

**77TH OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
2013 REGULAR SESSION
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
HOUSE REVENUE COMMITTEE**

**MEASURE: HB 2462
CARRIER: Rep. Barnhart**

REVENUE: Revenue Impact Statement Issued

FISCAL: Fiscal Statement Issued

Action: Do Pass

Vote: 6-2-1

Yeas: Bailey, Bentz, Berger, Read, Vega Pederson, Barnhart

Nays: Conger, Davis

Exc.: Gelser

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Meeting Dates: 2/25, 3/28

WHAT THE BILL DOES: Exempts Department of Revenue from the Governor's allotment reduction process.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Experience during 2010 allotment reduction process.
- Department of Revenue's unique revenue collection role.
- Impact on budget process.
- Temptation to single out other program areas for exemption from allotment process.

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS: None

BACKGROUND: Under current law, the Governor (operating through the Department of Administrative Services) has the authority to make reductions in the General Fund Legislatively Approved Budget in order to eliminate a projected deficit in the current biennium. These allotment reductions must be done on an across-the-board basis for all General Fund agencies. The only exception is a reduction in debt service payments. During the 2009-11 biennium allotment reductions applied to the Department of Revenue budget led to projected reductions in General Fund revenue collections.