

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

FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025

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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, 2025.

Sincerely,

Kate Nass

Chief Financial Officer

## REPORT OF LIQUIDATED AND DELINQUENT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As required by Oregon Revised Statute 192.245 (2), this report is available online at: <a href="https://www.oregon.gov/das/Financial/Acctng/Pages/Pub.aspx">https://www.oregon.gov/das/Financial/Acctng/Pages/Pub.aspx</a>.

Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 293.234 requires the Department of Administrative Services (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. ORS 293.234 (2) requires state agencies to certify to DAS debts that were written off, abated or canceled by the Department of Revenue under ORS 305.155. Not all agencies are subject to ORS 293 and therefore are not subject to this certification requirement. Additionally, the Judicial department, the Secretary of State and the State Treasurer are specifically exempted from the certification requirement as stated in ORS 293.234. Some agencies that are not subject to the certification requirement do voluntarily provide the certification to DAS.

The fiscal year (FY) 2025 total amount of written off, abated and canceled liquidated and delinquent debts certified by state agencies is \$472.9 million and represents a \$31.2 million (6.2%) decrease from the amount reported for FY 2024.

State agencies subject to the certification requirement of ORS 293.234 (2) reported a total of \$469.8 million for FY 2025, a \$32.5 million (6.5%) decrease from the amount reported for FY 2024. Two agencies account for the largest combined write-offs, abated and canceled debts (96.8%): Department of Revenue (DOR), and Oregon Employment Department (OED):

• DOR's combined report for FY 2025 of \$363.6 million (77.4% of the total reported by agencies subject to the certification requirement) is a \$31.9 million (9.6%) increase from the prior year. Between September 2022 and August of 2023, while awaiting the completion of the OED modernization project, DOR paused filing enforcement efforts because OED was unable to provide the combined payroll report from businesses for DOR to determine if a business failed to file and pay their payroll tax. In FY 2024, when DOR resumed filing enforcement efforts, issuance of failure to file assessments increased. That increase in assessments resulted in a FY 2025 increase of \$54 million in abated accounts compared to FY 2024 due to cases where the business either later filed the missing tax return or the agency updated records regarding businesses that closed or no longer had payroll. In these cases, the taxpayer's self-reported tax liability replaces, or abates, the agency assessment.

The department writes-off uncollectible debt after three years and subsequently cancels that written-off debt four years later in accordance with ORS 305.155(1). After a four-year pause in writing off debt during the department's GenTax system implementation, the department wrote off a large amount of debt during FY 2019, resulting in a substantial

increase in debts canceled under ORS 305.155 in early FY 2024. In FY 2025 accounts canceled decreased by \$32.7 million compared to FY 2024 and represents a return to normal levels for the department.

OED's report of \$91.2 million in combined write-offs and abatements for FY 2025 is 19.4% of the total reported by agencies subject to the certification requirement and represents a \$47.1 million (34%) decrease from FY 2024. In FY 2024 OED identified that a system generated penalty to employers that was issued in error, and the process of correcting the balances resulted in a significant increase in abatements that year. FY 2025 returned to previous levels of write-off and abatement activity.

## ACCOUNTS WRITTEN OFF, ABATED OR CANCELED

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 <u>ORS 293.234</u>, 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.

The certified amounts reported by state agencies for fiscal year 2025 are listed below.

Agencies Subject to Certification			
Requirement	\M/vitton off	Abatad	Canadad
Agency Name	Written off	Abated \$ -	Canceled
Administrative Services Dept. of	\$ -	Ф -	\$ -
Administrative Services, Dept. of	85,771	-	
Advocacy Commissions Office, Oregon	-	-	
Agriculture, Dept. of	35	-	
Albacore Commission, Oregon	-	-	
Aviation, Dept. of	-	-	<del>-</del>
Beef Council, Oregon		Did not report	
Blind, Commission for the	21,442	-	-
Blueberry Commission, Oregon	-	-	<u>-</u>
Business Oregon	475	-	-
Chiropractic Examiners, Board of	-	-	-
Clover Commission, Oregon	-	-	
Columbia River Gorge Commission	-	-	-
Construction Contractors Board	400,872	120,000	-
Consumer and Business Services, Dept. of	315,470	809,746	_
Corrections, Dept. of	390,156	69,794	-
Criminal Justice Commission, Oregon	-	-	<u>-</u>
Dairy Products Commission, Oregon	-	-	_
Dentistry, Oregon Board of	93,340	-	-
District Attorneys and their Deputies	-	-	-
Dungeness Crab Commission, Oregon	2,621	-	-
Early Learning and Care, Dept. of	-	-	-
Education, Dept. of	208	-	-
Emergency Management, Oregon Dept. of	-	-	-
Employment Dept.	277,337	90,943,529	-
Employment Relations Board	-	-	-
Energy, Oregon Dept. of	-	-	-
Environmental Quality, Dept. of	28,705	-	-
Facilities Authority, Oregon	-	-	-
Film and Video Office, Oregon	-	-	-
Fine Fescue Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Fire Marshal, Oregon State	-	-	-
Fish and Wildlife, Oregon Dept. of	-	-	-
Forest Resources Institute, Oregon	-	-	-
Forestry, Oregon Dept. of	369,920	2,491,654	-
Geology and Mineral Industries, Dept. of	-	-	-
Government Ethics Commission, Oregon	-	-	-

Agencies Subject to Certification			
Requirement (continued)  Agency Name	Written off	Abated	Canceled
Governor, Office of the	Wiltenon	Abateu	Canceleu
Hazelnut Commission, Oregon	_		
Health Authority, Oregon	155,811	2,086,627	
Hemp Commission, Oregon	133,611	2,000,027	
Higher Education Coordinating Commission	-		
Hop Commission, Oregon	-		
Housing and Community Services Dept.		_	
Human Services, Oregon Dept. of	2,624,744	29,707	
Justice, Dept. of	90,310	29,707	
Labor and Industries, Bureau of	243,077		
Land Conservation and Development, Dept. of	243,077	-	
Land Use Board of Appeals	-	-	
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Lands, Dept. of State  Library of Oregon, State	-	-	
Licensed Social Workers, Board of	-	-	
	2 502	1,849	_
Liquor & Cannabis Commission, Oregon	3,592	1,049	_
Long Term Care Ombudsman, Office of the	10.706	-	
Lottery, Oregon State	19,706	-	
Marine Board, Oregon State	250	-	_
Medical Board, Oregon	250	-	
Medical Imaging, Board of	-	-	<u>-</u>
Mental Health Regulatory Agency	-	-	
Military Dept., Oregon	-	-	
Mint Commission, Oregon	-	-	<del>-</del>
Mortuary and Cemetery Board	-	-	_
Naturopathic Medicine, Oregon Board of Nursing, State Board of	-	-	
5	-	-	<del>-</del>
Occupational Therapy Licensing Board Oregon Youth Authority	-	-	<del>-</del>
Parks & Recreation Dept., Oregon	456	-	_
	456	-+	_
Parole and Post-Prison Supervision, Board of	- 262	-	
Pharmacy, Board of	263	272 745	
Police, Dept. of State	-	373,715	
Processed Vegetable Commission, Oregon	-	-	<del>-</del>
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Psychiatric Security Review Board	7 000	-	<del>-</del>
Public Defense Commission, Oregon	7,036	17.047	<del>-</del>
Public Employees Retirement System	654,017	17,217	_

Agencies Subject to Certification			
Requirement (continued)			
Agency Name	Written off	Abated	Canceled
Public Records Advocate, Office of the	-	-	-
Public Safety Standards and Training, Dept. of	-	-	-
Public Utility Commission	7,276	-	-
Racing Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Raspberry & Blackberry Commission, Oregon		Did not report	
Real Estate Agency	-	-	-
Revenue, Dept. of	34,799,695	292,477,790	36,281,036
Ryegrass Growers Seed Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Salmon Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Sheep Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Speech Lang. Path. and Audiology, Board of	-	-	-
Strawberry Commission, Oregon	Did not report		
Sweet Cherry Commission, Oregon	-	-	_
Tall Fescue Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Tax Practitioners, State Board of	48,750	-	_
Teacher Standards & Practices Commission	-	-	_
Tourism Commission, Oregon (Travel Oregon)	-	-	_
Transportation, Dept. of	2,805,817	521,092	_
Travel Information Council	4	-	-
Trawl Commission, Oregon	-	-	_
Utility Notification Center, Oregon	-	-	_
Veterans' Affairs, Dept. of	97,696	-	-
Veterinary Med. Examiners, Board of	-	-	-
Water Resources Dept.	3,540	-	-
Watershed Enhancement Board, Oregon	-	-	-
Wheat Commission, Oregon	-	-	
Total: Agencies Subject to Certification			
Requirement	43,549,392	389,942,720	36,281,036

Agencies That Voluntarily Certified			
Agency Name	Written off	Abated	Canceled
Appraiser Certification and Licensure Board	-	-	-
Architect Examiners, State Board of	-	-	-
Exam. For Engin. & Land Survey, Board of	-	-	-
Geologist Examiners, State Board of	-	-	-
Landscape Architects Board, State	-	-	-
Landscape Contractors Board, State	79,658	500	-
Massage Therapists, Board of	-	-	-

Agencies That Voluntarily Certified (continued)			
Agency Name	Written off	Abated	Canceled
Patient Safety Commission, Oregon	-	5,777	-
Physical Therapy, Oregon Board of	-	-	-
Secretary of State, Office of the	-	-	-
SAIF Corporation	2,643,138	276,266	-
Southern Oregon University	14,858	125,824	-
Treasurer, Office of the State	-	-	-
Total: Agencies That Voluntarily Certified	2,737,654	408,367	

Grand Total	\$ 46,287,046	\$390,351,087	\$36,281,036
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Agencies Not Subject to Certification
Requirement and Did Not Certify
Eastern Oregon University
Judicial Dept., Oregon
Judicial Fitness and Disability, Commission on
Legislative Administration Committee
Legislative Assembly
Legislative Commission on Indian Services
Legislative Counsel Committee
Legislative Fiscal Office
Legislative Policy and Research Office
Legislative Revenue Office
Optometry, Oregon Board of
Oregon Corrections Enterprises
Oregon Health & Science University
Oregon Institute of Technology
Oregon State University
Portland State University
State Fair Council
University of Oregon
Western Oregon University
Wine Board, Oregon