

**REVENUE IMPACT OF  
PROPOSED LEGISLATION**  
Seventy-Sixth Oregon Legislative  
Assembly  
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Legislative Revenue Office

**Bill Number:** HB 4167 - A  
**Revenue Area:** Criminal Fines  
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**Measure Description:**

Modifies laws relating to fines. Changes distribution amounts and allocates money.

**Revenue Impact:** Revenue reduction to the Criminal Fines Account of \$431,000 for the first biennium (2011-2013), then \$740,000 for each biennium after that. This reduction is gained by TriMet. The impact of the small fines not having to transfer \$60 to the CFA is minimal.

**Impact Explanation:**

The measure as amended removes the maximum language for offenses, exempts entities issuing small fines below \$60 from having to remit \$60 to the Criminal Fines Account; this will not significantly impact revenues. However, the measure will treat violations issued by TriMet (\$175 presumptive fine) in an identical way to violations issued by local governments, which would require TriMet to submit the first \$60 from each violation to the Criminal Fines Account. Only 75% of fines are imposed and only 60% are assumed to be finally collected. The continued collection and growth in revenue is dependent on the level of enforcement currently in place. The measure as amended also authorizes an allocation of \$77,860 from the Criminal Fines Account to TriMet for net violation revenues issued from January 1, 2012 to April 2012, the effective date of the measure.

Money remaining in the CFA account is supposed to revert to the general fund at the end of the biennium, thus this can be seen as a revenue shift from the general fund.

**Creates, Extends, or Expands Tax Expenditure:** Yes  No