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SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 797

By COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

May 1

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after "Justice;" insert "creating new provisions;".

2 Delete lines 5 through 30.

3 On page 2, delete lines 1 through 14 and insert:

4 "SECTION 1. ORS 180.095 is amended to read:

5 "180.095. [(1) There hereby is appropriated out of the General Fund in the State Treasury \$250,000

for the purpose of providing funds to pay for personal services, travel, meals and lodging, and all costs,
disbursements and other litigation expenses incurred by the Department of Justice in preparing, commencing and prosecuting actions and suits under the state and federal antitrust laws and under ORS
646.605 to 646.656.]

"[(2) The money appropriated by subsection (1) of this section shall be transferred to an account in the General Fund in the State Treasury to be known as the Consumer Protection and Education Revolving Account. All moneys in such revolving account are appropriated and constitute a continuous appropriation out of the General Fund for the purposes of this section. The creation of the revolving account shall not require an allotment or allocation of moneys pursuant to ORS 291.234 to 291.260.]

"(1) The Department of Justice Protection and Education Revolving Account is created
 in the General Fund. All moneys in the account are continuously appropriated to the De partment of Justice and may be used to pay for only the following activities:

18 19 "(a) Restitution and refunds in proceedings described in paragraph (c) of this subsection;"(b) Consumer and business education relating to the laws governing antitrust, unlawful

20 trade practices and the environment; and

"(c) Personal services, travel, meals, lodging and all other costs and expenses incurred by the department in investigating, preparing, commencing and prosecuting the following actions and suits, and enforcing judgments, settlements, compromises and assurances of voluntary compliance arising out of the following actions and suits:

25 "(A) Actions and suits under the state and federal antitrust laws;

26 "(B) Actions and suits under ORS 646.605 to 646.656;

27 "(C) Criminal prosecutions under state and federal environmental laws; and

28 "(D) Actions commenced under ORS 59.331.

"(2) Moneys in the Department of Justice Protection and Education Revolving Account are not subject to allotment. Upon request of the Attorney General, the State Treasurer shall create subaccounts within the account for the purposes of managing moneys in the account and allocating those moneys to the activities described in subsection (1) of this section.

34 "(3) **Except as otherwise provided by law,** all sums of money received by the Department of 35 Justice under a judgment, settlement, compromise or assurance of voluntary compliance, including

damages, restitution, refunds, attorney fees, costs, disbursements and other recoveries, but ex-1 2 cluding civil penalties under ORS 646.642, in [actions and suits under the state and federal antitrust laws and ORS 646.605 to 646.656] proceedings described in subsection (1)(c) of this section shall, 3 4 upon receipt, be deposited with the State Treasurer to the credit of the [Consumer] Department of Justice Protection and Education Revolving Account. However, if the action or suit was based 5 on an expenditure or loss from a public body or a dedicated fund, the amount of such expenditure 6 7 or loss, after deduction of attorney fees and expenses awarded to the department [of Justice] by the 8 court or agreed to by the parties, if any, shall be credited to the public body or dedicated fund and the remainder thereof credited to the [Consumer] Department of Justice Protection and Education 9 10 Revolving Account.

"(4) If the Department of Justice recovers restitution or refunds in a proceeding described in subsection (1)(c) of this section, and the department cannot determine the persons to whom the restitution or refunds should be paid or the amount of the restitution or refund payable to individual claimants is de minimis, the restitution or refunds may not be deposited in the Department of Justice Protection and Education Revolving Account and shall be deposited in the General Fund.

17 "(5) Before July 1 of every second odd-numbered year, the Department of Justice shall 18 estimate the department's anticipated costs and expenses under subsection (1)(b) and (c) of 19 this section for the subsequent two biennia. If at any time the department determines that 20 the balance in the Department of Justice Protection and Education Revolving Account, ex-21 clusive of amounts held as restitution or refunds, exceeds the estimated costs and expenses 22 for the four-year period, the department shall deposit the excess funds in the General 23 Fund.".

24 On page 4, after line 30, insert:

25 "<u>SECTION 5.</u> On the effective date of this 2009 Act, the State Treasurer shall transfer 26 all funds in the Consumer Protection and Education Revolving Account into the Department 27 of Justice Protection and Education Revolving Account created by the amendments to ORS 28 180.095 by section 1 of this 2009 Act. Amounts transferred under this section may be used for 29 the purposes specified by ORS 180.095, as amended by section 1 of this 2009 Act.

30 "<u>SECTION 6.</u> The amendments to ORS 180.095 by section 1 of this 2009 Act apply only to 31 judgments entered on or after the effective date of this 2009 Act and to settlements, com-32 promises and assurances of voluntary compliance entered into on or after the effective date 33 of this 2009 Act.

"<u>SECTION 7.</u> The Department of Justice shall prepare the first estimate required under
 ORS 180.095 (5) before July 1, 2009, or, if this 2009 Act does not take effect until on or after
 July 1, 2009, the Department of Justice shall prepare the first estimate required under ORS
 180.095 (5) as soon as possible after the effective date of this 2009 Act.".

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In line 31, delete "5" and insert "8".

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