

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**Measure: SB 79 - 2**

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**Measure Description:**

Provides that Department of Revenue may assist public bodies, public universities and Oregon Health and Science University in collecting delinquent accounts.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Department of Revenue (DOR), Statewide, Counties

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

Costs related to the measure are indeterminate at this time - See explanatory analysis.

**Analysis:**

The measure with the -2 amendment would expand the authority of the Department of Revenue (DOR) to collect delinquent debt owed to state and local governments. DOR would be permitted to render assistance to state agencies, public universities, the Oregon Health and Science University, community colleges or community college districts, counties, or the Oregon State Bar for any delinquent account these entities assign to DOR. The measure would also permit DOR to collect delinquent debt assigned to DOR by cities, counties, local service districts, or special government bodies for the limited purpose of collection through setoff against refunds or sums due to a debtor. The measure would permit DOR to prescribe criteria for rendering collection assistance, including a minimum dollar amount owed. DOR would not be required, however, to render assistance to any governmental entities.

**Department of Revenue**

DOR anticipates that the measure would have no fiscal impact on its current operations. However, the measure may incrementally increase DOR’s costs above current law depending on how many governmental entities ask DOR to perform these collections. It is also unclear what the scope and extent of DOR collections activities would be under this measure. For that reason, the fiscal impact of the measure is indeterminate to DOR at this time.

DOR may need to return to the Emergency Board or the Legislature for an increase in expenditure limitation and position authority.