

Senate Bill 957

Sponsored by Senator THOMSEN

SUMMARY

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Allows state agency to notify Joint Committee on Ways and Means that agency has realized savings and does not need all of moneys appropriated to agency for biennium out of General Fund.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to state finance; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 291.120.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) During an odd-numbered year regular session of the Legislative Assem-**
5 **ply, a state agency may notify the Joint Committee on Ways and Means that the agency has**
6 **realized savings due to agency actions or changes in service demands and that the agency**
7 **does not need to spend the full amount of moneys appropriated to the agency for the**
8 **biennium, out of the General Fund, in order to meet the responsibilities imposed on the**
9 **agency through the budget and through statutes governing the agency.**

10 **(2) A state agency providing notice under subsection (1) of this section shall:**

11 **(a) Identify the amount of the savings;**

12 **(b) Describe the reasons the agency has realized the savings; and**

13 **(c) Describe the actions the agency will take to meet its responsibilities with less than**
14 **full amount the agency was appropriated for the biennium.**

15 **(3) As used in this section, "state agency" or "agency" means every state officer, board,**
16 **commission, department, institution, branch or agency of the state government, whose costs**
17 **are paid wholly or in part from funds held in the State Treasury.**

18 **SECTION 2. ORS 291.120 is amended to read:**

19 291.120. (1) Pursuant to ORS 291.252, if the Oregon Department of Administrative Services cer-
20 tifies agency savings due to agency actions rather than changes in service demands and such actions
21 do not materially reduce legislatively authorized programs, 50 percent of the savings shall be cred-
22 ited to the General Fund or, if the agency's funds originated as dedicated funds or federal funds, to
23 the fund or account of the agency to be used for purposes of the fund or account.

24 (2) The remaining 50 percent shall be continuously appropriated to the agency for enhancing
25 professional development, including employee training projects related to productivity, technology
26 enhancement and related expenditures that have a long term benefit. A productivity improvement
27 project may be for research and development intended to lead to improved productivity.

28 **(3) Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (2) of this section, at the direction of the state**
29 **agency, all savings of moneys appropriated out of the General Fund to the agency for a**
30 **biennium shall be credited to the General Fund.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted.
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