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Measure: SB 5544 - A

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Measure Description:

Provides continuing expenditure authority for agencies without legislatively approved budgets by July 1, 2017.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Statewide

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

The measure would allow state agencies without approved budgets to spend money from July 1, 2017 through September 15, 2017 at the same level as the last quarter of the 2015-17 biennium, except for the Department of Human Services and the Oregon Health Authority that can spend at the same level as the seventh quarter of the 2015-17 biennium.

Analysis:

The measure provides for the continuation of state operations by providing a mechanism for continued funding and limitation authority for agencies that do not have a legislatively adopted budget by the end of the 2015-17 biennium. Specifically, most agencies may continue spending at the same level as the last quarter of the 2015-17 biennium until September 15, 2017. There are provisions that allow the Department of Human Services and the Oregon Health Authority to continue spending at the same level as the seventh quarter of the 2015-17 biennium due to the nature of the budgets of these two agencies.

Given that it is not known which, if any agencies, will not have approved budgets by the end of the biennium, the fiscal impact of the measure is indeterminate. It is important to note that the measure does require that the amount that an agency is authorized to spend under the continuing resolution does count toward the agency's total 2017-19 budget, once approved.