

## FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: SB 72 - A

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### **Measure Description:**

Eliminates certain duties of Oregon Department of Administrative Services and other state agencies related to tracking and reporting of travel awards earned as part of official state business.

### **Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Department of Administrative Services (DAS), Statewide

### **Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

Costs related to the measure are anticipated to be minimal - See explanatory analysis.

### **Analysis:**

The measure, as amended, would modify various aspects of the administration of state government, particularly those involving the Department of Administrative Services (DAS). It specifically makes five changes to statutes administered by DAS.

First, the measure would repeal the requirement that state agencies track and report to DAS travel awards earned as part of official state business. Second, the measure would expand DAS's authority to rent office quarters and non-office quarters at market rates. Third, the measure would expand the state's exemption from local parking codes to include newly acquired buildings. Fourth, the measure would standardize the definition of "state agency" for purposes of tracking and collecting liquidated and delinquent debt. Fifth, the measure would require DAS, in consultation with the State Chief Information Officer and state agencies, to identify barriers and solutions to promote telecommuting in a report to the Legislature.

### **Department of Administrative Services**

DAS anticipates that the costs associated with implementing and administering this measure would be minimal. The sections relating to standardizing the liquidated and delinquent debt statutes probably would not produce much in the way of savings. However, DAS anticipates they would produce greater operational efficiencies in its Statewide Accounts Receivable Management group, as it would relieve DAS of the responsibility of determining which statutes apply to which agencies.

The section relating to the exemption from local parking code requirements could potentially generate cost savings over time. If DAS were to acquire new buildings, those buildings would be exempt from local parking code requirements. However, because these savings are speculative, the fiscal impact of this section of the measure is indeterminate.

### **Statewide**

State agencies are required to track and maintain travel awards of employees that travel to conduct official state business. DAS claims that the costs of monitoring travel awards costs far outweigh any reductions or savings they produce. In 2017, for example, DAS estimated that it cost state agencies approximately \$100,000 to track the state's travel awards, which defrays only a fraction of that cost. (In 2010, the State spent approximately

\$100,000 to defray \$5,300 in travel awards.) While eliminating this tracking requirement would not necessarily save state agencies money, it would free up agency staff to perform other, more valuable work.

Overall, the measure would have a minimal fiscal impact on the operations of state government.