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## ONE WAY TO LOSE MONEY

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The League of Oregon Cities reports in its latest bulletin
that Oregon towns and cities will receive $\$ 3,445,446$ as their
share of state-collected highway revenues and liquor fees
during the fiscal year $1949-50$, while an additional $\$ 250,000$
will be set aside from highway funds to be spent on city
streets by the State Highway Commission on the basis of
special need.
Allocations to cities from these same sources in the fiscal
year $1948-49$ totalled $\$ 2,916,986$, of which $\$ 888,896$ came
from liquor fees and liquor taxes, and $\$ 2,588,000$ was dis-
tributed on a per capita basis from highway revenues.
Highway revenues include gasoline tax receipts, motor
vehicle license and registration fees, PUC fees and fines.
Highway revenues are distributed in accordance with motor
vehicle registrations and population. Liquor fees and taxes
are apportioned on a basis of population.
Douglas County and its various municipalities are losing
a very large sum of money from these sources of income
because neither motor vehicle registrations nor population figures reflect accurate conditions.
The Dougias County Court is endeavoring to correct the
situation with regard to motor vehicle registations and is situation with regard to motor vehicle registations and is
asking help from chambers of commerce, city adminiatrations and individuals.
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Many cars and trucks
though registered in Multnomah County. These include Heeet" trucks and cars u
Some oil companies, for instance, have large numbers of
cars and trucks operating in the various countios of the state, yet these vehicles, for the most part, are registered in Multnomah County, where a single check goes out from the head office annually to pay license fees. Utilities, such
as the telephone company, some owners of fleets of logging trucks, corporations sending out traveling salesmen, and others could aid counties if they would register their ve
in the counties where they actually are in operation. in the counties where they actualy are in operation.
The County Court is contacting corporations urging th egistrations come from countles even though a blanke Multnomah County is collecting a large cut from highway Multnomas rightfully belonging to smaller counties.

Liquor revenues to towns and cities could be materially ncreased if populations were accurately shown. For puras having a population of 4,924 , as shown by the 1940 census, although actual population is nearer 7,500 . A new census
will be made in 1950 . If all the suburban areas which should be a part of the city were to be annexed prior to census time,
our share of liquor revenues would be more than three times as much as at present, for population would approximate 15,000 . Present indications are, however, that few, if any,
annexations will take place before 1950. We predict that soon after that time all present abutting suburban areas win
join the municipality, which will mean that it will be another 10 years before we can obtain an increase in revenue from liquor fees and

Cities and towns under 2,500 population are able to secure State and most of them have taken advantage of this law
passed at the 1939 session of the Legislature, to have their censis figures adjusted so that they might profit from dis-
tribution of state funds. Many, however, are in need of a second tabulation, because of growth since the first check
was made. The importance of getting the most favorable population count is further emphasized by the fact that the last Legis-
lature doubled motor vehicle registration fees, added one cent to gasoline taxes, and, in effect, upped PUC fees, effec-
tive in 1950. The League of Oregon Citiss estimates that hignets will be upped more than $\$ 7$ per capita. Add 10,000 to Roseburg's population, as should
and the money to be received from state sources and the money to be received from state sources would go
a long way to offset tax costs of annexation. But we have little hope that reason will o
prevent the loss of this money

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