

DAS

DEPARTMENT OF
ADMINISTRATIVE
SERVICES

**STATEWIDE WRITE-OFF,
ABATED, AND CANCELED
DEBT CERTIFICATION REPORT**

FISCAL YEAR ENDING

JUNE 30, 2023



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, 2023.

Sincerely,

Kate Nass
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

As required by ORS 192.245 (2), this report is available online at:
<https://www.oregon.gov/das/Financial/Acctng/Pages/Pub.aspx>.

The fiscal year 2023 total amount of written off, abated and canceled liquidated and delinquent debts certified by state agencies is \$451.5 million and represents a \$87.9 million (24.2%) increase from the amount reported for fiscal year 2022. As with recent years, three agencies account for the largest combined write-offs, abated and canceled debts, (94.5% of the 2023 total), Oregon Judicial Department (OJD), Department of Revenue (DOR) and Oregon Employment Department (OED):

- OJD's combined report for fiscal year 2023 of \$122.3 million (27.1% of the total reported by all agencies) represents a \$91.2 million (42.7%) decrease from its combined fiscal year 2022 amount. During fiscal year 2022, 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. Fiscal year 2023 also included abatements of \$8.4 million in response to Senate Bill 817 (2021), which proactively and retroactively eliminated fines, fees, and costs associated with juvenile delinquency matters. Fiscal year 2023 abated accounts return to normal activity.
- DOR's combined report for 2023 of \$250.5 million is 55.5% of the total reported by all agencies and a \$180.6 million (258.5%) increase from the prior year. The value of accounts abated increased by \$198.6 million due to a change in the agency's reporting methodology. In 2023 DOR started reporting accounts as abated that were the result of a failure to file assessment but were reversed because the debtor filed their tax return. In these cases, the taxpayer's self-reported tax liability replaces the agency assessment. In some cases, these balances are resolved entirely, and may even result in a refund. The increase in 2023 doesn't represent a year over year increase in actual dollars abated, but rather a recognition that the reversal of balances related to failure to file assessments meet the definition of abated, and therefore should be reported in the agency's certification of Write-off, Abated, and Canceled Debt. Had the methodology been in place in 2022, the combined amount for accounts written off, abated, or canceled would have been \$294 million.
- OED's report of \$53.7 million in combined write-offs and abatements for 2023 is 11.9% of the total reported by all agencies and represents a \$7 million (11.5%) decrease from fiscal year 2022. OED has had dramatically higher call volumes as well as system changes which have impacted various processes across the business. This has resulted in a shift of resources and a reduction of the total agency write-offs by \$6 million compared to FY 2022. As OED becomes more proficient in the use of the new system, more accounts are expected to be identified for write-off in the future.

The certified amounts reported by state agencies for fiscal year 2023 are listed below in alphabetical order by branch of government.

Agency Name	<u>Written off</u>	<u>Abated</u>	<u>Canceled</u>
Executive Branch Agencies			
Accountancy, Board of	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Administrative Services, Dept. of	21,262	-	-
Advocacy Commissions Office, Oregon	-	-	-
Agriculture, Dept. of	1,890	-	-
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	-	335	-
Blueberry Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Business Oregon	-	-	-
Chiropractic Examiners, Board of	-	-	-
Clover Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Columbia River Gorge Commission	-	-	-
Construction Contractors Board	530,502	177,324	-
Consumer and Business Services, Dept. of	481,150	687,593	-
Corrections, Dept. of	632,902	198	-
Criminal Justice Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Dairy Products Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Dentistry, Oregon Board of	-	-	-
District Attorneys and their Deputies	-	-	-
Dungeness Crab Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Education, Dept. of	-	-	-
Employment Dept.	77,339	53,636,112	-
Employment Relations Board	-	-	-
Energy, Dept. of	-	-	-
Environmental Quality, Dept. of	30,692	-	-
Exam. For Engin. & Land Survey, Board of	-	-	-
Facilities Authority, Oregon	-	-	-
Film and Video Office, Oregon	-	-	-
Fine Fescue Commission	-	-	-
Fish and Wildlife, Oregon Dept. of	29,000	-	-
Forest Resources Institute, Oregon	-	-	-
Forestry, Oregon Dept. of	28,730	74,310	-
Geologist Examiners, State Board of	-	-	-

Agency Name	<u>Written off</u>	<u>Abated</u>	<u>Canceled</u>
Executive Branch Agencies (continued)			
Geology and Mineral Industries, Dept. of	-	42,105	-
Government Ethics Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Governor, Office of the	-	-	-
Hazelnut Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Health Authority, Oregon	116,808	3,147,601	-
Hemp Commission, Oregon	<i>Did not report</i>		
Higher Education Coordinating Commission	-	-	-
Hop Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Housing and Community Services Dept.	-	-	-
Human Services, Oregon Dept. of	1,180,966	1,429,048	-
Justice, Dept. of	569,198	996,121	-
Labor and Industries, Bureau of	609,438	-	-
Land Conservation and Development, Dept.	-	-	-
Land Use Board of Appeals	-	-	-
Lands, Dept. of State	-	-	-
Landscape Architects Board, State	-	-	-
Landscape Contractors Board, State	155,062	-	-
Library of Oregon, State	-	-	-
Licensed Social Workers, Board of	-	-	-
Liquor & Cannabis Commission, Oregon	179	-	-
Long Term Care Ombudsman, Office of	-	-	-
Lottery Commission, Oregon	292,466	-	-
Marine Board, Oregon State	39,866	-	-
Massage Therapists, Board of	-	-	-
Medical Board, Oregon	-	1,000	-
Medical Imaging, Board of	-	-	-
Mental Health Regulatory Agency	44,077	-	-
Military Dept., Oregon	-	-	-
Mint Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Mortuary and Cemetery Board	451,500	496,000	-
Nursing, Oregon State Board of	-	-	-
Occupational Therapy Licensing Board	1,500	-	-
Optometry, Oregon Board of	-	-	-
Oregon Naturopathic Medicine, Board of	-	-	-
Oregon Youth Authority	-	-	-
Parks & Recreation Dept., Oregon	2,834	1,212	-
Parole and Post-Prison Supervision, Board of	200	-	-
Patient Safety Commission, Oregon	Not subject to reporting requirement		
Pharmacy, Board of	3,198	-	-

Agency Name	Written off	Abated	Canceled
Executive Branch Agencies (continued)			
Physical Therapists Licensing Board	-	-	-
Police, Dept. of State	52,863	73,947	-
Potato Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Processed Vegetable Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Psychiatric Security Review Board	-	-	-
Public Employees Retirement System	7,675,853	76,314	-
Public Safety Standards and Training, Dept. of	4,910	-	-
Public Utility Commission	3,096	-	-
Racing Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Raspberry & Blackberry Commission, Oregon	<i>Did not report</i>		
Real Estate Agency	-	-	-
Revenue, Dept. of	19,930,172	207,924,371	22,635,674
Ryegrass Growers Seed Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Salmon Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Secretary of State, Office of the	-	37,475	-
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	-	-	-
Teacher Standards & Practices Commission	-	-	-
Tourism Commission, Oregon (Travel Oregon)	-	-	-
Transportation, Dept. of	3,623,880	679,165	-
Travel Information Council	14	-	-
Trawl Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Treasurer, Office of the State	Not subject to reporting requirement		
Veterans' Affairs, Dept. of	41,365	-	-
Veterinary Med. Examiners, Board of	-	-	-
Water Resources Dept.	19,893	-	-
Watershed Enhancement Board, Oregon	-	-	-
Wheat Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Oregon Wine Board	Not subject to reporting requirement		
Total Executive Branch Agencies	36,652,805	269,480,231	22,635,674

Agency Name	Written off	Abated	Canceled
Judicial Branch Agencies			
Judicial Dept., Oregon	19,007,812	103,300,960	-
Judicial Fitness and Disability, Commission on	-	-	-
Public Defense Services Commission	-	-	-
Total Judicial Branch Agencies	19,007,812	103,300,960	-

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	-	10,252	-
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		
Patient Safety Commission, Oregon	Not subject to reporting requirement		
Portland State University	Not subject to reporting requirement		
SAIF Corporation	418,851	14,360	-
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	418,851	24,612	-

Grand Total	\$56,079,469	\$372,805,803	\$22,635,674
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