

SB 1545 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On General Government and Accountability

Action Date: 02/13/18

Action: Do pass and refer to Ways and Means by prior reference.

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Hass, Linthicum, Manning Jr, Prozanski, Thatcher

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Apportions the cost of state court technology provided to state agencies based on each agency's number of full-time equivalent positions beginning July 1, 2019. Specifies parameters for the Department of Administrative Services and the Judicial Department. Takes effect 91st day after *sine die*.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of implementation of eCourt technology
- How cost of services provided to private sector are funded
- Number/volume of services provided to public sector
- How to fund services provided to state agencies and users

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Judicial Department (OJD) implemented eCourt technology court-by-court starting in 2012 until it reached statewide in June of 2016. It offers a wide range of integrated applications and functions, including electronic filing, case management, and public access. It transitioned OJD and participants in court systems from paper-intensive to electronic processes. Services accessible to the private sector are funded by filing fees and subscription fees; the public is not charged for services; and services provided to state agencies are currently funded with General Fund moneys. A significant portion of Oregon Court of Appeals and Supreme Court cases involve state agencies, about 80 percent; about 64,000 filings are submitted into circuit courts and the tax court involving state agencies; and state agencies have more than 300 accounts with nearly 4,000 users accessing court records.

Senate Bill 1545 funds eCourt services provided to state agencies by apportioning the cost based on each agency's number of full-time equivalent positions beginning July 1, 2019.