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Measure Description:

Expands definition of "state agency" for purposes of Oregon transparency website.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Film, Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU), Oregon Tourism Commission (Travel Oregon)[Semi-Privatized], Oregon Travel Information Council [Semi-Privatized], SAIF (State Accident Insurance Fund), State Chief Information Officer

Analysis:

This bill adds the following to the list of entities that must report revenue, expenditure, tax, contract and other information on the Oregon Transparency website: semi-independent agencies, state programs operated by public universities, Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU), the Oregon Tourism Commission, the Oregon Film and Video Office, the Travel Information Council, the Children's Trust Fund of Oregon Foundation, Oregon Corrections Enterprises, the State Accident Insurance Fund (SAIF), the Oregon Utility Notification Center and any public corporation created by statute.

Existing law requires that the information be provided in the format and manner that the State Chief Information Officer requires using standards established by the Chief Information Officer (CIO). The entities shall do so to the extent practicable, at no additional cost, using existing data and existing resources and without reallocating resources.

The entities listed in the bill would experience an indeterminant fiscal impact to compile, review and submit the required data. The impact will vary from entity to entity depending on size and how much computer programming will be required to create the necessary reports and staff time will be needed to organize and communicate the information to the State CIO. Other than the public meeting information, most of the required information is submitted annually. The language of the statute is permissive. Agencies are not required to provide any information if it would require the reallocation of resources or has a cost.

Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) would experience additional workload to review some of the required information to ensure that confidentiality rules are protected. For example, all payees are considered vendors by OHSU, even patients in a clinical trial. Vendor payments will have to be reviewed prior to submission to DAS in order to remove protected patient information. Similarly, existing contracts will have to be reviewed to ensure that patient information is protected. The fiscal impact to OHSU will include upfront costs of \$50,000 to \$100,000 for computer programming and review of existing contracts and ongoing costs of approximately \$37,500 per year for .5 FTE.

Finally, the State CIO would experience an increased workload to manage and establish relationships with the new entities and to gather the data from them. The State CIO anticipates potentially needing an additional FTE to implement this measure. Because the statute is permissive, it is not clear to what extent the additional entities will contribute to the website. The fiscal impact to the State CIO is indeterminant.

