

# Senate Bill 1023

Sponsored by Senator MONNES ANDERSON

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Establishes Deaf, Deaf-Blind and Hard of Hearing Fund. Continuously appropriates moneys in fund to Department of Human Services for purpose of administering programs of department for individuals who are deaf, deaf-blind or hard of hearing.

Directs Public Utility Commission to transfer certain percentage of residential service protection and assistive telecommunication devices surcharge moneys to fund. Sunsets January 2, 2020.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to hearing impairment; and prescribing an effective date.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Deaf, Deaf-Blind and Hard of Hearing Fund is established in the**  
5 **State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Deaf,**  
6 **Deaf-Blind and Hard of Hearing Fund shall be credited to the fund. All moneys in the Deaf,**  
7 **Deaf-Blind and Hard of Hearing Fund are continuously appropriated to the Department of**  
8 **Human Services for the purpose of administering programs of the department for individuals**  
9 **who are deaf, deaf-blind or hard of hearing.**

10 **(2) The Deaf, Deaf-Blind and Hard of Hearing Fund shall consist of all moneys credited**  
11 **to the fund, including:**

12 **(a) Moneys received from the federal government for purposes related to the adminis-**  
13 **tration of programs for individuals who are deaf, deaf-blind or hard of hearing;**

14 **(b) Moneys appropriated or transferred to the fund by the Legislative Assembly; and**

15 **(c) Moneys designated to be transferred to the fund under the laws of the state.**

16 **SECTION 2. Upon collecting surcharge moneys pursuant to section 7, chapter 290,**  
17 **Oregon Laws 1987, the Public Utility Commission shall transfer \_\_\_\_\_ percent of the moneys**  
18 **to the Deaf, Deaf-Blind and Hard of Hearing Fund established under section 1 of this 2017**  
19 **Act.**

20 **SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2017 Act is repealed on January 2, 2020.**

21 **SECTION 4. This 2017 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2017**  
22 **regular session of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.