

A-Engrossed
Senate Bill 1023

Ordered by the Senate April 20
Including Senate Amendments dated April 20

Sponsored by Senators MONNES ANDERSON, MANNING JR

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Establishes Deaf, Deaf-Blind and Hard of Hearing Fund. Continuously appropriates moneys in fund to Department of Human Services for purpose of administering programs of department for individuals who are deaf, deaf-blind or hard of hearing.

Directs Public Utility Commission to transfer certain *[percentage]* **amount** of residential service protection and assistive telecommunication devices surcharge moneys, **not to exceed \$200,000 per year**, to fund. **Requires commission and department to enter into agreement to specify amount of moneys to be transferred and to establish plan for biennial reduction in moneys transferred.** *[Sunsets January 2, 2020.]*

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to hearing impairment; and prescribing an effective date.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Deaf, Deaf-Blind and Hard of Hearing Fund is established in the**
5 **State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Deaf,**
6 **Deaf-Blind and Hard of Hearing Fund shall be credited to the fund. All moneys in the Deaf,**
7 **Deaf-Blind and Hard of Hearing Fund are continuously appropriated to the Department of**
8 **Human Services for the purpose of administering programs of the department for individuals**
9 **who are deaf, deaf-blind or hard of hearing.**

10 **(2) The Deaf, Deaf-Blind and Hard of Hearing Fund shall consist of all moneys credited**
11 **to the fund, including:**

12 **(a) Moneys received from the federal government for purposes related to the adminis-**
13 **tration of programs for individuals who are deaf, deaf-blind or hard of hearing;**

14 **(b) Moneys appropriated or transferred to the fund by the Legislative Assembly; and**

15 **(c) Moneys designated to be transferred to the fund under the laws of the state.**

16 **SECTION 2. (1) From moneys collected as a surcharge under section 7, chapter 290,**
17 **Oregon Laws 1987, the Public Utility Commission shall annually transfer an amount of**
18 **moneys, not to exceed \$200,000, to the Deaf, Deaf-Blind and Hard of Hearing Fund established**
19 **under section 1 of this 2017 Act as is necessary to fund programs of the Department of Hu-**
20 **man Services for individuals who are deaf, deaf-blind or hard of hearing.**

21 **(2) For purposes of making a transfer under this section, the commission and the de-**
22 **partment shall enter into an agreement that:**

23 **(a) Specifies the amount of moneys to be transferred and the purposes for which the**
24 **moneys may be spent; and**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **(b) Establishes a plan for a biennial reduction in moneys transferred pursuant to this**
2 **section.**

3 **SECTION 3.** **This 2017 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2017**
4 **regular session of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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