

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: SB 5544

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Measure Description:

Provides continuing expenditure authority so that state agencies, boards, and commissions without 2017-19 adopted budgets by July 1, 2017, or with 2107-19 budget bills that have been vetoed by the Governor, can continue operations. Expenditures may be continued at the same level as the last quarter of the 2015-17 biennium. Exceptions are provided for the Department of Human Services and the Oregon Health Authority to continue expenditures at the same level as the seventh quarter of the 2015-17 biennium. The continuing expenditure authority is in effect until September 15, 2017.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Statewide

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

See Analysis below.

Analysis:

This measure ensures that agencies, boards, and commissions with 2017-19 budgets that have not been approved by the end of the current biennium, or have been vetoed by the Governor, can continue operating until they receive an approved budget. The bill specifies that expenditures may be continued during the first quarter of the 2017-19 biennium at the same level as the last quarter of the 2015-17 biennium, and provides exceptions for the Department of Human Services and the Oregon Health Authority to continue expenditures at the same level as the seventh quarter of the 2015-17 biennium. The bill grants authority to the Department of Administrative Services to modify the continuing expenditure level for an agency based on pending legislation. The continuing expenditure authority under the measure is in effect until September 15, 2017.

The fiscal impact of the measure is indeterminate because it is unknown whether the authority will need to be exercised for any agencies, boards, or commissions. It should be noted that even if agencies expend funds under the measure, those expenditures will count against agencies' 2017-19 biennial budgets once they have been adopted and become law. If a budget is not established for an agency, board, or commission, any expenditures made under the measure would be counted against the 2017-19 budget of the Department of Administrative Services.