

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**Measure: SB 184**Seventy-Seventh Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2013 Regular Session
Legislative Fiscal Office**Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed
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Date: 2/5/2013**Measure Description:**

Allows notice of garnishment to be served by first class mail or, in certain circumstances, by other methods.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Counties, Department of Human Services (DHS), Department of Justice, Department of Revenue(DOR), Employment Department, Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Biennium	Employment		DHS/OHA		Revenue		DCBS		Total	
	2011-13	2015-17	2011-13	2015-17	2011-13	2015-17	2011-13	2015-17	2013-15 Biennium	2015-17 Biennium
General Fund			-7,717	-7,717	-440,937	-517,534			-\$448,654	-\$525,251
Lottery Funds									0	0
Other Funds			-1,830	-1,830	-146,979	-172,511	-8,468	-8,468	-157,277	-182,809
Federal Funds	-87,100	-87,100	-9,591	-9,591					-96,691	-96,691
Total Funds	-\$87,100	-\$87,100	-\$19,138	-\$19,138	-\$587,916	-\$690,045	-\$8,468	-\$8,468	-\$702,622	-\$804,751
Positions									0	0
FTE									0.00	0.00

Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis:

Currently statute requires that certain garnishment notices be sent to a respondent via certified mail or hand delivery. This bill allows for an agency to send notification by first class mail or in some cases by an alternative method such as e-mail thus saving the expense of certified mail charges. The bill also includes a provision that bars an agency from imposing sanctions on a non-compliant garnishee unless a notification is either hand-delivered or sent by certified mail. The amended statute applies to those debts owed to the State of Oregon.

The table above illustrates the savings between certified mail and first class postage that is estimated to be realized by the agencies noted in the table.

The Department of Justice provides a small number of notices under this section and therefore the impact to the agency is negligible. The majority of the garnishments initiated by the DOJ are for support orders for which the process is governed by other statutes.