

## **SB 5546 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **Joint Committee On Ways and Means**

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Provides continuing expenditure authority for state agencies without budgets adopted for the 2025-27 biennium by July 1, 2025. The measure allows these agencies to continue operations at a level equal to one-eighth of their 2023-25 legislatively approved budget. The continuing resolution also applies to any state agency budget that may be vetoed by the Governor. Expenditure authority provided by this continuing resolution is authorized through September 15, 2025.

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Continuation of state operations after the end of the 2023-25 biennium.
- Expenditure authority provided at an amount equal to one-eighth of the prior biennium through September 15, 2025.
- Governor has 30 days to sign bills after the Legislature adjourns sine die.

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-1 Replaces the measure. Provides continuing expenditure authority for state agencies without budgets adopted for the 2025-27 biennium by July 1, 2025.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Any state agency without an adopted budget for the 2025-27 biennium by July 1, 2025, needs legislative approval to continue activities at a specified level. This continuing resolution provides an agency without an adopted budget with the authority to incur expenditures for a limited time. The amount that an agency is authorized to spend under the continuing resolution counts toward the agency's total 2025-27 budget. The exact amounts are authorized by the Department of Administrative Services by administrative rule. The amounts can be decreased to reflect actions in pending legislation. Pending legislation refers to a bill that has, at a minimum, passed out of a budget subcommittee or a budget committee.

Even if the Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die on or before June 30, 2025, it is possible that the Governor will not be able to sign all budget bills by July 1, 2025. Prior to a bill being signed by the Governor, it must be enrolled and signed by both presiding officers. The Office of Legislative Counsel prepares enrolled measures based on what they receive from the House and Senate Desks, and in the order received from the Desks, unless rush enrollment is requested. Legislative Counsel may not receive all measures passed during the last days of session until after sine die. The Desks then present the enrolled bills to the presiding officers for signatures. Once signed by the presiding officers, the bills are delivered to the Governor for signature. It is impossible to predict when signatures will be provided by the presiding officers and the Governor. In addition, under section 15b, Article V of the Oregon Constitution, the Governor has 30 days (excluding Saturdays and Sundays) after sine die to sign or veto bills.