

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

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Yeas: Bonamici, Kruse, Metsger, Morse, Hass

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Meeting Dates: 3/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes Chancellor of the Oregon University System or chancellor's designee to approve request for specified employees to designate an amount from their salary or wages for payment to a qualifying nonprofit organization.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Permissible recipients of donations
- Designation by chancellor as recipient
- Whether donations are taxable
- Role of Department of Administrative Services in processing donations

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Removes Oregon Department of Administrative Services from rulemaking for payment of salary or wages to qualifying nonprofit organization.

BACKGROUND: ORS 292.045 authorizes state agencies to deduct from the salary or wages of an employee for payment to the United Fund. This statute is specific to the United Fund and does not provide authority for state agencies to deduct for other charitable giving. The Chancellor's Office reports having received requests from institutions to allow payroll deductions for charitable giving to local nonprofit organizations.