

**REVENUE IMPACT OF  
PROPOSED LEGISLATION**  
Seventy-Seventh Oregon Legislative  
Assembly  
2014 Regular Session  
Legislative Revenue Office

Bill Number: HB 4143  
Revenue Area: State Finance  
Economist: Paul Warner  
Date: 2-10-14

*Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed  
Versions are Considered Official*

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**Measure Description:**

Authorizes court, as part of settlement or judgment in class action, to approve process for payment of damages. Directs court to deposit unclaimed damages of a class action suit in the Oregon Rainy Day Fund. Under current law, unclaimed damages are returned to the defendant.

**Revenue Impact (in \$Millions):** Indeterminate

**Impact Explanation:** Under current law, unclaimed damages are dispersed to defendants on a case-by-case basis. Although HB 4143 would clearly have a positive impact on the Rainy Day Fund, there is no known compiled data base upon which to estimate the magnitude of these returned damages. What evidence there is indicates that class action settlements occur in an uneven, unpredictable manner.

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