

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 5046 - A

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Measure Description:

Provides continuing expenditure authority so that state agencies, boards and commissions without 2015-17 adopted budgets by July 1, 2015 or with 2015-17 budget bills that have been vetoed by the Governor can continue operations. Expenditures may be continued at the same level as the last quarter of the 2013-15 biennium; provides exceptions for the Department of Human Services to continue expenditures at the same level as the seventh quarter of the 2013-15 biennium and the Oregon Health Authority to continue expenditures at the same level as the sixth quarter of the 2013-15 biennium. The continuing expenditure authority is in effect until August 15, 2015.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Statewide

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

See Analysis below

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:

The measure ensures that agencies, boards and commissions with 2015-17 budgets that have not been adopted or have been vetoed by the Governor can continue operating until they receive an approved budget. The bill specifies that expenditures may be continued during the first quarter of the 2015-17 biennium at the same level as the last quarter of the 2013-15 biennium, and it provides an exception for the Department of Human Services to continue expenditures at the same level as the seventh quarter of the 2013-15 biennium and the Oregon Health Authority to continue expenditures at the same level as the sixth quarter of the 2013-15 biennium. The bill does grant the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) the authority to modify the continuing expenditure level for an agency based on pending legislation. This continuing expenditure authority is in effect until August 15, 2015.

The fiscal impact of the measure is indeterminate because it is unknown whether the authority will need to be exercised for any agencies, boards or commissions. It should be noted that even if agencies expend funds under the measure, those expenditures will count against the agencies' 2015-17 biennial budgets once they have been adopted and become law. If a budget is not established for an agency, board or commission, any expenditures made under the measure would be counted against the 2015-17 budget of the Department of Administrative Services.