

Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission Legislative Proposal

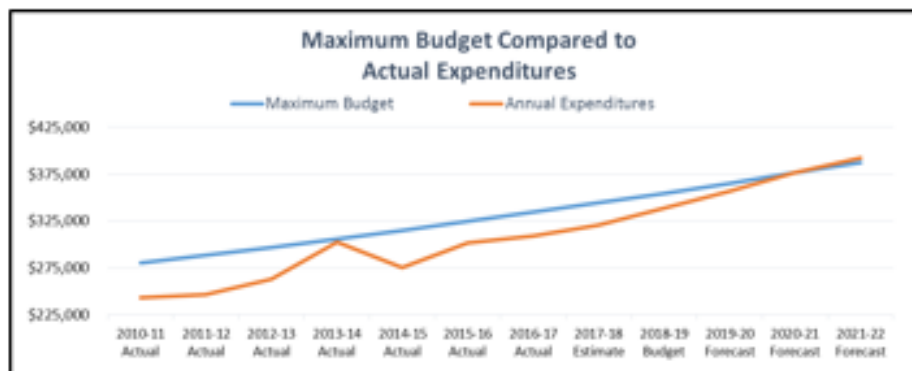


Situation Statement

In 1919 the Oregon Legislature created Tax Supervising and Conservation Commissions to oversee local government finances in Oregon. For historical reasons, Multnomah County is the only county with a TSCC, where the TSCC has the full support of its 28 client jurisdictions.

The Multnomah County TSCC is approaching its maximum annual budget as delineated in Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS 294.630 (b)). It requests that the legislature reset its maximum budget and increase the annual inflation adjustment.

- In 2009, HB2074 imposed upon TSCC a maximum budget of \$280,000 for the FY 2010-11 and allowed the maximum budget to increase by 3% per year thereafter.
- TSCC has always spent less than its maximum budget. Since FY 2010-11 TSCC spending has averaged 91% of the maximum budget saving taxpayers an average of \$27,800 annually.
- Rising personnel costs (including PERS) will push the budget to the maximum in FY 2020-21.



- TSCC has 2.2 Full Time Equivalent employees. Personnel costs are 92% of the budget.
- TSCC bases salary adjustments on Multnomah County's annual increases.

Legislative Request

Reset the maximum budget to \$410,000 in FY 2019-20, increase the annual inflation adjustment to 4%, and authorize TSCC to apply for grants and generate revenue.

- Resetting the budget to \$410,000 will replicate the 2009 legislative adjustment of a 25% increase over the most recent fiscal year's expenditures.
- Increasing the inflation rate will more closely match the anticipated future inflation rate.

Increasing the maximum budget will not generate new TSCC spending, it only allows TSCC to maintain current staffing of 2.2 FTE and competitive wages for current and prospective employees. TSCC has a history of financial restraint. Altering that practice would alienate other local governments in Multnomah County, eroding their support for TSCC.