Senate Bill 1703

Sponsored by JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF 2020

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.

Provides that during statutorily declared emergency Governor may authorize Director of Department of Revenue to disclose certain information set forth in tax report or return to any state agency if director determines that administration of any federal or state law or program, including, but not limited to, administration of unemployment insurance laws and programs by Employment Department, requires disclosure to enable agency to verify identity or income level of any person for purposes related to emergency or any consequences of emergency.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to emergency disclosure by the Department of Revenue of certain tax information to state agencies; amending ORS 401.175; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 401.175 is amended to read:

401.175. During the existence of an emergency, the Governor may:

(1) Assume complete control of all emergency operations in the area specified in a proclamation of a state of emergency issued under ORS 401.165, direct all rescue and salvage work and do all things deemed advisable and necessary to alleviate the immediate conditions.

(2) Assume control of all police and law enforcement activities in such area, including the activities of all local police and peace officers.

(3) Close all roads and highways in such area to traffic or by order of the Governor limit the travel on such roads to such extent as the Governor deems necessary and expedient.

(4) Designate persons to coordinate the work of public and private relief agencies operating in such area and exclude from such area any person or agency refusing to cooperate with and work under such coordinator or to cooperate with other agencies engaged in emergency work.

(5) Require the aid and assistance of any state or other public or quasi-public agencies in the performance of duties and work attendant upon the emergency conditions in such area.

(6) Authorize the Director of the Department of Revenue to disclose and give access to information described in ORS 314.835 to any agency of the State of Oregon if the director determines that the administration of any federal or state law or program requires the disclosure of the information to enable the agency to verify the identity or income level of any person for purposes related to the emergency or any consequences of the emergency. The information that may be disclosed under this subsection shall be limited to information that is necessary to verify a person's identity or income level. An agency that receives information from the director under this subsection shall maintain the confidentiality of the information during and after the state of emergency.

SECTION 2. This 2020 second special session Act being necessary for the immediate
preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2020 second special session Act takes effect on its passage.

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