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DEPARTMENT OF
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OFFICE

STATEWIDE WRITE-OFF, ABATED, AND CANCELED CERTIFICATION REPORT

FISCAL YEAR ENDING
JUNE 30, 2022





Oregon

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To the members of the Oregon Legislative Assembly,

As required by ORS 293.234, enclosed is the report of liquidated and delinquent debt that were written off by a state agency under ORS 293.240, abated by a state agency, or canceled by the Department of Revenue under ORS 305.155.

The following table references liquidated and delinquent account activity reported by state agencies for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

Sincerely,

George Naughton
Chief Financial Officer

REPORT OF LIQUIDATED AND DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS WRITTEN OFF, ABATED, OR CANCELED

[ORS 293.234](#) requires DAS to annually report to the Legislative Assembly the amounts of liquidated and delinquent debt that in the previous fiscal year were: written off under [ORS 293.240](#); canceled by DOR under [ORS 305.155](#); or abated by a state agency.

For reference purposes, the following terms used in this report are defined as follows:

Written Off – Accounts receivable that are determined to be uncollectible by management and have been removed from the agency's accounting records. If an agency has made all reasonable efforts to collect the money owed to it and has determined that the money and any interest and penalties on the money are uncollectible, the agency may write-off the debt on its accounts. Before determining that money is uncollectible, a state agency must adopt criteria for determining when money is uncollectible. The criteria must include the right of offset and must be approved by the Attorney General.

Abated (abatement)– An amount waived, settled, or determined not to be owed.

Canceled – As defined in [ORS 293.234](#), the value of canceled accounts certified to DAS is limited to DOR tax debts. Other agencies with debt cancellation authority reported the value of canceled accounts as abated.

Executive Summary

The fiscal year 2022 total amount of written off, abated and canceled liquidated and delinquent debts certified by state agencies is \$363.6 million and represents a \$148 million (68.7%) increase from the amount reported for fiscal year 2021. Three agencies account for 94.6% of the combined write-offs, abated and canceled debts, Oregon Judicial Department (OJD), Department of Revenue (DOR) and Oregon Employment Department (OED):

- OJD's combined report for 2022 of \$213.5 million represents 58.7% of the total reported by all agencies, plus it reported a \$104.6 million (96%) increase from its combined fiscal year 2021 amount. During fiscal year 2022, OJD implemented an automated process to write off debt for deceased debtors using daily reports received from DOR related to the Restricted Program.¹ With the resumption of referrals to third party collections that were suspended during the COVID-19 pandemic, the third parties were able to identify more deceased debtors and notify OJD. This contributed to an increase of almost \$14.5 million in the amount written off over the prior fiscal year. OJD implemented Chief Justice Order 21-043, which directed the abatement of remaining balances for previously imposed payment plan fees accounting for nearly \$69 million. In response to Senate Bill (SB) 817 (2021), which proactively and retroactively eliminated fines, fees, and costs associated with juvenile delinquency matters, OJD abated \$8.4 million in qualifying outstanding financial obligations.
- DOR's combined report for 2022 of \$69.9 million is 19.2% of the total reported by all agencies and a \$22.7 million (48.2%) increase from the prior year. The value of accounts canceled under ORS 305.155 increased by \$21.2 million due to agency efforts to manually remove uncollectible taxpayer accounts that are not covered by automated processes. This effort primarily included accounts owed by now deceased taxpayers.
- OED's report of \$60.7 million in combined write-offs and abatements for 2022 is 16.7% of the total reported by all agencies and represents a \$32.2 million (113.2%) increase from fiscal year 2021 amounts. Among other things, SB 172 (2021) reduced the number of years at which point certain types of debts are automatically abated, from 10 years to five years, unless the result of claimant fraud. The agency's implementation efforts pursuant to this legislation occurred during the current fiscal year, and debts older than five years were automatically abated.

¹ The Restricted Program contains accounts referred to the Department of Revenue Other Agency Accounts Unit for State Tax Offset collections only.

The certified amounts reported by state agencies for fiscal year 2022 are listed below in alphabetical order by branch of government.

Agency Name	Written off	Abated	Canceled
Executive Branch Agencies			
Accountancy, Board of	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Administrative Services, Dept. of	-	-	-
Advocacy Commissions Office, Oregon	-	-	-
Agriculture, Dept. of	360	-	-
Albacore Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Alfalfa Seed Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Appraiser Certification and Licensure Board	-	-	-
Architect Examiners, State Board of	-	-	-
Aviation, Dept. of	-	-	-
Beef Council, Oregon	-	-	-
Blind, Commission for the	-	-	-
Blueberry Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Business Oregon	-	-	-
Chiropractic Examiners, Board of	-	50,750	-
Clover Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Columbia River Gorge Commission	-	-	-
Construction Contractors Board	821,543	175,005	-
Consumer and Business Services, Dept. of	1,437,631	1,583,687	-
Corrections, Dept. of	175,452	-	-
Criminal Justice Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Dairy Products Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Dentistry, Oregon Board of	-	-	-
District Attorneys and their Deputies	-	-	-
Dungeness Crab Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Education, Dept. of	8,788	-	-
Employment Dept.	6,039,205	54,624,826	-
Employment Relations Board	-	-	-
Energy, Dept. of	-	-	-
Environmental Quality, Dept. of	21,222	-	-
Exam. For Engin. & Land Survey, Board of	-	-	-
Facilities Authority, Oregon	-	-	-
Film and Video Office, Oregon	-	-	-
Fine Fescue Commission	-	-	-
Fish and Wildlife, Oregon Dept. of	15,220	-	-
Forest Resources Institute, Oregon	-	-	-
Forestry, Oregon Dept. of	-	-	-
Geologist Examiners, State Board of	-	-	-

<u>Agency Name</u>	<u>Written off</u>	<u>Abated</u>	<u>Canceled</u>
Executive Branch Agencies (continued)			
Geology and Mineral Industries, Dept. of	-	-	-
Government Ethics Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Governor, Office of the	-	-	-
Hazelnut Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Health Authority, Oregon	324,768	1,498,950	-
Higher Education Coordinating Commission	-	-	-
Hop Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Housing and Community Services Dept.	2,050	11,826	-
Human Services, Oregon Dept. of	713,707	5,124,569	-
Justice, Dept. of	807,518	52,235	-
Labor and Industries, Bureau of	614,344	-	-
Land Conservation and Development, Dept.	-	-	-
Land Use Board of Appeals	-	-	-
Lands, Dept. of State	-	736,552	-
Landscape Architects Board, State	-	-	-
Landscape Contractors Board, State	19,484	-	-
Library of Oregon, State	-	-	-
Licensed Social Workers, Board of	-	-	-
Liquor & Cannabis Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Long Term Care Ombudsman, Office of	-	-	-
Lottery Commission, Oregon	23,614	-	-
Marine Board, Oregon State	5,133	-	-
Massage Therapists, Board of	-	-	-
Medical Board, Oregon	8,103	-	-
Medical Imaging, Board of	822	-	-
Mental Health Regulatory Agency	-	-	-
Military Dept., Oregon	-	-	-
Mint Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Mortuary and Cemetery Board	36,500	-	-
Nursing, Oregon State Board of	-	-	-
Occupational Therapy Licensing Board	-	-	-
Optometry, Oregon Board of	-	-	-
Oregon Naturopathic Medicine, Board of	-	-	-
Oregon Youth Authority	-	-	-
Parks & Recreation Dept., Oregon	-	-	-
Parole and Post-Prison Supervision, Board of	447	-	-
Patient Safety Commission, Oregon	-	1,127	-
Pharmacy, Board of	11,953	-	-
Physical Therapists Licensing Board	-	-	-

<u>Agency Name</u>	<u>Written off</u>	<u>Abated</u>	<u>Canceled</u>
Executive Branch Agencies (continued)			
Police, Dept. of State	71,920	12,940	-
Potato Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Processed Vegetable Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Psychiatric Security Review Board	-	-	-
Public Employees Retirement System	940,027	294	-
Public Safety Standards and Training, Dept. of	21,844	-	-
Public Utility Commission	2,422	43	-
Racing Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Raspberry & Blackberry Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Real Estate Agency	-	-	-
Revenue, Dept. of	26,513,579	9,301,433	34,064,802
Ryegrass Growers Seed Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Salmon Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Secretary of State, Office of the	-	-	-
Sheep Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Speech Lang. Path. and Audiology, Board of	-	-	-
Strawberry Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Sweet Cherry Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Tall Fescue Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Tax Practitioners, Board of	165,496	-	-
Teacher Standards & Practices Commission	-	-	-
Tourism Commission, Oregon (Travel Oregon)	-	-	-
Transportation, Dept. of	3,179,499	370,216	-
Travel Information Council	-	-	-
Trawl Commission, Oregon	<i>Did not report</i>		
Treasurer, Office of the State	Not subject to reporting requirement		
Veterans' Affairs, Dept. of	2,816	-	-
Veterinary Med. Examiners, Board of	-	-	-
Water Resources Dept.	15,239	-	-
Watershed Enhancement Board, Oregon	-	-	-
Wheat Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Oregon Wine Board	Not subject to reporting requirement		
Total Executive Branch Agencies	42,000,705	73,544,454	34,064,802
Judicial Branch Agencies			
Judicial Dept., Oregon	18,840,760	194,697,177	-
Judicial Fitness and Disability, Commission on	-	-	-
Public Defense Services Commission	-	-	-
Total Judicial Branch Agencies	18,840,760	194,697,177	-

<u>Agency Name</u>	<u>Written off</u>	<u>Abated</u>	<u>Canceled</u>
Legislative Branch Agencies			
Legislative Administration Committee	Not subject to reporting requirement		
Legislative Assembly	Not subject to reporting requirement		
Legislative Commission on Indian Services	Not subject to reporting requirement		
Legislative Counsel Committee	Not subject to reporting requirement		
Legislative Fiscal Office	Not subject to reporting requirement		
Legislative Policy and Research Office	Not subject to reporting requirement		
Legislative Revenue Office	Not subject to reporting requirement		
Total Legislative Branch Agencies	-	-	-
Special Government Entities			
Affordable Housing Assistance Corporation	Not subject to reporting requirement		
Eastern Oregon University	Not subject to reporting requirement		
Oregon Corrections Enterprises	2,565	238	-
Oregon Health & Science University	Not subject to reporting requirement		
Oregon Institute of Technology	Not subject to reporting requirement		
Oregon State University	Not subject to reporting requirement		
Portland State University	Not subject to reporting requirement		
SAIF Corporation	429,708	-	-
Southern Oregon University	Not subject to reporting requirement		
State Fair Council	Not subject to reporting requirement		
University of Oregon	Not subject to reporting requirement		
Utility Notification Center, Oregon	-	-	-
Western Oregon University	Not subject to reporting requirement		
Total Special Government Entities	432,273	238	-
Grand Total	\$61,273,737	\$268,241,868	\$34,064,802