

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2241 - A

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Measure Description:

Authorizes Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to impose fees on public bodies for use of certain electronic court services.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Judicial Department (OJD), Counties, Cities

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are indeterminate at this time - See explanatory analysis.

Analysis:

HB 2241, as amended by the -3 amendment, removes the Oregon Judicial Court Information Network (OCJIN) and eFiling fee provisions of the original bill, and instead authorizes the Chief Justice to impose a case initiation fee on public bodies other than the State. Counties would be responsible for fees from criminal cases filed in the circuit court of that county. Cities and counties could also be subject to filing fees for violations.

Oregon Judicial Department

The cost for charging fees to local governments for case filings is anticipated to be minimal for the Oregon Judicial Department (OJD). The revenue impact to OJD will depend on the fee structure and implementation date.

Cities and Counties

The bill does not include a fee schedule. OJD will develop the fee schedule and determine the implementation date. The actual fiscal impact for individual counties will vary based on the fee schedule, the implementation date and the number and type of cases filed.

If OJD charges a fee for violations, cities and counties could also be impacted depending on the number of violations per year, though any such impact is likely to be minimal.