

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 4 - 0 - 1
Yeas: Close, Kruse, Roblan, Prozanski
Nays: 0
Exc.: Dingfelder
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Meeting Dates: 2/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Changes date that a political subdivision or public body must file an Asset Forfeiture Report from December 15th to January 31st of the following year. Changes date the Asset Forfeiture Oversight Advisory Committee must submit a report to the Speaker of the House, President of the Senate, Attorney General, and the Governor from March 31st to April 30th. Declares emergency, takes effect on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Meaningful time frame
- Change from fiscal to calendar year

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 1989, the Oregon legislature enacted a comprehensive civil forfeiture statute that governed the forfeiture of properties used in or related to crimes. The law also created the Asset Forfeiture Oversight Advisory Committee (AFOAC) to aid the legislature in determining the effect of the law and the manner in which it was being applied. The Committee gathers information on forfeitures from law enforcement agencies and prepares "reports detailing the number and nature of forfeitures carried out" under this law.

Political subdivisions and public bodies that receive proceeds from the forfeiture of assets are required to file a report with the AFOAC by December 15th for proceeds received in the previous fiscal year. Senate Bill 27 changes the date the report is due to January 31st of the following year.

In addition, the AFOAC is required to send a report detailing the number and nature of forfeitures to the Speaker of the House, President of the Senate, Attorney General, and Governor on or before March 31st. Senate Bill 27 changes that date to April 30th.