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Measure Description:

Directs that moneys received under Master Settlement Agreement be distributed to Oregon Health Authority Fund and to Tobacco Use Reduction Account.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

General Fund, Oregon Health Authority

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:

Under current law, moneys from Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) proceeds are expended as directed by the Legislative Assembly through the state's budget process. Depending on legislative action, MSA funds can be allocated in addition to or in lieu of existing General Fund. House Bill 2136 A-Engrossed transfers this allocation authority from the Legislative Assembly to the State Treasurer, and the Department of Administrative Services (DAS). The bill authorizes DAS, as directed by the State Treasurer, to determine the amounts to distribute to the Oregon Opportunity Fund, the Oregon Health Science University Bond Fund, and the Oregon Health and Science University Bond Administrative Fund for debt service payments each biennium. Following these distributions, DAS is required to transfer 10% of the remaining funds to the Tobacco Use Reduction Account, and 90% of the remaining funds to the Oregon Health Authority. The provisions of this measure apply to MSA proceeds received on or after January 1, 2014.

Because the bill does not specify an amount or percentage for the proceeds to be distributed to each of the funds and accounts listed above, the fiscal impact of this bill is indeterminate, dependent on the discretion and actions of the Department of Administrative Services and the State Treasurer.