

Monitoring Potential Law Changes Impacting Agency Operations



Presentation to
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Legislative/Rules Coordinator

- Oregon Department of Revenue:
 - Over 44 Tax Programs
 - Four Tax Divisions (BUS, PTAC, PTD, Collections)
 - Other Divisions (IT, Finance, Executive)
 - Director/Deputy
 - Legislative Liaisons (2)
 - Policy units within divisions

Legislative/Rules Coordinator

- “Administrative coordinator role in coordinating and delivering new legislative concepts and in providing policy analysis through the administrative rules process”
- “Serves as an advisor to the division management teams on tax policy issues”
- “Works closely with stakeholders in planning the implementation of new legislative concepts, implementing new and existing interim projects, coordinating administrative rules, and providing technical training on issues”

Policy Development/Legislative Coordination

- “Develop and present legislative concepts or rules that affect functional areas of the agency for which no other program performs such support”
- ... bring forward ideas for proposed legislation
- “Review and evaluate legislative bills that affect functional areas of the agency for which no other program performs such support”
- ...identify, monitor, and respond to introduced legislation

What other areas?

- Administrative Rules
- Public Records and Communications
- Human Resources and PERS (public employee retirement plans)
- Procurement and Finance
- Disclosure/Confidentiality and Facilities
- Information Technology
- Internal Audit

Legislative Concepts:

- Research issues and prepare policy issue papers – shepherd through appropriate policy forums for agency consideration
- Examples:
- Disclosure/Confidentiality:
 - Emergency/Welfare Checks
 - Electronic Payments (currently “checks”)
- Director’s Delegation of Powers

What does “tracking legislation” look like?

- Bills “dropped” - read, skim, look for key words, referrals from other policy teams
- Continue to identify introduced bills throughout session
- Monitor for amendments
- Watch legislative hearings
- Prepare bill comments, bill impacts, fiscal impacts, blue sheets
- Raise awareness of impacted areas
- Testify if needed

Legislation: Administrative Rules

- Reporting to Secretary of State
- Annual report on temporary rules
- Continual review (currently 5 years after adoption)
- Standardizes use of consumer price index across multiple statutes
- Prohibits permanent rule from being in effect for longer than 6 years
- Constitutional amendment for legislative review of administrative rules

Public Records and Communications:

- Authorizes AG, DA, or court to award penalty if request is delayed or is not responsive
- Relating to inquiries issued by public bodies about race or ethnicity
- Reduces public records request fees charged by state agencies by 50% if from new media; waives fees if narrowly tailored
- Requires Oregon transparency website to contain itemized information about state agency advertising expenditures

Human Resources and PERS:

- Makes changes to Public Employee Collective Bargaining Act re: representatives, access and communication, dues, and fees and unfair labor practices
- Allows PEBB and OEBC to make available LT care ins plans at boards' discretion
- Requires Oregon Health Policy Board to study changes in health care coverage in Oregon since implementation of past legislation (reverses past disallowance for spouses to have double coverage and ability to offer opt out incentives)

HR and PERS (Continued):

- Reasonable accommodation for pregnancy-related conditions
- Expression of milk in workplace
- Requires public employers to adopt policies to prevent workplace harassment
- Creates Family and medical leave insurance program
- SB 1049 - Changes to PERS (cap maximum salary, employee retirement % redirected to pay down future pension debt)

Procurement and Finance:

- Relating to considering whether persons seeking public contracts owe a debt to the state
- Public contract consultant selection process
- Prohibits state government from accepting payments using cryptocurrency
- Eliminates requirement to track airline miles; allows DAS to rent unused office space; changes telecommuting reporting requirements
- Relating to courts (increasing court fees for inflation)
- Transfers Unclaimed Property from State Lands to Treasurer

Disclosure and Facilities:

- Directs public bodies to comply with court order for release of records to mental hospital for purposes of forensic evaluations
- Relating to regulation of lawyers; Revenue to disclose to OSB
- Relating to disclosure of tax returns for candidates for federal office
- Requires businesses receiving more than 20% of gross receipts from public contracts to include amount on tax return; DOR to make publicly available

Information Technology:

- Relating to security measures required for devices that connect to the Internet
- Breach of security involving personal information

Internal Audit:

- Provides that identities of individuals interviewed in connection with audit by Secretary of State are confidential (whistleblowers)
- Creates Task Force on Audit Equity Analysis to study and recommend legislation to require Secretary of State to include equity issues in performance and program audits

Administrative Rules Coordination

- Lead agency rules development process; review draft rules and policy papers to ensure consistency with policy recommendations from programs

Questions?

If you have additional questions after today,
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