

HB 4131

Relating to collection of debts by state agencies

On February 22nd, the General Government Subcommittee voted to recommend passage of HB 4131, with amendments.

The measure requires financial institutions to participate in a data match system established by Department of Revenue to identify assets held by delinquent debtors. The bill also allows the department to enter into agreements with the Department of Justice's Division of Child Support to access employer data on newly hired workers. The measure clarifies current law that a writ of garnishment issued to a financial institution operating in Oregon is effective to garnish property held in another state. The bill creates civil and criminal provisions related to the misuse of matched data.

The amendment makes minor technical changes to the measure.

The measure has an emergency clause and is effective on passage; however an operative date does not authorize the data match system to become effective until July 1, 2017.

There are no costs for the measure during the 2015-17 biennium. The Department of Revenue does anticipate a General Fund costs of \$264,174 next biennium to cover fees charged by financial institutions that are in excess of what will be recovered from delinquent debtors.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends HB 4131 be amended by the -A7 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.