

House Bill 2989

Sponsored by Representative WITT; Senator JOHNSON (at the request of Jim Huffman)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires legal aid fees collected in circuit court of county with population of less than 75,000 to be expended for legal services in that county pursuant to directions of governing body of county if there is legal services program operating in county.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to legal services; creating new provisions; amending ORS 9.574; and declaring an emer-
3 gency.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 9.574 is amended to read:

6 9.574. (1) All fees collected under the provisions of ORS 21.480 shall be deposited with the State
7 Court Administrator. Within the first 25 days of the month following the month in which the fees
8 are collected, the State Court Administrator shall make the distribution required by ORS 21.480 (5).
9 The remaining funds deposited with the State Court Administrator shall be deposited by the State
10 Court Administrator with the Oregon State Bar. All amounts so deposited with the Oregon State
11 Bar are continuously appropriated to the Oregon State Bar, and may be used only for the funding
12 of legal services provided through the Legal Services Program established under ORS 9.572 and for
13 expenses incurred by the Oregon State Bar in the administration of the Legal Services Program.

14 (2) **All fees collected under the provisions of ORS 21.480 in a county with a population of**
15 **less than 75,000 must be expended for legal services in the county pursuant to the directions**
16 **of the governing body of the county if there is a legal services program operating in the**
17 **county.**

18 **SECTION 2.** The amendments to ORS 9.574 by section 1 of this 2007 Act apply to all fees
19 collected under ORS 21.480 that have not been expended on the effective date of this 2007
20 Act.

21 **SECTION 3.** This 2007 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
22 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2007 Act takes effect
23 on its passage.
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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.