [Department of State Lands] State Treasurer shall not require the Department of Revenue to remit funds being held by the Department of Revenue prior to January 1, 1994.

SECTION 41. ORS 293.455 is amended to read:

- 293.455. (1) After October 1, the State Treasurer may refuse payment of the unpresented checks or orders included in the report referred to in ORS 293.450. [In accordance with procedures developed by the Department of State Lands and approved by the State Treasurer, the agency shall instruct] The State Treasurer [to do the following] shall:
- (a) Transfer and credit the amounts of the unpresented checks or orders dedicated for general funding to the General Fund.
- (b) Transfer all other funds to the [Department of State Lands for deposit in the] Unclaimed Property [Revolving Fund] Account within the Common School Fund [Account].
- (c) Transfer and credit the amounts of the unpresented checks issued under ORS chapters 316 and 317 to the [Department of State Lands for deposit in the] Unclaimed Property [Revolving Fund] Account within the Common School Fund [Account].
- (2) In each instance, the State Treasurer shall issue an official receipt for the amount so transferred or credited.
- [(3) If the State Treasurer pays the owner of an unpresented check or order included in the report referred to in ORS 293.450 before the funds are transferred to the Department of State Lands, this information shall be reported to the Department of State Lands.]

SECTION 42. ORS 293.460 is amended to read:

293.460. The lawful owner of any check or order included in the report referred to in ORS 293.450, not presented to the State Treasurer for payment and not paid, thereafter may file a claim with the [Department of State Lands] State Treasurer in the manner provided by ORS 98.392 and 98.396.

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SECTION 43. ORS 314.840 is amended to read:

314.840. (1) The Department of Revenue may:

- (a) Furnish any taxpayer, representative authorized to represent the taxpayer under ORS 305.230 or person designated by the taxpayer under ORS 305.193, upon request of the taxpayer, representative or designee, with a copy of the taxpayer's income tax return filed with the department for any year, or with a copy of any report filed by the taxpayer in connection with the return, or with any other information the department considers necessary.
 - (b) Publish lists of taxpayers who are entitled to unclaimed tax refunds.
- (c) Publish statistics so classified as to prevent the identification of income or any particulars contained in any report or return.
- (d) Disclose a taxpayer's name, address, telephone number, refund amount, amount due, Social Security number, employer identification number or other taxpayer identification number to the extent necessary in connection with collection activities or the processing and mailing of correspondence or of forms for any report, return or claim required in the administration of ORS 310.630 to 310.706, any local tax under ORS 305.620, or any law imposing a tax upon or measured by net income.
- (2) The department also may disclose and give access to information described in ORS 314.835 to:
 - (a) The Governor of the State of Oregon or the authorized representative of the Governor:
- (A) With respect to an individual who is designated as being under consideration for appointment or reappointment to an office or for employment in the office of the Governor. The information disclosed shall be confined to whether the individual:
- (i) Has filed returns with respect to the taxes imposed by ORS chapter 316 for those of not more than the three immediately preceding years for which the individual was required to file an Oregon individual income tax return.
- (ii) Has failed to pay any tax within 30 days from the date of mailing of a deficiency notice or otherwise respond to a deficiency notice within 30 days of its mailing.
- (iii) Has been assessed any penalty under the Oregon personal income tax laws and the nature of the penalty.
- (iv) Has been or is under investigation for possible criminal offenses under the Oregon personal income tax laws. Information disclosed pursuant to this paragraph shall be used only for the purpose of making the appointment, reappointment or decision to employ or not to employ the individual in the office of the Governor.
- (B) For use by an officer or employee of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services duly authorized or employed to prepare revenue estimates, or a person contracting with the Oregon Department of Administrative Services to prepare revenue estimates, in the preparation of revenue estimates required for the Governor's budget under ORS 291.201 to 291.226, or required for submission to the Emergency Board, or if the Legislative Assembly is in session, to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, and to the Legislative Revenue Officer under ORS 291.342, 291.348 and 291.445. The Department of Revenue shall disclose and give access to the information described in ORS 314.835 for the purposes of this subparagraph only if:
- (i) The request for information is made in writing, specifies the purposes for which the request is made and is signed by an authorized representative of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services. The form for request for information shall be prescribed by the Oregon Department of Administrative Services and approved by the Director of the Department of Revenue.

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- (ii) The officer, employee or person receiving the information does not remove from the premises of the Department of Revenue any materials that would reveal the identity of a personal or corporate taxpayer.
 - (b) The Commissioner of Internal Revenue or authorized representative, for tax purposes only.
- (c) The proper officer of any state or the District of Columbia, or their authorized representatives, for tax purposes only, if such state or district has a provision of law which meets the requirements of any applicable provision of the Internal Revenue Code as to confidentiality.
- (d) The Multistate Tax Commission or its authorized representatives, for tax purposes only. However, the Multistate Tax Commission may make such information available to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue or the proper officer of any state or the District of Columbia, or their authorized representatives, for tax purposes only, if the state or district has a provision of law which meets the requirements of any applicable provision of the Internal Revenue Code as to confidentiality.
- (e) The Attorney General, assistants and employees in the Department of Justice, or other legal representative of the State of Oregon, to the extent the department deems disclosure or access necessary for the performance of the duties of advising or representing the department pursuant to ORS 180.010 to 180.240 and the tax laws of this state.
- (f) Employees of the State of Oregon, other than of the Department of Revenue or Department of Justice, to the extent the department deems disclosure or access necessary for such employees to perform their duties under contracts or agreements between the department and any other department, agency or subdivision of the State of Oregon, in the department's administration of the tax laws.
- (g) Other persons, partnerships, corporations and other legal entities, and their employees, to the extent the department deems disclosure or access necessary for the performance of such others' duties under contracts or agreements between the department and such legal entities, in the department's administration of the tax laws.
- (h) The Legislative Revenue Officer or authorized representatives upon compliance with ORS 173.850. Such officer or representative shall not remove from the premises of the department any materials that would reveal the identity of any taxpayer or any other person.
- (i) The Department of Consumer and Business Services, to the extent the department requires such information to determine whether it is appropriate to adjust those workers' compensation benefits the amount of which is based pursuant to ORS chapter 656 on the amount of wages or earned income received by an individual.
- (j) Any agency of the State of Oregon, or any person, or any officer or employee of such agency or person to whom disclosure or access is given by state law and not otherwise referred to in this section, including but not limited to the Secretary of State as Auditor of Public Accounts under section 2, Article VI of the Oregon Constitution; the Department of Human Services pursuant to ORS 314.860 and 418.135; the Division of Child Support of the Department of Justice and district attorney regarding cases for which they are providing support enforcement services under ORS 25.080; the State Board of Tax Practitioners, pursuant to ORS 673.710; and the Oregon Board of Accountancy, pursuant to ORS 673.415.
- (k) The Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services to determine that a person complies with ORS chapter 656 and the Director of the Employment Department to determine that a person complies with ORS chapter 657, the following employer information:

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- (A) Identification numbers.
- (B) Names and addresses.

- 1 (C) Inception date as employer.
 - (D) Nature of business.
- 3 (E) Entity changes.

- (F) Date of last payroll.
- (L) The Director of Human Services to determine that a person has the ability to pay for care that includes services provided by the state institutions as described in ORS 179.321 or the Department of Human Services or to collect any unpaid cost of care as provided by ORS chapter 179.
- (m) Employees of the Employment Department to the extent the Department of Revenue deems disclosure or access to information on a combined tax report filed under ORS 316.168 is necessary to performance of their duties in administering the tax imposed by ORS chapter 657.
- (n) The State Fire Marshal to assist the State Fire Marshal in carrying out duties, functions and powers under ORS 453.307 to 453.414, the employer or agent name, address, telephone number and standard industrial classification, if available.
- (o) Employees of the [Department of State Lands] State Treasurer for the purposes of identifying, locating and publishing lists of taxpayers entitled to unclaimed refunds as required by the provisions of [chapter 694, Oregon Laws 1993] ORS 98.302 to 98.436. The information shall be limited to the taxpayer's name, address and the refund amount.
- (p) In addition to the disclosure allowed under ORS 305.225, state or local law enforcement agencies to assist in the investigation or prosecution of the following criminal activities:
- (A) Mail theft of a check, in which case the information that may be disclosed shall be limited to the stolen document, the name, address and taxpayer identification number of the payee, the amount of the check and the date printed on the check.
- (B) The counterfeiting, forging or altering of a check submitted by a taxpayer to the Department of Revenue or issued by the Department of Revenue to a taxpayer, in which case the information that may be disclosed shall be limited to the counterfeit, forged or altered document, the name, address and taxpayer identification number of the payee, the amount of the check, the date printed on the check and the altered name and address.
- (q) The United States Postal Inspection Service or a federal law enforcement agency, including but not limited to the United States Department of Justice, to assist in the investigation of the following criminal activities:
- (A) Mail theft of a check, in which case the information that may be disclosed shall be limited to the stolen document, the name, address and taxpayer identification number of the payee, the amount of the check and the date printed on the check.
- (B) The counterfeiting, forging or altering of a check submitted by a taxpayer to the Department of Revenue or issued by the Department of Revenue to a taxpayer, in which case the information that may be disclosed shall be limited to the counterfeit, forged or altered document, the name, address and taxpayer identification number of the payee, the amount of the check, the date printed on the check and the altered name and address.
- (r) The United States Financial Management Service, for purposes of facilitating the reciprocal offsets described in ORS 305.612.
- (s) A municipal corporation of this state for purposes of assisting the municipal corporation in the administration of a tax of the municipal corporation that is imposed on or measured by income, wages or net earnings from self-employment. Any disclosure under this paragraph may be made only pursuant to a written agreement between the Department of Revenue and the municipal corporation that ensures the confidentiality of the information disclosed.

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(3)(a) Each officer or employee of the department and each person described or referred to in subsection (2)(a), (e) to (k) or (m) to (p) of this section to whom disclosure or access to the tax information is given under subsection (2) of this section or any other provision of state law, prior to beginning employment or the performance of duties involving such disclosure or access, shall be advised in writing of the provisions of ORS 314.835 and 314.991, relating to penalties for the violation of ORS 314.835, and shall as a condition of employment or performance of duties execute a certificate for the department, in a form prescribed by the department, stating in substance that the person has read these provisions of law, that the person has had them explained and that the person is aware of the penalties for the violation of ORS 314.835.

- (b) The disclosure authorized in subsection (2)(q) of this section shall be made only after a written agreement has been entered into between the Department of Revenue and the person described in subsection (2)(q) of this section to whom disclosure or access to the tax information is given, providing that:
- (A) Any information described in ORS 314.835 that is received by the person pursuant to subsection (2)(q) of this section is confidential information that may not be disclosed, except to the extent necessary to investigate or prosecute the criminal activities described in subsection (2)(q) of this section;
- (B) The information shall be protected as confidential under applicable federal and state laws; and
- (C) The United States Postal Inspection Service or the federal law enforcement agency shall give notice to the Department of Revenue of any request received under the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552, or other federal law relating to the disclosure of information.
- (4) The Department of Revenue may recover the costs of furnishing the information described in subsection (2)(k), (L) and (n) to (p) of this section from the respective agencies.

SECTION 44. ORS 327.405 is amended to read:

327.405. The Common School Fund shall be composed of the proceeds from the sales of the 16th and 36th sections of every township or of any lands selected in lieu thereof, all the moneys and clear proceeds of all property that may accrue to the state by escheat or forfeiture, the proceeds of all gifts, devises and bequests made by any person to the state for common school purposes, the proceeds of all property granted to the state when the purpose of such grant is not stated, all proceeds of the sale of submerged and submersible lands as described in ORS 274.005, all proceeds of the sale of the South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve as described in ORS 273.553 in the event such property is sold, and all proceeds of the sale of the 500,000 acres of land to which this state is entitled by an Act of Congress approved September 4, 1841, and of all lands selected for capitol building purposes under Act of Congress approved February 14, 1859. All such proceeds shall become a part of the Common School Fund. Except as otherwise provided by law, the income from the Common School Fund shall be applied exclusively to the support and maintenance of common schools in each school district. All lawful claims for repayment of moneys under the provisions of ORS 98.302 to 98.436 [and 98.992, or out of escheated estates and for attorney fees and all other expenses in any suit or proceeding relating to escheated estates shall be audited by the Department of State Lands and paid from the Common School Fund Account.] and for attorney fees related to the claims shall be reviewed by the State Treasurer and paid from the Unclaimed Property Account. All lawful claims for repayment of moneys out of escheated estates and for attorney fees and all other expenses in any suit or proceeding related to escheated estates shall be reviewed by the Department of State Lands and paid from the Common School Fund.

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SECTION 45. ORS 657.665 is amended to read:

657.665. (1) Information secured from employing units, employees or other individuals pursuant to this chapter:

- (a) Shall be confidential and for the exclusive use and information of the Director of the Employment Department in the discharge of duties and shall not be open to the public (other than to public employees in the performance of their public duties under state or federal laws for the payment of unemployment insurance benefits and to public employees in the performance of their public duties under the recognized compensation and retirement, relief or welfare laws of this state), except to the extent necessary for the presentation of a claim and except as required by the regulations of the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services pursuant to section 3304(a) of the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, as amended, and except as required by section 303 of the Social Security Act, as amended.
- (b) Shall not be used in any court in any action or proceeding pending therein unless the director or the state is a party to such action or proceedings or the proceedings concern the establishment, enforcement or modification of a support obligation and support services are being provided by the Division of Child Support or the district attorney pursuant to ORS 25.080.
- (2) However, any claimant or legal representative, at a hearing before an administrative law judge, shall be supplied with information from such records to the extent necessary for the proper presentation of a claim.
- (3) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, information secured from employing units pursuant to this chapter may be released:
- (a) To agencies of this state, federal agencies and local government agencies to the extent necessary to properly carry out governmental planning, performance measurement, program analysis, socioeconomic analysis and policy analysis functions performed under applicable law. Information provided such agencies shall be confidential and shall not be released by such agencies in any manner that would be identifiable as to individuals, claimants, employees or employing units. Costs of furnishing information pursuant to this subsection not prepared for the use of the Employment Department shall be borne by the parties requesting the information; and
 - (b) In accordance with ORS 657.673.
- (4) Nothing in this section shall prevent the Employment Department from providing names and addresses of employing units to the Bureau of Labor and Industries for the purpose of disseminating information to employing units. The names and addresses provided shall be confidential and shall not be used for any other purposes. Costs of furnishing information pursuant to this subsection not prepared for the use of the Employment Department shall be borne by the bureau.
- (5) Nothing in this section shall prevent the Employment Department from providing to the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries, for the purpose of performing duties under ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870, the names, addresses and industrial codes of employer units, the number of employees each unit employs during a given time period and the firm number assigned to employer units by the Employment Department. Information so provided shall be confidential and shall not be released by the commissioner in any manner that would identify such employing units except to the extent necessary to carry out the purposes of this subsection and as provided in subsection (1)(b) of this section. Costs of furnishing information pursuant to this subsection not prepared for the use of the Employment Department shall be borne by the bureau.
- (6) Nothing in this section shall prevent the Employment Department from providing information required under ORS 657.660 (3) and (4) to the Public Employees Retirement System for the purpose

of determining the eligibility of members of the retirement system for disability retirement allowances under ORS chapter 238. The information provided shall be confidential and shall not be used for any other purposes. Costs of furnishing information pursuant to this subsection shall be borne by the Public Employees Retirement System.

- (7) Nothing in this section shall prevent the Employment Department from providing to the Oregon Economic and Community Development Commission information required by the commission in performing its duty under ORS 285A.050 to verify changes in employment levels following direct employer participation in Economic and Community Development Department programs or indirect participation through municipalities under ORS 285B.410 to 285B.482 and regional boards and partnerships under ORS 285B.230 to 285B.269. Information provided to the commission may include an employer's employment level, total subject wages payroll and whole hours worked. The information may not be used for any other purpose and must be held confidential. The commission may not release the information in any manner that would identify the employing unit or any employee except to the extent necessary to carry out its duties under ORS 285A.050. Costs of furnishing information under this subsection that is not prepared for the use of the Employment Department shall be borne by the commission.
- (8) Any officer or employee of the Director of the Employment Department, who, except with authority of the director or pursuant to regulations, or as otherwise required by law, shall disclose confidential information under this section, thereafter may be disqualified from holding any appointment or employment by the director.
- (9) Nothing in this section shall prevent the Employment Department from providing information to the Department of Revenue for the purpose of performing its duties under ORS 293.250, or the revenue and tax laws of this state. Information provided may include names and addresses of employers and employees and payroll data of employers and employees. Information so provided shall be confidential and shall not be released by the Director of the Department of Revenue in any manner that would identify such employing unit or employee except to the extent necessary to carry out its duties under ORS 293.250 or in auditing or reviewing any report or return required or permitted to be filed under the revenue and tax laws administered by the department. However, the Director of the Department of Revenue shall not disclose any information received to any private collection agency or for any other purpose. Costs of furnishing information pursuant to this subsection not prepared for the use of the Employment Department shall be borne by the Department of Revenue.
- (10) Nothing in this section shall prevent the Employment Department from providing information to the Department of Consumer and Business Services for the purpose of performing its duties under ORS chapters 654 and 656. Information provided may include but is not limited to the name, address, number of employees and industrial classification code of an employer and payroll data of employers and employees. Information provided shall be confidential and may not be released by the Department of Consumer and Business Services in any manner that would identify an employing unit or employee except to the extent necessary to carry out the department's duties under ORS chapters 654 and 656, including administrative hearings and court proceedings in which the Department of Consumer and Business Services is a party. Costs of furnishing information pursuant to this subsection that is not prepared for the use of the Employment Department shall be borne by the Department of Consumer and Business Services.
- (11) Nothing in this section shall prevent the Employment Department from providing information to the Construction Contractors Board for the purpose of performing its duties under ORS

chapter 701. Information provided to the board may include names and addresses of employers and status of their compliance with this chapter.

(12) Nothing in this section shall prevent the Employment Department from providing information to the State Fire Marshal to assist the State Fire Marshal in carrying out duties, functions and powers under ORS 453.307 to 453.414. Information so provided shall be the employer or agent name, address, telephone number and standard industrial classification. Information so provided shall be confidential and shall not be released by the State Fire Marshal in any manner that would identify such employing units except to the extent necessary to carry out duties under ORS 453.307 to 453.414. Costs of furnishing information pursuant to this subsection not prepared for the use of the Employment Department shall be borne by the office of the State Fire Marshal.

(13) Nothing in this section shall prevent the Employment Department from providing information to the Oregon Student Assistance Commission for the purposes of performing the commission's duties under ORS chapter 348 and Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended. Information provided may include names and addresses of employers and employees and payroll data of employers and employees. Information so provided shall be confidential and shall not be released by the Oregon Student Assistance Commission in any manner that would identify such employing unit or employee except to the extent necessary to carry out duties under ORS chapter 348 or Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended. Costs of furnishing information pursuant to this subsection not prepared for the use of the Employment Department shall be borne by the Oregon Student Assistance Commission.

(14) Nothing in this section shall prevent the Employment Department from providing to the State Treasurer the information required by the State Treasurer for the purpose of performing the duties of the State Treasurer under ORS 98.302 to 98.436. The State Treasurer may request only the name, address and number of employees of an employing unit and the name and address of individuals identified in the records of the department. The information provided to the State Treasurer shall be confidential and shall not be used for any other purpose. Costs of furnishing information pursuant to this subsection that is not prepared for the use of the Employment Department shall be borne by the State Treasurer.

[(14)] (15) Any person or officer or employee of an entity to whom information is disclosed or given by the Employment Department pursuant to this section, who divulges or uses such information for any purpose other than that specified in the provision of law or agreement authorizing the use or disclosure, may be disqualified from holding any appointment or employment, or performing any service under contract, with the state agency employing that person or officer.

[(15)] (16) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, the industrial classification code assigned to an employing unit may be released to state agencies, federal agencies and local government agencies to the extent necessary to carry out governmental functions performed under applicable law. Except as provided in ORS 190.270, information provided to such agencies is confidential and may not be released by the agencies in any manner that would allow identification of an employing unit. Costs of furnishing information that is not prepared for the use of the Employment Department shall be paid by the party requesting the information under this subsection.

SECTION 46. ORS 711.225 is amended to read:

711.225. (1) All deposits that remain unclaimed after six months from the date of the written notice mentioned in ORS 711.220 (3)[,] shall be reported and transferred by the Oregon stock bank to the [Department of State Lands] State Treasurer as unclaimed property under ORS 98.302 to 98.436 and 98.992.

(2) A copy of the report of unclaimed deposits filed with the [Department of State Lands] State Treasurer shall be filed with the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services.

SECTION 47. ORS 711.230 is amended to read:

- 711.230. (1) Claims of all persons, other than depositors, against the institution shall be presented in writing to the institution within one year after the date of first publication provided for in ORS 711.220, unless barred by an earlier period of limitation. Claims arising out of the expense of liquidation may be filed at any time prior to the closing of the liquidation.
- (2) The board of directors shall, within 30 days after the presentment of a claim, allow or reject the claim, in whole or in part, noting the same in their minutes. The board shall notify the claimants in writing of its action, either by personal service or by mail. Any claim rejected or disallowed is barred unless action to adjudicate the claim is commenced within 60 days after the date of service or mailing of notice of disallowance or rejection.
- (3) The board of directors may extend the time within which to receive claims and continue the liquidation after the expiration of the time allowed in this section for the filing of claims. Any new claims filed after the time shall be allowed and paid or rejected in the same manner as provided for other claims. If the liquidation is continued, the transfer of unclaimed deposits to the [Department of State Lands] State Treasurer may be delayed to such time as designated by the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services.

SECTION 48. ORS 711.235 is amended to read:

- 711.235. (1) After the expiration of the time provided in ORS 711.230 for the filing of claims or if the board of directors has extended the time of liquidation then after the time set by them and after payment of unclaimed deposits to the [Department of State Lands] State Treasurer, the board of directors shall make a complete report of the liquidation to the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services and shall certify to the director that all claims have been paid or finally determined.
- (2) Any claims received and approved after the report has been filed with the director shall be paid if the remaining assets are sufficient.
- (3) When the report has been approved by the director the board of directors may proceed to liquidate the remaining assets and distribute them to the stockholders or other persons entitled to receive them according to their respective rights and interests without further report to the director.

SECTION 49. ORS 711.590 is amended to read:

- 711.590. (1) Two years after the date of the final order closing the liquidation of an institution, the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services may withdraw any unclaimed deposits or balances remaining to the credit of dividend accounts, representing the aggregate of undelivered checks or unpaid dividend funds in the possession of the Department of Consumer and Business Services, and pay the funds to the [Department of State Lands] State Treasurer as unclaimed property to be disposed of as provided in ORS 98.302 to 98.436 and 98.992.
- (2) The interest earned on the dividend accounts while they remain in the possession of the director shall be paid to the State Treasurer to be credited to the Consumer and Business Services Fund and the owner, the heirs or personal representative of the owner have no claim to the interest.

SECTION 50. ORS 716.905 is amended to read:

716.905. (1) Acting under ORS 716.900 the directors shall direct the mailing of a written notice of their intention to close the Oregon nonstock bank to the last-known address of all depositors and other creditors.

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- (2) All deposits and amounts reserved for creditors that remain unclaimed after six months from the date of the written notice required under subsection (1) of this section shall be reported and transferred by the directors to the [Department of State Lands] State Treasurer as unclaimed property under ORS 98.302 to 98.436 and 98.992.
- (3) A copy of the report of unclaimed deposits and amounts reserved for creditors filed with the [Department of State Lands] State Treasurer shall be filed with the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services.

SECTION 51. ORS 716.910 is amended to read:

716.910. After the directors of an Oregon nonstock bank have filed their report and deposited the unclaimed funds with the [Department of State Lands] State Treasurer as required under ORS 716.905, the directors shall report their proceedings to the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services. Upon filing the report and the petition of the directors with the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services, the director shall order the charter surrendered, the directors discharged from liability accruing after the order, and the existence of the Oregon nonstock bank terminated.

SECTION 52. On July 1, 2008, the State Treasurer shall transfer all moneys in the Unclaimed Property Revolving Fund to the Unclaimed Property Account established within the Common School Fund by ORS 98.388, as amended by section 24 of this 2007 Act.

SECTION 53. (1) Sections 1 to 9 of this 2007 Act and the amendments to ORS 60.674, 62.720, 98.050, 98.302, 98.329, 98.348, 98.352, 98.353, 98.354, 98.356, 98.362, 98.366, 98.372, 98.376, 98.382, 98.384, 98.386, 98.388, 98.392, 98.396, 98.402, 98.412, 98.416, 98.422, 98.424, 98.991, 98.992, 183.635, 273.105, 287.454, 293.450, 293.455, 293.460, 314.840, 327.405, 657.665, 711.225, 711.230, 711.235, 711.590, 716.905 and 716.910 by sections 10 to 51 of this 2007 Act are intended to transfer the responsibility for administering the Uniform Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act from the Department of State Lands to the State Treasurer.

(2) For the purpose of harmonizing and clarifying statute sections published in Oregon Revised Statutes, the Legislative Counsel may substitute for words designating the "Department of State Lands" or the "Director of the Department of State Lands," wherever they occur in Oregon Revised Statutes in relation to the Uniform Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act, other words designating the "State Treasurer."

<u>SECTION 54.</u> (1) Sections 1 to 9 of this 2007 Act and the amendments to ORS 60.674, 62.720, 98.050, 98.302, 98.329, 98.348, 98.352, 98.353, 98.354, 98.356, 98.362, 98.366, 98.372, 98.376, 98.382, 98.384, 98.386, 98.388, 98.392, 98.396, 98.402, 98.412, 98.416, 98.422, 98.424, 98.991, 98.992, 183.635, 273.105, 287.454, 293.450, 293.455, 293.460, 314.840, 327.405, 657.665, 711.225, 711.230, 711.235, 711.590, 716.905 and 716.910 by sections 10 to 51 of this 2007 Act become operative July 1, 2008.

- (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, the State Treasurer may take any action necessary after the effective date of this 2007 Act to exercise, on and after July 1, 2008, the duties, functions and powers transferred to the State Treasurer by section 1 of this 2007 Act.
- (3) The Department of State Lands may reimburse the State Treasurer for expenses incurred between the effective date of this 2007 Act and July 1, 2008, related to the transfer of duties, functions and powers under this 2007 Act.

SECTION 55. This 2007 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2007 Act takes effect

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