HB 2377 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

This measure implements statutory changes necessary to support the 2019-21 legislatively adopted budget and to clarify the application of statutes. This measure, relating to state financial administration, is not an appropriation bill and therefore does not include the appropriation of funds. The measure, however, is necessary to achieve a balanced budget for the 2019-21 biennium. The measure has an emergency clause and is effective on passage; however, the measure includes operative dates related to the transfer of funds.

The fiscal or budgetary impacts of provisions of this measure are contained in HB 5050 (budget reconciliation), HB 5029 (Lottery Fund/Criminal Fines Account/Marijuana Account allocations), or in other agency budget or policy measures for the 2019-21 biennium.

Other Funds transfers provided in the measure are one-time in nature and only apply to the 2019-21 biennium. Transfers shall be made by May 31, 2021.

The major provisions of the measure, by program area, are:

<u>Administration Program Area</u>: Transfers revenues from three Department of Administrative Services Funds to the general fund for general governmental purpose.

<u>Public Safety Program Area</u>: Transfers revenue from a Department of Justice fund to the General Fund for general governmental purposes; adds reporting requirement for any interim change to the legal services rate; and adds reporting requirement on legal settlements or judgments for other than deposit into the Protection and Education Account.

<u>Consumer and Business Services Program Area</u>: Transfers revenues from the Department of Consumer and Business Services and the Medical Board to the General Fund for general governmental purposes.

<u>Economic Development Program Area</u>: Repeals statutory reference to Low Income Rental Fund; allows the Cultural Trust to continue to use cultural license plate registration fees for marketing and promotional costs; and establishes the University Innovation Research Fund.

<u>Natural Resources Program Area</u>: Transfers revenue from the Department of State Lands to the General Fund for general governmental purposes.

<u>Human Services Program Area</u>: Transfers revenue from the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to the General Fund for general governmental purposes and repeals the statutory sunset related to a portion of marijuana tax revenues transferred to OHA to allow for the continued use of the revenue for mental health treatment or for alcohol and drug abuse prevention and treatment.

<u>Judicial Branch</u>: Repeals Legal Aid Account; provides for a salary increase for statutory judgeships; and establishes two new statutory judgeships.

<u>Legislative Branch</u>: Repeals statute related to the connection of legislator salaries to circuit court judges; makes technical clarification of legislator's interim expense allowances; and modifies the Central Government Service Charge.

<u>Transportation Program Area</u>: Transfers moneys between funds to support elderly and disabled transit services.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need for program change measure
- Not an appropriation measure
- Necessary to achieve a balanced budget for the 2019-21 biennium
- Relation to HB 5050 (budget reconciliation), HB 5029 (allocations) and other budget measures
- Fiscal impact
- Transfers to the General Fund for general governmental purposes

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

This measure is the Joint Committee on Ways and Means program change measure. Similar measures are introduced and become law each legislative session. This measure, relating to state financial administration, is not an appropriation bill and therefore does not include the appropriation of funds.