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DEPARTMENT OF
ADMINISTRATIVE
SERVICES

STATEWIDE WRITE-OFF, ABATED AND CANCELED DEBT CERTIFICATION REPORT

FISCAL YEAR ENDING
JUNE 30, 2024

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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, 2024.

Sincerely,

Kate Nass
Chief Financial Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

The fiscal year (FY) 2024 total amount of written off, abated and canceled liquidated and delinquent debts certified by state agencies is \$504.1 million and represents a \$52.6 million (11.6%) increase from the amount reported for FY 2023. The Oregon Judicial Department voluntarily reported a total of \$122.3 million in FY 2023 but did not submit a certification in FY 2024.

State agencies subject to the certification requirement of ORS 293.234 (2) reported a total of \$502.2 million for FY 2024, a \$173.7 million (52.9%) increase from the amount reported for FY 2023. Two agencies account for the largest combined write-offs, abated and canceled debts (93.6%): Department of Revenue (DOR), and Oregon Employment Department (OED):

- DOR's combined report for FY 2024 of \$331.7 million (66% of the total reported by agencies subject to the certification requirement) is an \$81.2 million (32.4%) increase from the prior year (\$250.5 million). The value of accounts abated increased by \$30.6 million due to failure to file assessments that were reversed because the debtor filed their tax return. During FY 2024 DOR implemented the tax compliance certification as well as the delinquent taxpayer publication which increased filing compliance. In these cases, the taxpayer's self-reported tax liability replaces the agency assessment and in some cases these balances are resolved entirely or may even result in a refund.

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 \$46.3 million increase in debts canceled under ORS 305.155 in FY 2024 compared to FY 2023.

- OED's report of \$138.3 million in combined write-offs and abatements for FY 2024 is 27.5% of the total reported by agencies subject to the certification requirement and represents a \$84.6 million (157.5%) increase from FY 2023. The primary cause of the increase was due to a system generated penalty to employers that was deemed to be in error. The process of correcting the balances resulted in a significant increase in abatements. The agency is identifying the root cause to avoid future billing errors.

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

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.

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.

The certified amounts reported by state agencies for fiscal year 2024 are listed below.

Agencies Subject to Certification Requirement			
Agency Name	Written off	Abated	Canceled
Accountancy, Board of	\$ -	\$ 104,313	\$ -
Administrative Services, Dept. of	1,114,590	-	-
Advocacy Commissions Office, Oregon	-	-	-
Agriculture, Dept. of	23,961	-	-
Albacore Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Aviation, Dept. of	-	-	-
Beef Council, Oregon	-	-	-
Blind, Commission for the	-	-	-
Blueberry Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Business Oregon	-	-	-
Chiropractic Examiners, Board of	-	-	-
Clover Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Columbia River Gorge Commission	-	-	-
Construction Contractors Board	461,256	165,750	-
Consumer and Business Services, Dept. of	372,324	424,403	-
Corrections, Dept. of	200,137	4,850	-
Criminal Justice Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Dairy Products Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Dentistry, Oregon Board of	-	-	-
District Attorneys and their Deputies	-	-	-
Dungeness Crab Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Early Learning and Care, Dept. of	-	-	-
Education, Dept. of	2,920	88,356	-
Emergency Management, Oregon Dept. of	-	5,338,365	-
Employment Dept.	653,750	137,642,524	-
Employment Relations Board	-	-	-
Energy, Oregon Dept. of	-	-	-
Environmental Quality, Dept. of	565,756	-	-
Facilities Authority, Oregon	-	-	-
Film and Video Office, Oregon	-	-	-
Fine Fescue Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Fire Marshal, Oregon State			
Fish and Wildlife, Oregon Dept. of	12,560	-	-
Forest Resources Institute, Oregon	-	-	-
Forestry, Oregon Dept. of	409,720	3,265,638	-
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	-	-	-
Hazelnut Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Health Authority, Oregon	214,322	2,121,700	-
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	1,244,613	577,273	-
Justice, Dept. of	350,815	-	-
Labor and Industries, Bureau of	175,463	-	-
Land Conservation and Development, Dept. of	-	-	-
Land Use Board of Appeals	-	-	-
Lands, Dept. of State	4,907	-	-
Library of Oregon, State	-	-	-
Licensed Social Workers, Board of	-	-	-
Liquor & Cannabis Commission, Oregon	3,593	-	-
Long Term Care Ombudsman, Office of the	-	-	-
Lottery, Oregon State	7,236	-	-
Marine Board, Oregon State	334	-	-
Medical Board, Oregon	5,000	126,641	-
Medical Imaging, Board of	-	-	-
Mental Health Regulatory Agency	28,174	-	-
Military Dept., Oregon	-	-	-
Mint Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Mortuary and Cemetery Board	32,000	-	-
Naturopathic Medicine, Oregon Board of	-	-	-
Nursing, State Board of	9,637	-	-
Occupational Therapy Licensing Board	1,000	-	-
Oregon Youth Authority	-	-	-
Parks & Recreation Dept., Oregon	396	-	-
Parole and Post-Prison Supervision, Board of	600	-	-
Pharmacy, Board of	211,588	-	-
Police, Dept. of State	-	171,562	-
Potato Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Processed Vegetable Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Psychiatric Security Review Board	-	-	-
Public Employees Retirement System	5,696,497	24,794	-
Public Records Advocate, Office of the	-	-	-

Agencies Subject to Certification Requirement (continued)			
Agency Name	Written off	Abated	Canceled
Public Safety Standards and Training, Dept. of	-	-	-
Public Utility Commission	75	-	-
Racing Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Raspberry & Blackberry Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Real Estate Agency	-	-	-
Revenue, Dept. of	24,217,700	238,527,149	68,933,667
Ryegrass Growers Seed Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Salmon Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Sheep Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Speech Lang. Path. and Audiology, Board of	-	-	-
Strawberry Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Sweet Cherry Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Tall Fescue Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Tax Practitioners, State Board of	29,300	-	-
Teacher Standards & Practices Commission	-	-	-
Tourism Commission, Oregon (Travel Oregon)	-	-	-
Transportation, Dept. of	7,145,210	1,269,038	-
Travel Information Council	85	-	-
Trawl Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Utility Notification Center, Oregon	-	-	-
Veterans' Affairs, Dept. of	255,094	-	-
Veterinary Med. Examiners, Board of	-	-	-
Water Resources Dept.	7,419	-	-
Watershed Enhancement Board, Oregon	-	-	-
Wheat Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Total Agencies Subject to Certification Requirement	43,458,032	389,852,355	68,933,667

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 Contractors Board, State	62,051	-	-
Massage Therapists, Board of	-	-	-
Optometry, Oregon Board of	-	-	-
Patient Safety Commission, Oregon	-	21,980	-

Agencies That Voluntarily Certified (continued)			
Agency Name	Written off	Abated	Canceled
Physical Therapy, Oregon Board of	-	-	-
Public Defense Commission, Oregon	-	-	-
Secretary of State, Office of the	-	-	-
SAIF Corporation	434,987	85,593	-
Southern Oregon University	1,157,716	78,885	-
Treasurer, Office of the State	-	-	-
Total Agencies That Voluntarily Certified	1,654,754	186,458	-

Grand Total	\$ 45,112,786	\$390,038,813	\$68,933,667
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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
Landscape Architects Board, State
Legislative Administration Committee
Legislative Assembly
Legislative Commission on Indian Services
Legislative Counsel Committee
Legislative Fiscal Office
Legislative Policy and Research Office
Legislative Revenue Office
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