

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: SB 375

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Measure Description:

Directs certain agencies to allow informational materials about human trafficking to be posted at roadside rest areas.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD), Oregon Travel Information Council [Semi-Privatized]

Analysis:

Senate Bill 375 creates the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Human Trafficking Awareness Fund and the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) Human Trafficking Awareness Fund which are both separate and distinct from the General Fund. The bill authorizes ODOT and OPRD to accept gifts, grants, or contributions into these Funds to pay for any expenses incurred to carry out the provisions of this bill. The bill provides for nonprofit organizations to supply ODOT, OPRD, and the Travel Information Council with copies of informational materials about human trafficking. The bill specifies that when ODOT and OPRD determine that each agency has received a sufficient legislative appropriation or other funding to cover the costs, these agencies may post human trafficking materials provided by non-profits in all rest room stalls of each roadside rest area in Oregon.

While the fiscal impact of establishing these funds, and allowing the posting of human trafficking materials is anticipated to be minimal, note that posting of materials could increase cleaning and management costs. Travel area restrooms are high targets for vandalism. Passage of this bill could increase the rate of damage, defacement, or theft.

In addition, the bill establishes funds for which revenue sources have yet to be identified, and suggests that ODOT and OPRD may need to dedicate resources to apply for grants or perform private fundraising activities. Furthermore, the Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) notes the bill contains broad language allowing each agency to determine when “it has received a sufficient legislative appropriation or other funding to cover the costs of carrying out the provisions” of the bill. While there may be a need to provide the agency flexibility, LFO is concerned that this language may set unrealistic expectations for future funding requests.