

Ignoring auditors cost state \$39 million

\$39 million advice never taken

As much as \$39 million could have been saved if the Department of Administrative Services made better use of temp employees as originally instructed (but not followed) by state auditors in 1997.

The never-ending \$5 million error

Oregon continues to overpay welfare recipients as much as \$5 million a year. Oregon's mismanagement of welfare funds has brought the state among the top ten most error-prone states in the nation. The federal government fines Oregon as much as \$2.1 million a year and allows the state to use the fine money to fix the problem that has been going on since 1996. *Associated Press 5-8-03*

Uncollected funds irks victims

\$176 million in missing fines and restitution from criminals is owed to the courts and crime victims. *Eugene Register Guard 4-14-03*

Taxpayers \$\$ help politicians sing Kumbaya

Gresham City Council has scheduled a retreat at a local upscale restaurant to help the council bond together. The last retreat in 2001 included a \$1,700 mediator.

Drip, drip, drip of lost dollars

Portland Water Bureau Billing Crisis continues as an outside auditor cited more problems for the third straight year. *The Oregonian 6-16-03*

200 state workers make more than the governor

During the 2003 Session Rep. Derrick Kitts submitted a bill to limit state employees from making more than the governor (\$93,000). It would affect over 200 current employees. *See HB3635 2003*



Oregon gets Federal pork

Here is a sampling of some of the Oregon pork in the 2003 Federal

Budget as reported in the Citizens Against Government Waste's 2003 Pig Book.

\$150,000 AuCoin Institute for Ecological, Economic and Civic Studies.

\$450,000 Transportation Grants to help welfare recipients get to work

\$50,000 Junction City after-school programs

\$250,000 Shellfish Genetics, Hatfield Marine Center

\$250,000 Small fruit research, Corvallis (salaries and expenses)

\$300,000 Oregon Children's Foundation for a volunteer early literacy program

\$395,000 Molluscan Shellfish Research

\$295,000 Research & education on Meadow Foam flower

\$450,000 Portland wet weather pollution control

\$840,000 Oregon Partnership for Champions for Healthy Kids

\$900,000 Medford environmental impact study

\$70,000,000 Portland Interstate Light Rail extension

Public employees faux pas

• Dayton teacher, Jason Roddick, has been charged with theft of a school TV set and using the school copier to forge ferry passes.

Roddick has admitted to Police that he previously forged carwash tickets. *Statesman Journal 4-16-03*

• Sandy Police Chief repaid \$6,778 in gasoline charges he accidentally charged to the city. The Chief did not know that his monthly \$350 car allowance included gasoline expenses. The city said it was an honest mistake.

• The Oregon City Council reprimanded former city manager Brian Nakamura for hiring a computer consultant company without the council's approval. The consulting firm, Covenant, was rejected by the City Council because they were the only bidders. Nakamura hired the firm anyway. *The Oregonian 5-9-03*

• One of the state lottery directors, Lee Moore, at the center of the \$800,000 lottery audit fiasco, was given \$90,000 in exchange for resigning early. The state spent \$13,000 in legal expenses. *The Oregonian 2-28-03*

Note: These examples above are given to help government act more aggressively and timely in stopping employee fraud and errors. Such examples waste taxpayer dollars and unfairly maligns the image of honest public servants.

Government Success Stories



Hotline saves \$4 million: The state government waste hotline (800-336-8218) has saved taxpayers over \$4 million since 1995, based on thousands of calling tips that have come in. *The Associated Press 2-20-03*

County streamlines regulation: Jackson County has just finished a 3-year study on outdated, ineffective rules still on the books. The new rules aim to trim 200 pages of regulations off the 700-page rule book. The County wants to reduce their 35 permits down to four. *Medford Mail Tribune 6-15-03*

Students initiate big savings: Forty Clackamas Community College students took on the task of saving money on a new college building. They volunteered on weekends to build some of the furnishings and helped in the re-design of the building to save \$36,000 in costs. *The Oregonian 3-31-03*

eBay saves town \$\$\$. The town of Sublimity sold their aging water tower for \$212 on eBay, helping to save the city thousands in dismantling and moving costs. *Eugene Register Guard 5-26-03*