

REVENUE IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Legislative Revenue Office

Bill Number:	SB 279 A
Revenue Area:	Fees
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Measure Description:

Allows the Chief Justice to require that a \$50 fee be paid by the party filing a motion in a civil proceeding and a \$35 fee by a party filing a response to the motion. Directs the funds collected to the Judicial Department's Operating Account. Exempts state, county, city and school districts from the motion fees. Exempts motions for voluntary dismissal, motions for judgment by written stipulation, motions for entry of default judgment and motions made to arbitrator or mediator. Exempts the state, a county, city or school district from the fee. Increases the collection fee on monetary obligations owed to the court as part of a court judgment in a civil matter from the current fee of not less than \$25 and not more than \$50 to a fee of not less than \$50 and not more than \$100. Directs that 50 percent of the fee collected be deposited in the General Fund and the other 50 percent to the Judicial Department Operating Account. Applies to judgments entered on or after September 1, 2007. Declares emergency; effective upon passage.

Revenue Impact:

		2007-09		2009-11
		21 months		
Court Fees in ORS 21.202	Double	\$6,700,313		\$7,825,965
Motions & responses	(at 50, and 35)	\$4,548,108		\$5,312,190
Total		\$11,248,420		\$13,138,155

Impact Explanation:

Currently, Oregon courts do not levy a filing fee on motions and responses to motions in civil matters. This measure would levy a fee. Other states, including California, do. The new fees are considered a regulation fees and not revenue that will be used outside the court system. Under that understanding, the amounts will be used in the future for court functions, and in the implementation of their mission.

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