

STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 20-5143 FOR THE PURPOSE OF METRO COUNCIL'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE RESULTS OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDIT FOR FINANCIAL ACTIVITY DURING FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020

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BACKGROUND

Oregon Revised Statute provision 297.425 requires an annual independent audit of Metro's financial statements. The current contract (No. 936766) was awarded to Moss Adams LLP for audit services and is effective May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2023.

Metro Code Chapter 2.15 specifies at Section 2.15.80 that the Auditor shall appoint external certified public accountants to conduct certified financial statement audits. Metro Charter Section 18 also specifies that the auditor shall be responsible for financial auditing of all aspects of Metro's operations.

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) has been completed by Metro Finance and Regulatory Services. Moss Adams LLP has audited the financial statements and issued an opinion that these statements fairly represent Metro's financial position as of June 30, 2020. The results have been reviewed by the Metro Auditor and Metro Audit Committee members.

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

1. **Known Opposition** None

2. **Legal Antecedents**

Oregon Revised Statute provision 297.425 requires an annual independent audit of Metro's financial statements. Metro contract No. 936766 with Moss Adams LLP for audit services will expire on April 30, 2023.

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3. **Anticipated Effects**

Finance and Regulatory Services management and staff will review and implement the best practices suggestions as appropriate.

4. **Budget Impacts** None known at this time.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Metro Auditor recommends approval of Resolution No. 20-5143.