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Measure Description:

Modifies requirements regarding state agencies and public entities contracting for certain products and services from the Commission for the Blind.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Commission for the Blind, Statewide

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

Costs related to the measure are indeterminate at this time.

Analysis:

The measure expands and further defines responsibilities of the Commission for the Blind regarding vending facilities and other services. Changes in the current law, as a result of the measure, include:

- Establishes a fund in the State Treasury for proceeds from operation of vending facilities and specifies how such monies may be used
- Specifies responsibilities of the Commission related to the operation of vending facilities
- Establishes priority and preference for operation of food service operations
- Provides exemptions
- Specifies reporting requirements
- Requires the Commission to adopt relevant rules by November 15, 2017

While there will be no or minimal costs for many agencies, some agencies and local governments, including school districts, indicate that there could potentially be a loss of revenue and some additional costs or savings due to the bill. For example, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department notes that it receives a share of revenue from current concession operators that could be lost in the future. The agency notes that they receive approximately \$700,000 in such revenue per biennium, which is used for preventive maintenance and enhanced interpretive and visitor experience services.

Some agencies indicate that it is possible that vending and cafeteria services could be more or less costly under the requirements of the measure. However, it is not possible to quantify such costs or savings at this time. It is possible that costs could be minimal depending on how the program is implemented. The Commission for the Blind also anticipates a minimal fiscal impact to implement the bill, but notes that costs associated with the measure are indeterminate.