

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Nathanson  
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Whitsett

Revenue: Revenue statement issued

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

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Action: Do Pass with Amendments to the A-Eng Bill, Including Amendments to Resolve Conflicts (Printed B-Engrossed)

Vote: 19 – 0 – 3

House

Yeas: Buckley, C. Edwards, D. Edwards, Galizio, Gilman, Jenson, Kotek, Nathanson, Richardson, G. Smith

Nays:

Exc: Garrard, Shields

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Carter, Girod, Johnson, Monroe, Verger, Walker, Whitsett, Winters

Nays:

Exc: Nelson

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Meeting Date: 6/24

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** SB 93 relates to collection of delinquent accounts and is effective on passage. The measure would allow the Oregon Judicial Department (OJD) to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the federal government to intercept federal tax refunds to offset debt owed to OJD for past-due liquid and delinquent accounts for crime victim restitution payments, compensatory fines, other fines, costs, and assessments.

The revenue and fiscal impact of this measure is dependant upon the passage of federal legislation and an agreement reached between the state and the federal government.

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Resolves conflicts.

**BACKGROUND:** Oregon Revised Statute (ORS 1.204) establishes a Judicial Department collections and revenue management program including a Judicial Department Collections Account. The purpose of the program and the account is the collection of amounts owned the state that is subject to collection by the Judicial Branch of government. In general, collections are for past-due crime victim restitution payments, compensatory fines, other fines, costs, and assessments. The Department has recently begun intercepting state tax refunds to pay these obligations.

A delinquent account moves through a progressive series of collection efforts as defined by each Circuit Court. In general, these steps include: Circuit Courts late payments notices (up to one year); referral of an account by the Circuit Court to the Department of Revenue (DOR) for collection (up to one year); referral to a private collections firm (up to two years); and finally, a Circuit Court may refer an uncollected item to the Judicial Department's central staff for their attempt at collection.