

74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2007 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
SENATE FINANCE & REVENUE COMMITTEE

MEASURE: HB 2961-A
CARRIER: Sen. Prozanski

REVENUE: Revenue Impact Issued

FISCAL: Fiscal Impact Issued

Action: Do pass the A-engrossed bill
Vote: 5-0-0
Yeas: Burdick, G. George, Monroe, Starr, Deckert
Nays:
Exc.:
Prepared By: Paul Warner, Economist
Meeting Dates: 6/5

WHAT THE BILL DOES: Imposes \$10 filing fee for certain petitions and responses to petitions. Petitions include marital annulment, dissolution and separation. Collected fees are deposited in the Domestic Violence Clinical Program Account. The account is used to fund education for victims of domestic violence, stalking or sexual assault. Dollars from the account are allocated through the Department of Higher Education through grants to accredited institutions of higher education that provide civil legal services to victims of domestic violence. Currently the eligible higher education institutions are the law schools at the University of Oregon, Willamette University and Lewis & Clark College.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Success of University of Oregon Program.
- Benefits for victims of domestic violence.
- Current funding sources for program.
- Societal costs of domestic violence.

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS: None

BACKGROUND: The University of Oregon has operated a domestic violence program since 1999. The clinic is currently funded primarily through federal grants. These grants are considered tenuous for the future. The fee proposed in HB 2961 is designed to help maintain the current clinic at the University of Oregon and help start similar clinics at the other two eligible law schools.

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