

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 3253

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Measure Description:

Clarifies that state agencies and departments shall purchase certain products and services from Commission for the Blind.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Commission for the Blind, Statewide

Analysis:

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the House Committee on Human Services and Housing to the House Committee on Rules.

House Bill 3253 modifies statutes related to the Oregon Commission for the Blind Business Enterprise Program. The bill clarifies language requiring state agencies and departments to purchase certain products and services, including the operation of vending facilities, from the Commission. The bill provides that the Commission’s Business Enterprise Program must ensure that operators use best practices in providing healthy food options at vending facilities, and participate in determining the distribution and use of vending material or foods collected. The bill defines operator to include a subcontractor and a teaming partner. In addition, the bill permits a spouse or domestic partner of operators to be involved in the operation of a vending facility for up to six months if the operator is unable to operate the vending facility. The bill requires the Commission work to ensure that state laws and rules do not impede or negatively impact employment opportunities for persons who are blind. The Commission is required to designate an impartial official to facilitate dispute resolutions, when such disputes arise between a state agency or department and a Business Enterprise Program operator. This impartial official is required to submit a written report to the Commission and involved parties within 30 days of resolution. The bill requires the Commission to ensure that operators actively participate in the development of Commission programs and policies. The bill permits the Commission to enter into leases and licensing agreements for vending facilities located in or on public buildings and properties. The bill directs the Commission to submit a progress report to the Legislature no later than 60 days prior to the convening of the next regular legislative session.

This bill is anticipated to have a fiscal impact to agencies statewide, including the Oregon Commission for the Blind. The amount of this impact is still being determined. A more complete fiscal analysis on the bill will be prepared as the measure is considered in House Committee on Rules.

Further Analysis Required