

BUDGET POLICY ISSUES

SB 77: County Public Safety Services Crisis Declaration

SB 77 allows the Governor or a county government to request a review of county level public safety services when a state of fiscal distress compromises the county's ability to provide a minimally adequate level of public safety services.

The measure includes the following provisions:

- Directs the Governor or a county government to request a review and analysis of public services in the county by the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission (CJC).
- Requires the CJC to establish, by rule, public safety services guidelines by which to identify the minimally adequate level at which public safety services must be delivered in a county.
- Requires the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission to consult with public safety stakeholders, review and analyze public safety services and to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor within 14 days after the request for review is made.
- Requires the CJC to recommend that the Governor declare a public safety services emergency for the county if the commission finds that the county is providing a less than minimally adequate level of public safety services and requires the commission to copy its findings/recommendation to the legislature and the county government.
- Requires the Governor to review the findings and recommendations provided by the Criminal Justice Commission and to either issue the declaration of a public safety services emergency or to determine that the county's fiscal distress does not constitute the basis for an emergency declaration.
- If an emergency declaration is issued, the Governor is required to form a "fiscal control board that is responsible for developing and recommending a recovery plan to the county governing body. The membership of the fiscal control board as established by the Governor includes three members appointed by the Governor, one member appointed by the Senate President, one member appointed by the House Speaker and three ex officio members including the Secretary of State, the State Treasurer and the director of the Department of Revenue. The fiscal control board terminates when the governor determines that an emergency no longer exists.
- Requires the county governing body to approve or reject the recovery plan proposed by the fiscal control board. If the county governing body accepts the recovery plan, the fiscal control board will provide technical assistance in support of the implementation of the plan. If the plan is rejected, the fiscal control board will monitor efforts by the county to restore minimally adequate services and will offer technical assistance.

VITAL STATISTICS

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"Despite passage of SB 93, capturing delinquent fines from income tax will have to wait on Congressional action"

SB 93: Federal Intercept Legislation

SB 93 would allow the Oregon Judicial Department (OJD) to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the federal government to intercept federal tax refunds in order to offset debt owed to state for past-due liquid and delinquent accounts for crime victim restitution payments, compensatory fines, other fines, costs, and assessments. Passage of a Federal companion is required for this to take effect.

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