

Senate Bill 91

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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**.

Deletes requirement that state agencies manage agency use of travel and travel awards received by agency personnel for state travel.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to travel by state agency personnel; creating new provisions; amending ORS 292.230; and
3 declaring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 292.230 is amended to read:

6 292.230. (1) It is the policy of [*the*] **this** state that all out-of-state travel by state agency per-
7 sonnel shall be allowed only when the travel is essential to the normal discharge of the agency's
8 responsibilities. Out-of-state travel shall be conducted in the most efficient and cost-effective manner
9 resulting in the best value to the state. The travel must comply with requirements of rules adopted
10 under subsection [(5)] **(2)** of this section. State agencies shall adhere to the following guidelines
11 when using out-of-state travel:

12 (a) All out-of-state travel must be for official state business.

13 (b) Use of out-of-state travel must be related to the agency's scope of responsibilities.

14 (c) Each state agency is charged with the responsibility for determining the necessity and jus-
15 tification for and method of travel.

16 (d) Each state agency shall make every effort possible to minimize employee time spent on out-
17 of-state travel.

18 [(2) *Notwithstanding any other law, including but not limited to ORS 243.650 to 243.782, it is the*
19 *policy of the state that travel awards earned while conducting state business shall be used to reduce*
20 *the costs of state travel expenses except as otherwise required as a prerequisite to receipt of federal or*
21 *other granted funds. The use of travel awards obtained while conducting state business for personal*
22 *travel constitutes personal gain from state employment and violates ORS 244.040.]*

23 [(3) *The Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall work with commercial airlines to*
24 *make travel awards available to the state rather than individual employees.]*

25 [(4) *Notwithstanding subsection (5) of this section, each state agency shall manage all travel*
26 *awards earned by personnel employed by them who travel for the state. Agencies shall establish pro-*
27 *cedures in accordance with Oregon Department of Administrative Services rules to monitor the earning*
28 *and use of awards by individual employees.]*

29 [(5)] **(2)** The Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall adopt by rule standards regu-
30 lating out-of-state travel including but not limited to:

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.

1 (a) Limiting the number of officers and employees who may attend the same meeting;

2 (b) Requiring state agencies to establish practices for travel that are consistent with the
3 agency's resources;

4 (c) Requiring agencies to develop information sharing for reporting and other aspects that have
5 benefits to more than one agency;

6 (d) Developing telecommunication resources to be used in lieu of travel; **and**

7 (e) Requiring agency administrators or their designees, as designated in writing, to approve
8 out-of-state travel[; *and*].

9 *[(f) Setting up procedures to audit agency use of travel and travel awards including appropriate
10 sanctions for misuse.]*

11 [(6)] **(3)** As used in this section:

12 (a) "Official state business" means activity conducted by any agency personnel that has been
13 authorized by that agency in support of approved state programs.

14 (b) "Out-of-state travel" means all travel from a point of origin in Oregon to a point of destina-
15 tion in another state and return therefrom.

16 *[(c) "Travel award" means any object of value awarded by any business providing commercial
17 transportation or accommodations to an individual or agency which can be used to reduce the cost of
18 travel including, but not limited to, frequent flier miles, discounts or coupons.]*

19 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 292.230 by section 1 of this 2017 Act apply to travel
20 occurring on or after the effective date of this 2017 Act.**

21 **SECTION 3. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
22 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect
23 on its passage.**

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