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The Honorable Senator Ginny Burdick, Chair
Senate Committee on Rules
The Honorable Representative Jennifer Williamson, Chair
House Committee on Rules
900 Court Street NE
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Dear Chairpersons:

Oregon law requires the director of the Department of Revenue to submit a report by February 28, 2017 describing our experience implementing fiscal distress legislation (Section 6, Chapter 730, Oregon Laws 2013). Specifically, the legislation gave counties the ability to request that the Governor declare a property tax assessment services emergency (ORS 306.117).

As of the writing of this letter, no county has made a request relating to this legislation and no emergency has been declared; therefore, we do not have anything to report because we haven't yet had occasion to implement this legislation. However, we have done some high-level planning for how we would address these types of requests if an emergency were to occur, but have not developed detailed plans.

Section 6 also indicated that the report may include recommendations for legislation. Because we have not seen the law in effect, we do not have any recommendations at this time.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Nia Ray, Director
Oregon Department of Revenue