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House Committee Unanimously Passes Government Efficiency Bill

HB 2854 would require plan to use motor pool resources cost-effectively and efficiently

SALEM – The House General Government and Consumer Protection Committee today unanimously passed HB 2854, which requires the Department of Administrative Services, in cooperation with other state and public agencies, to establish policies to use motor pool resources cost-effectively and efficiently.

“There are real opportunities for savings when state and local governments work to share motor pool facilities or services,” said Representative Nancy Nathanson (D-Eugene). “This is one small step we can take. There are others. We need to continue to proactively mine for opportunities. It’s not okay to be stuck in neutral, satisfied with the status quo.”

The bill is one of 23 recommendations brought forward by the Task Force on Effective and Cost-Efficient Service Provision (Government Efficiency Task Force), Chaired by Rep. Nathanson. Several will be accomplished through administrative actions, and others require statutory change.

“We have established new working relationships among state agencies, the Legislature, counties, cities and special districts that will lead to ongoing improvements in how governments operate,” said Rep. Nathanson. “This successful process shows that we can work together across jurisdictional lines to reduce red tape, save money, untangle bureaucracy and improve public services for Oregon residents.

The Government Efficiency Task Force was comprised of state legislators, state agency directors, representatives of the Governor’s office, Association of Oregon Counties, League of Oregon Cities and Special Districts Association. The Task Force was charged with finding opportunities to restructure government to be more effective and cost efficient in four shared services areas: Assessment & Taxation, Criminal Justice, Elections, and Human Services. Following upon the success of the Task Force, enthusiasm has been building to re-authorize the Task Force through House Bill 2855.

HB 2854 now goes to the Joint Ways and Means Committee for consideration.

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